

Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU)

11th FORMAL MEETING OF THE S2R JU GOVERNING BOARD

BRUSSELS, 9 June 2016, 14h00 – 15h15

White Atrium building,

Avenue de la Toison d'Or 56-60, B-1060 Brussels

PRESENT:

European Union, represented by the European Commission	Magda KOPCZYNSKA, DG MOVE, Director C	Chair (alternate)
	Clara de la TORRE, DG RTD, Director H	Co-Chair (alternate)
	Keir FITCH Head of Unit DG MOVE C.2	Observer
	Antoine KEDZIERSKI, DG MOVE C.2	Observer
	Rachel SMIT, DG MOVE C.2	Observer
	Judit SANDOR, DG MOVE B.2`	Observer
	William BIRD, DG RTD H.2	Observer
ALSTOM	Nicolas CASTRES SAINT MARTIN,	Member
ALSTOM	Sophie PERROCHEAU	Observer
ANSALDO STS	Giovanni BOCCHETTI	Member
ANSALDO STS	Nadia MAZZINO	Observer

AZD Praha	Michal PAVEL	Member
BOMBARDIER TRANSPORTATION	Philippe OGIER	Member
CAF	José GORTAZAR	Member
DEUTSCHE BAHN	Ralf MARXEN	Member
EUROC	Jose Carlos CLEMENTE	Member
HACON	Rolf GOOßMANN	Member
INDRA	Francisco Javier RIVILLA LIZANO	Member
KNORR - BREMSE	Gert FREGIEN	Member
NETWORK RAIL (Industrial Spokesperson)	Andy DOHERTY	Member
SIEMENS	Roland EDEL	Member
SIEMENS	Lars BERGMANN	Alternate Member
SMARTRACON	Michael Meyer ZU HORSTE	Member
SNCF	Christophe CHERON	Member
THALES	Yves PERREAL	Member
TRAFIKVERKET	Bo OLSSON	Member
VVAC+	Martin ROSENBERGER	Member
VVAC+	Erik STOCKER	Alternate Member
European Railway Agency	Ny Tiana TOURNIER	Observer
Chairperson of the States' Representative	Miroslav HALTUF	Observer

Group		
Chairperson of the Scientific Committee	Manuel PEREIRA	Observer
S2R	Carlo M BORGHINI	Executive Director
	Giorgio TRAVAINI, S2R JU Programme Coordinator	Observer
	Sebastien PECHBERTY, S2R JU Legal Officer	Observer
	Georgios PATRIS, S2R JU Programme Manager	Secretariat

LIST OF DECISIONS:

The following decisions were taken by the Board:

1. DECISION No 14/2016 APPROVING THE LIST OF ACTIONS SELECTED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SHIFT2RAIL JU CALLS FOR PROPOSALS H2020-S2RJU-2015-01 AND H2020-S2RJU-2016-01
2. DECISION No 15/2016 REPLACING A MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF SHIFT2RAIL JU

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSIONS:

INTRODUCTION

The Chair of the Governing Board welcomed the participants to the eleventh meeting of the Governing Board of the S2R JU and highlighted the fact that this was the first meeting after the JU had reached its operational autonomy. She noted the significant role of the JU towards accomplishing the policy objectives in line with the aim to improve the European rail system.

The Chair presented the key points of the agenda and particularly noted the importance of the decision concerning the approval of the list of actions selected for funding under the S2R JU calls for proposals. She briefly explained the process ahead for the preparation of the grants, noting that the JU is already advancing with the necessary administrative steps in order to accelerate this process. She also pointed out that the aim of the S2R JU is not only to have individually successful projects but to achieve effective cooperation between them towards a system approach of the rail system as a whole.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The final agenda, as indicated below, was approved by the Board. The Chair noted the importance of the declaration of conflict of interest to be signed by all members of the Board, for each meeting and according to the approved agenda.

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	14:00
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (18 MARCH 2016)	14:15
ITEMS FOR DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD	
3. DECISION APPROVING THE LIST OF ACTIONS SELECTED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SHIFT2RAIL JU CALLS FOR PROPOSALS H2020-S2RJU-2015-01 AND H2020- S2RJU-2016-01	14:20
4. DECISION REPLACING A MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF SHIFT2RAIL JU	14:50
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
5. AOB ▪ INDICATIVE LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE ADOPTED BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE OR AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING ▪ DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING(S)	15:00

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the 10th meeting of the Governing Board, which took place on 18 March 2016, were approved by the Board as circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair noted that the minutes should effectively reflect the position of each member in specific cases and where needed.

3. DECISION APPROVING THE LIST OF ACTIONS SELECTED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SHIFT2RAIL JU CALLS FOR PROPOSALS H2020-S2RJU-2015-01 AND H2020-S2RJU-2016-01

The Chair recalled that the process for the evaluation of the proposals and the establishment of the ranking lists has already been explained to the members of the Board and that in accordance with Article 10(g) of the S2R statutes, the Executive Director has submitted for approval to the Governing Board the list of actions selected for funding.

The Executive Director explained the content of the documents that have been circulated prior to the meeting, highlighting that they were distributed to the Members under the provisions of Articles 13 and 14 of the Rules of Procedures of the Governing Board. He explained that participants will receive an individual notification with the results of the evaluation of their proposal, accompanied by the corresponding Evaluation Summary Report. Consequently, he underlined that the content of the Executive Director Report with the annexed Call Evaluation Report shall remain under the provisions of Article 13 also after the notification of the Call results and the publication of the Governing Board decision.

He referred to the information contained in his report and more particularly to the annexed Call Evaluation Report. He mentioned the report of the Independent Observer which included very positive comments for the whole evaluation process. The Executive Director explained his proposal to the Board to finance one proposal per call topic, except for the topic where no proposal was submitted, therefore 27 proposals in total, whose overall budget is 1.8M€ less than the S2R budget allocated for these calls. This unused amount, which is not sufficient to finance any other successfully evaluated proposal, will be carried over to the next years call. He noted that the JU will ensure that the Grant Agreements will be signed within the H2020 time-to-grant principle (i.e. by 17 November at the latest). Nevertheless, the JU will take all necessary actions to ensure a much shorter timeline. For example, with particular regard to the Members' grants they are expected to be signed by the end of July, with the objective to ensure that their projects could start activities not later than 1 September 2016, without prejudice to those projects that request an (early) fixed start date and provide the necessary justification.

The Industrial Spokesperson in the S2R JU Governing Board congratulated the JU for efficiently concluding the evaluation and expressed his trust to the evaluation process.

The European Commission also congratulated the JU and noted some editorial comments, which have already been incorporated in the body of the decision. The Commission noted that the JU should do its best to ensure gender balance among the evaluators and also proper participation of SMEs in the calls. In this respect, the Executive Director confirmed his endeavour to ensure gender balance and geographical representation and recalled that overall 24.3% of the entities participating in the evaluated proposals of the two Calls were SMEs, almost 32% in the open calls proposals retained for funding.

Decision

After having duly examined the Executive Director Report and its annexes, the Governing Board, with the exclusion of Members with a conflict of interest, agreed with the recommendation of the Executive Director for the ranking lists and the list of proposals selected for funding and adopted Decision N° 14/2016, approving the list of actions selected for funding under the Shift2Rail JU calls for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2015-01 and H2020-S2RJU-2016-01.

4. DECISION REPLACING A MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF SHIFT2RAIL JU

The Executive Director explained that following the resignation of Mr Eckehard SCHNIEDER, member of the Scientific Committee of the S2R JU, the Governing Board has the power to appoint his replacement. The appointment has to be based on the reserve list that has been established by the Board at the time when the members of the Scientific Committee were appointed, following the proposal of the Executive Director, in accordance with article 2 of Decision N° 3/2015 of 31 March 2015 of the Governing Board on the matter.

Taking into consideration her technical expertise, diversified background and scientific profile, the Executive Director proposes to appoint Mrs Corinna SALANDER as new member of the Scientific Committee. This will also contribute to gender balance within in the Scientific Committee.

Decision

The Governing Board agreed to the proposal of the Executive Director and appointed Mrs Corinna SALANDER as new member of the` Scientific Committee of S2R JU, in replacement of Mr Eckehard SCHNIEDER.

5. AOB

The Interim Executive Director informed the Board on the following issues (chronologically):

- The S2R JU will be present at the **TEN-T Days 2016**, which will take place in Rotterdam on 20-22 June 2016.
- On 29 June 2016 a meeting of the **Financial Group** is organised in order to address Members' questions in view of the finalization of the grant agreements.
- The first meeting of the so called "**MAAP Tiger Team**" will take place on 12 July 2016, at the JU premises. As this first meeting as the nature of a brainstorming, Members of the Board who wish it are welcome to participate.
- The **System Integration** Working Group will meet for the first time on 14 September 2016 or in the context of the Innotrans event.
- The S2R JU will be present at the **Innotrans** event, sharing a stand with ERA. Innotrans will take place in Berlin on 20 - 23 September 2016. The S2R JU considers organizing different workshops on the stand and in particular an event with the Commissioner, if available, on 20 September between 12:00 to 14:00 (indicative time and date).
- In accordance with the Council Regulation, the four "**Lighthouse**" projects are expected to be transferred by the Commission to the JU, now that the autonomy is achieved. The S2R JU was informed on a possible event concerning at least three of them on 17 November, when the mid-term event of those projects is planned to take place.
- Concerning the IT Programme and Collaboration tool, taking into consideration the requirements received from the Members and the needs of the Programme Management Office, the JU is exploring the market in order to decide to launch an open call for tender or make use of a Commission's framework contract for the necessary developments. The Members will be kept duly informed; indicatively a new tool should be available early 2017.

Following a question by the Chairperson of the States Representatives Group on the possibilities for a second call for Associated Members, taking into consideration the comments of the Executive Director on the available budget and earlier discussions, the Board tasked the Executive Director, by the end of July, to assess the needs for a possible second call and submit a short report on the way forward.

Following a question by the Industrial Spokesperson, the Board tasked the Executive Director to further analyse the provision of Article 14 (1c) of the Rules of Procedures, according to which a member (or alternate) of the Board cannot at the same time be a coordinator of an indirect action co-funded by the S2R JU.

Moreover, the Board tasked the Executive Director to provide a list of actions to be delivered by the JU, accompanied with specific dates. The list should include also key dates of important meetings and events. This will be implemented as from this meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Giovanni BOCCHETTI, representative of ANSALDO STS announced his departure and his replacement by Nadia MAZZINO. All members of the Board cordially thanked Mr BOCCHETTI for his work and his contribution during the establishment of S2R JU.

***INDICATIVE LISTS OF DOCUMENTS TO BE ADOPTED AT THE
NEXT BOARD MEETING OR BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE***

- Amendment of budget 2016
- Rules for employment of trainees and the secondment of national experts

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Governing Board is scheduled on Tuesday 25 October 2016.

Signed:



Henrik HOLOLÆI

Chairman of the Governing Board

Done in Brussels, 12 September 2016

Annex 1- List of Actions

Action	Responsible	Deadline/status
Feedback on the use of Administrative Consultants within the Projects and cost's eligibility	S2R	29 June in the context of the Financial Group
Written Procedure for the GB approval	S2R ED	End of July 2016
Report on the possible 2 nd call for Associate Members	S2R ED	End of July 2016
Feedback to the Members on the IT Programme and Collaboration Tool	S2R ED	End of July 2016
Legal Analysis on Conflict of Interest between the role of Project Coordinator and GB Member	S2R ED	By the next GB meeting of October