European Railway Clusters Initiative (ERCI) @ Shift2Rail JU Info Day

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At a glance

ERCI
• includes 11 major research and innovation driven railway clusters
• represents about 1,000 small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in 9 countries

Primary objectives of ERCI
• to reinforce the competitiveness of the European rail industry thanks to innovative products
• to bring our members new business opportunities

ERCI actions focus on
• collaboration with industry and research institutes
• initiation of transnational innovation projects
• organisation of B2B meetings
• organisation of technical workshops
• networking on European level
The core mission

The core mission of ERCI clusters is to increase competitiveness of railway industry by

• Setting up collaborative RDI projects, implying industry and research institutions
• Helping SMEs to develop their own R&D strategy, in order to grow from a supplier status to a business partner status
• Make sure that those efforts will lead to a rapid and strong market uptake
• Develop cross fertilization with other sectors (road, aerospace,...) and technologies (ICT, materials,...)
The added value of interclustering

For ERCI clusters

• Benchmark and exchange of best practices
• Sharing of intelligence
• Identify and pursue joint market opportunities inside and outside Europe

For clusters’ members

• Allow access to others’ knowledge and specific expertise
• Learn from intercultural exchanges and prepare business opportunities
• Access to European calls for R&D projects through adequate partnerships
• Find business partners in broader markets

For the EU Rail community

• Make sure that the global value chain for the whole railway industry and system remains complete, consistent and sustainable
Contact us!

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Matchmaking @ Shift2Rail JU Info Day

- 13:30 – 18:00
- Rooms Riverside 1 & 2
- 30 minutes / meeting
- Collect your personal meeting schedule at the registration desk in front of Riverside 1