



Press Release

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Shift2Rail awards 17 grants for its Call for Proposals 2019

17 projects worth €148.6 million will be funded under the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking 2019 Call for Proposals for Research & Innovation activities. Shift2Rail's co-funding will amount up to €74.8 million. The new projects aim to accelerate the transition towards the next generation of railway systems in Europe.

The Shift2Rail JU Members will undertake 6 of the new projects selected in the Call for Proposals 2019. Members' activities will have a total value of €130.9 million, co-funded by S2R up to €57.6 million.

11 additional Open Call projects, open for applications to any entity in the EU and associated Horizon 2020 countries, have been selected for funding. These projects have a total value of €17.7 million, 97% of which will be funded by the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking.

In total, 203 participants will develop new solutions for railway systems under the 2019 S2R Call for Proposals. SMEs represent 30% of the entities selected in the Open Call projects.

Carlo Borghini, Executive Director of the Shift2Rail JU, expressed his high expectations for the selected projects: *"These new projects will build up on the results of past work and will help bring our demonstrations even closer to the market. We will have the opportunity to present their achievements at InnoTrans 2020. We look forward to working together with our Members and other organizations through these projects to further develop innovative solutions to reshape the future railway system of Europe."*

After this Call for Proposals, Shift2Rail will have cumulatively invested €635.5 million in Research & Innovation activities, more than half of its 2014-2020 Budget, which combined with the additional activities delivered by the Members until now reaches almost €800 million of railway R&I activated in three years!

The Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking is looking forward to successfully implementing the newly selected projects and to demonstrating with its Members and the sector at large their potential to deliver a promising future for railways.

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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