



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN CALL FOR TENDER

S2R.2016.OP.03

Title of Contract: Shift2Rail Multi-Project Cooperation Tool

Date: 30/08/2016

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1.	30/08/2015	<p>One of the “General Requirements” listed in the Tender Specifications dictates the following: “The tool should (...) have been already successfully used by complex projects under H2020 and under FP7, or be promptly rendered exhaustively compatible with H2020 requirements, with very little adaption or difficulty.”</p> <p>This requirement favours already existing suppliers to the H2020 programme etc. and reduces the competitive position of other vendors. As we are sure that this is not the purpose, could you please elaborate on what is meant with this requirement and how to fulfill it?</p>	<p>Restricting competition for this call for tender is not the intention of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, nor would it be in its interest.</p> <p>The need for compatibility of the tool with Horizon 2020 requirements stems directly from the S2R JU’s legal framework, among which the H2020 Rules for Participation: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/legal_basis/rules_participation/h2020-rules-participation_en.pdf</p> <p>As for the urgency underscored in the tender documents, it is attributable to the specificities of the Shift2Rail initiative and the fact that the S2R JU foresees that the first grants concluded by the JU the will begin implementation in autumn 2016.</p> <p>The contract will be awarded to the tenderer ensuring best value for money and, <i>inter alia</i>, full compatibility with H2020 rules, regardless of any ongoing involvement with Horizon 2020 by the tenderer.</p>