



Press release

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Shift2Rail publishes its new Call for Proposals 2019

Projects worth €150,3 million will be funded under the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU) 2019 Call for Proposals for Research & Innovation activities. Shift2Rail has just opened the application period, based on its Annual Work Plan 2019. Submissions will be accepted until 18 June 2019.

With 18 topics of which 6 are open to S2R Members (CFM) and 12 to non-JU Members (OC), this Call is expected to raise high interest in the transport community and beyond.

Carlo M Borghini, Executive Director of the Shift2Rail JU, expressed his high expectations for the new 2019 projects: *“After having presented some of our first results last year at InnoTrans, the programme is now in the final stages of bringing demonstrations closer to the market. I am also looking forward to the submission of high quality proposals introducing innovative solutions to reshape the railway system in Europe, in order to bring more capacity, attractiveness and punctuality to this sustainable transport mode”*.

The indicative H2020 co-funding made available by the S2R JU for this Call is €76,9 million, out of an estimated projects’ value of around €150,3 million.

The S2R JU is looking forward to a broader participation to the 2019 Call, both geographically and in terms of synergies, allowing for new S2R activities that will demonstrate to the sector at large the potential for innovation to deliver a bright future for railway.

The full details of the Call for Proposals 2019 are available [here](#).

About the 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 systems of the future. With a total value of €920 million for the period 2014-2020, funded through the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Union, Shift2Rail is promoting the competitiveness of the European rail industry, ensuring the attractiveness of rail as a safe and sustainable low carbon transport mode. This way, Shift2Rail aims to meet the changing transport/mobility needs of EU citizens and the economy.

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