



Questions & Answers

“CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE SELECTION OF A NEW MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING”

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| Q | Topic | S2R Answer |
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| 1 | A person who participates as a researcher in an organisation which is an Associated Member of S2R JU, but who is employed by an organisation which is not a S2R JU member, is eligible to apply in the SC call? | <p>As the person is not directly employed by the S2R JU associated member, and the current employer is neither a member nor an affiliated entity of the JU, the person cannot be deemed ineligible <i>prima facie</i>, on those grounds.</p> <p>However, as the assessment of conflict of interest is a subjective matter, the person could be in a state of conflict regardless of the nature of the employment status.</p> <p>Indeed, a conflict of interests exists where a person’s impartial</p> |

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| | | <p>and objective exercise of his/her functions is compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other shared interest with a recipient.</p> <p>If the person decides to submit an application, he/she should submit, with the letter of motivation, a declaration regarding any possible conflict of interest in relation to S2R JU stakeholders and areas of activities which may undermine the performance of the person's tasks.</p> |
| 2 | <p>A person informed the S2R JU that he/she cannot serve in the named fields of the call. Should expertise be needed in the areas i.e. track systems, the person would be pleased to receive a request.</p> | <p>Thank you for your interest in the call for the selection of a member of the Scientific Committee of S2R JU. S2R JU noted your field of expertise and may contact you in the future if other opportunities arise.</p> |