



## **Press Release**

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# **Shift2Rail awards grants for its Call for proposals 2017**

## **PROJECTS WORTH 110.9M€ WILL BE FINANCED UNDER THE 2017 SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING (S2R JU) CALL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

**The S2R JU is delighted to announce that following the publication last November of its 2017 call for proposals, and the finalisation of the evaluation procedure, 17 grants will be awarded for a total value of the actions of 110.9M€, co-financed by S2R up to 60.1M€.**

Henrik Hololei, Director-General for Mobility and Transport at the European Commission reinforced his support to Shift2Rail “I am confident that the selected projects will contribute to the overall objectives of the S2R JU programme offering innovative market-driven solutions to improve railways in Europe”

The level of response to the call for proposals, which closed on 30 March, was record high. Carlo M Borghini, Executive Director of the S2R JU said: “Together with a professional team of independent experts, we worked to ensure a timely and effective evaluation procedure, to have the new projects starting not later than 1 September.”

The 27 S2R JU Members, other than the European Union, submitted project proposals to all 7 call topics, for a total actions’ value of 91.4M€ which will be co-funded by S2R up to 40.6M€.

The other 10 “Open Call” topics, received 53 proposals with a request of co-funding totalling 95.9M€. Taking into consideration the budget available, 10 proposals were selected for funding for a total amount of 19.5M€.

A total of 509 participants applied to the different topics available, of which around 25% are SMEs, 36% for the Open Calls only.

### **On Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU)**

Shift2Rail is the first European rail Public Private Partnership tasked with developing strategically focused research and innovation (R&I) and market-driven solutions, and with integrating these to create the railway system of the future. With a total value of 920M€ for the period 2014-2020, Shift2Rail is promoting the competitiveness of the European rail industry and ensuring the attractiveness of rail as a safe and sustainable low carbon transport mode. This in order to meet the changing transport/mobility needs of EU citizens and the economy.

**The S2R JU is looking forward to the successful implementation of the new S2R projects and to demonstrating with its Members and the sector at large the potential for innovation to deliver a bright future for railway.**



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