

Minutes of Meeting – 9th meeting of the Scientific Committee of Shift2Rail
Shift2Rail Scientific Committee

Project:	SC	Date/Time:	16 April 2018 14.00 – 17.00
Meeting Type:	Scientific Committee	Location:	TRA 2018 Messe Wien, Austria
Meeting Coordinator:	Léa Paties	Issue Date:	08/05/2018

Summary of the Meeting	
Topic	
Item 1	<p>Introduction, welcome from the S2R JU Executive Director</p> <p>The S2R JU Executive Director, Carlo Maria Borghini, welcomed the participants at the 9th meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC).</p>
Item 2	<p>Approval of the meeting Agenda and previous MoM</p> <p>The agenda of the meeting was approved.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with no request for additional changes.</p>
Item 3	<p>Conflict of Interest: declarations</p> <p>The declarations for Conflict of Interest (Col) were sent together with the agenda. The members of the SC who did not bring them at the meeting will send them scanned by email to the Secretariat.</p>
Item 4	<p>S2R Scientific Committee - Conflict of interest</p> <p><i>Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation</i></p> <p>The Executive Director explained that Sebastian Stichel and Simon Iwnicki have formally resigned from the S2R Scientific Committee due to a risk of conflict of interest, as they are both participating in projects funded by the S2R JU. They both confirmed that they unfortunately have resigned from the S2R SC, specifying that they raised the possible issue themselves.</p> <p>The Executive Director introduced Valérie Lorgé, the new legal officer of the S2R JU Programme team (Operation and Grant Support Officer).</p> <p>She presented the current rules of procedure of S2R SC, as defined in the Decision n°SC 1/2015.</p>

	<p>Valérie Lorgé then explained the newly adopted GB Decision n°07/2018 on “Rules on the prevention and management of conflict of interests applicable to the S2R JU bodies”.</p> <p>This decision represents an overall umbrella decision that the GB is requested to adopt in accordance with the S2R JU Regulation. The two key changes introduced by this GB Decision relate to the inclusion of calls for tenders (“Members shall not be external experts in the evaluation of proposals or tenders in calls for proposals or calls for tenders launched by the S2R JU”), and the introduction of a three-tiered approach to conflicts of interest, i.e. i.) submission - before appointment- of a Declaration on confidentiality and conflict of interest; and ii.) After appointment, submission of an updated annual Declaration; and iii.) prompt disclosure of information when circumstances change; If, in the course of duties, a member becomes aware of a potential conflict or any appearance of a conflict, he must submit a spontaneous ad-hoc Declaration.</p> <p>The BBI and IMI JUs rules of procedure were then evoked, in particular the point stating that: « <i>SC members may participate in consortia under the JU, either in their personal capacity or as representative of the organization to which they belong</i> ». The introduction of a similar provision in the S2R SC rules of procedure could replace the current provision stating that “<i>members of the SC shall not (...) take part in activities to be co-funded by the JU</i>”. It was agreed that this point would be further analysed, i.e. whether its replication is possible with regard to the structure of the S2R JU.</p> <p>CMB explained that revised rules of procedure (including new CoI rules) for the S2R SC will need to be drafted and presented to the S2R GB for decision. Until this is implemented, he explained that there is no other alternative than accepting the resignations of both Sebastian Stichel and Simon Iwnicki. They both thanked the members for their cooperation and left the meeting.</p> <p>François Lacôte, as Vice Chair of the SC, took over temporarily the chairing of the meeting.</p> <p>Following the resignation of the Chairperson, it was agreed that a procedure to appoint a new Chairman would be launched. Article 2 (4) of the rules of procedure indicate that “candidates to the position of Chairperson can put forward their candidacy themselves, or be proposed as candidates by other representatives. All candidacies, accepted by the candidates themselves, will be put to a vote among SC members”. The subsequently elected representative shall serve as Chairperson for the remainder of the predecessor’s term. As two members of the SC were absent, it was agreed that the election would take place by written procedure. Requests for candidates will therefore be open until end April, and the voting will take place beginning of May.</p> <p><i>(post-meeting note: Valerie Lorge launched the procedure on 23/04/2018 with deadline set to 30/04/2018).</i></p> <p>Juan de Dios and Angela di Febbraro have both expressed interest.</p> <p>Furthermore, the desire was expressed to retain the two resigning members on the reserve list of the SC.</p>
<p>Item 4</p>	<p>State of play – information from the Shift2Rail JU</p> <p><i>Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation</i></p> <p>The Executive Director and Léa Paties reported on the state of play of the current and future activities of the S2R JU.</p> <p>CMB specifically mentioned the GB decision concerning HaCon, in the context of their takeover by Siemens. In accordance with the agreement reached at the GB, Hacon will be considered as an affiliated entity of Siemens. As from the date of the GB, HaCon activities will be accounted for as FM contribution, part of Siemens. The Decision shall be formalized by written procedure.</p>

	<p>In addition, CMB explained that the reallocation of the activities of the Associated Members is now finalised (reference to the “Invitation to S2R JU Associated Members to submit an answer in view of the realignment of their activities and additional commitment to the S2R Programme”).</p> <p>CMB reported on the GB discussion on the KPI model currently under development within S2R. A final and stable model is expected to be available in October 2018. The JU will circulate it to the SC once available.</p> <p>CMB also referred to the cross IP meetings held in the margin of the IP Steering Committee meetings in March. The JU and Members are trying to foster enhance cooperation on transverse topics such as the evolution of telecommunication for railways between IP1, IP2 and IP5.</p> <p>Finally, the GB also discussed the first draft of the S2R Annual Activity Report 2017. The JU will circulate the draft AAR 2017 to the SC for comments. <i>(Post-meeting note: LP circulated to the draft AAR 2017 on 18/04/2018 with a deadline set to 25/05/2018).</i></p>
<p>Item 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AWP 2019 – update & consultation of the S2R Scientific Committee</p> <p><i>Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation</i></p> <p>LP reported on the current status of the drafting of the Annual Work Plan 2019. The first draft was issued at the end of January 2018 and the JU is currently working on drafting the full draft, with the technical support from the JU Members.</p> <p>The JU will circulate the draft AWP 2019 to the SC for comments. <i>(Post-meeting note: LP circulated to the draft AWP 2019 on 18/04/2018 with a deadline set to 25/05/2018).</i></p>
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Discussion on the long term strategy for railway research beyond S2R (S2R2)</p> <p>The European Commission is expected to issue a proposal for the next Multi Annual Financial Framework (MFF) on 02 May 2018. The proposal for the next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP9) will follow soon after.</p> <p>In this context, the discussion on Shift2Rail 2 is most likely to start in the second half of 2018 and to finish by end of 2019/beginning of 2020 at the earliest. Nevertheless, such calendar is completely subject to the overall discussions on the Union MFF.</p> <p>CMB explained that the business case for a continuation of S2R is strong; however, the discussions regarding the budget to be allocated are going to be tough.</p> <p>The JU is organising an event on 19 June 2018 on the future of Rail Research & Innovation. The Save the date invitations have been sent (including to the S2R SC). EARTO and EURNEX have been invited to participate to speak in a panel.</p> <p>Kornel Nagy (ERA) stated that ERA has developed its research strategy which will provide a contribution to rail research objectives, in particular to a coherent approach to the future target railway system. This strategy is based on Article 40 of the Agency Regulation and on Article 12 of the Statutes of S2R.</p>

	<p>CMB acknowledged this statement from ERA. He however explained that he does not support the creation of another rail research and innovation platform, because this role is already legally entrusted to ERRAC – as advisory body of the European Commission, and S2R – establishment of the Master Plan. The Executive Director read the articles of the S2R Regulation that are clearly stating the respective roles. In particular, he highlighted that Article 40 of the ERA Regulation does not provide any legal basis to the definition of future targets systems. On the contrary, Article 40 fully supports the contribution of ERA to rail research at Union level that, by law, is entrusted to the S2R JU. This is coherently expressed in Article 12 of the JU Statutes, where ERA, in its advisory role as technical authority, shall contribute to the definition of the S2R Master Plan.</p> <p>The sector shall work towards delivering the system transformation requested by the users instead of undertaking overlapping activities without legal basis. He consider the collaboration with ERA essential, while keeping the role entrusted by the respective regulations, on the one hand, ERA as technical authority and, on the other hand, the S2R JU as Union in charge of the Master Plan.</p> <p>KN (ERA) explained, the approach taken by ERA is to develop a structured basis for feeding research needs into S2R. This will by no means create any double structure. ERA is responsible for creating conditions for competitive railways, not only via research but also with standardization and proposals for legislation. To a significant extent, these activities are outside the scope of S2R. Any open questions will be clarified between S2R and ERA representatives in the near future.</p> <p>Neither comments were expressed by the representatives of the Scientific Committee nor support to the ERA initiative.</p>
Item 7	<p>TRA 2018</p> <p><i>Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation</i></p> <p>LP presented an overview of the agenda for the different events to take place on the JU stand at TRA 2018. The full agenda is available on the S2R website.</p>
Item 8	<p>INNOTRANS 2018</p> <p><i>Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation</i></p> <p>LP reported on the status of the preparation of the Quick Win demonstrations planned at InnoTrans 2018. The presentation shows some of the main demo planned. The details are still under discussion and refinement in the different IPs, together with the JU staff. A stable draft programme is expected to be ready by the Summer.</p>
Item 9	<p>AOB and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revision of the MAAP Part B: The revision is currently ongoing in the different IP/CCA. The draft revision is expected to be ready by end of June 2018 and will be sent to the S2R SC for consultation at that point. ○ Next meeting: It was proposed to hold the next S2R SC meeting at the occasion of the InnoTrans Trade Fair in September 2018, in Berlin. The JU will come back to the



	<p>SC members with a fixed date (either 19 or 20 September), based on availability of other SC members not present during the meeting, but also on the JU programme, other side events already planned and availability at Messe Berlin.</p>
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	<p>François Lacôte and Carlo Borghini thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 16:30.</p>
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Annex

Agenda 9th meeting SC (adopted)

Action nr.	Action	Related Topic	Due date	Action Owner
1	Launch procedure for election of new Chairperson of the S2R SC	Item 3	ASAP	JU
2	Circulate KPI model to S2R SC	Item 4	October 2018	JU
3	Circulate draft AAR 2017 to S2R SC Provide comments to JU on draft AAR 2017	Item 4	ASAP 25 May 2018	JU S2R SC members
4	Circulate draft AWP 2019 to S2R SC Provide comments to JU on draft AWP 2019	Item 4	ASAP 25 May 2018	JU S2R SC members
5	Circulate revised MAAP Part B (when available)	Item 9	June 2018	JU
6	Set the date of the next meeting of the S2R SC	Item 9	ASAP	JU