



Press Release

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Shift2Rail publishes and launches the Call for Proposals 2018

PROJECTS WORTH €155.3 MILLION WILL BE FINANCED UNDER THE 2018 SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING (S2R JU) CALL FOR RAILWAY RESEARCH & INNOVATION

The Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking is delighted to announce the publication of the 2018 S2R call for proposals, based on its amended Annual Work Plan 2018. The call for proposals is now published and the closing date is set to 24 April 2018. Submissions will be accepted from Tuesday 16 January 2018.

With 18 topics of which 7 are open to S2R Members (CFM) and 11 to non-JU Members (OC), this call is expected to raise high interest in the transport community and further improve the work already undertaken so far to reach the Programme objectives.

Henrik Hololei, Director-General for Mobility and Transport at the European Commission says: "Innovation and market-driven solutions are what Europe's rail sector needs! With today's call for proposals the S2R JU has committed more than 50% of its Programme funds. This demonstrates that the sector is capable of fast-paced work on innovation. The solutions developed under today's call will pave the way for more attractive services for passengers and freight. I am looking forward to seeing them!"

Carlo M Borghini, Executive Director of the S2R JU says: "We are delighted to get into the next generation of our projects. On the one hand, the Programme activities will start reaching in some cases up to TRL 7 (system prototype demonstration in operational environment) and, on the other hand, a set of Open Call break-through topics will lay the grounds for future research and rail applications (IPX)".

The indicative H2020 co-funding made available by the S2R JU for this call is €78.7 million, out of an estimated projects' value of around €155.3 million. In addition, the JU has already launched a call for tender for €1.6 million and it will add some other procurement activities amounting to €670.000.

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, integrating these to create the railway system of the future. With a total value of €920 million 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 a high level of participation to the 2018 call, to allow the identification of S2R projects that will demonstrate to the sector at large the potential for innovation to deliver a bright future for railway.



For full details on the calls for proposals, please follow the link to the Participants Portal: Horizon 2020 Portal (link to be added when available)

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