

Dear Colleagues,

today I talked with Dr. Ulrich Zahner from SIEMENS, who informed me about two EU-projects from the FP5, regarding interfaces between special railway areas: EUROMAIN and TRAINCOM. Within these projects they developing also common interfaces for train-inside information and train-maintenance, please see the following URLs:

<http://www.euomain.org/> and <http://www.traincom.org/>

Here some extracts:

EUROMAIN

Main goals

The EuRoMain project intends to fully define and specify a complete maintenance support system for railways, which will allow to remotely monitor and diagnose complex systems aboard trains and inside fixed plants, automatically link real-time data with suitable technical documentation, retrieving it in standard format from a distributed database, and ubiquitously present the appropriate information to final Users, by means of a complete set of tools. Prototype hardware and software modules will be developed and validated, integrating them within the communication infrastructure developed by the TrainCom project (IST-1999-20096).

The results will include proposals for new standards, allowing interoperability between different countries, systems and operators, and paving the way for a new maintenance organisation in Europe.

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TRAINCOM

Main goals

The TRAINCOM project intends to fully specify and develop a communication system for telematic applications in the railway field, integrating the on-board network (e. g. TCN), GSM radio links and Internet technologies.

Based on this system, which offers ubiquitous remote access to on-board equipment, the project will develop two important applications related to dynamic passenger information and locomotive interoperability, setting up validation sites in different Countries.

The project will focus on and contribute to main issues like standardisation and interoperability. A conformance test specification for TCN will be prepared and a suitable automatic testbed developed, so as to favour interoperability of devices and subsystems. Interoperability of applications will be considered in all specifications, which will be proposed for standardisation. An architecture and some basic elements of a maintenance support system, for remote, real-time monitoring of equipment on board trains, will be developed as well.

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