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Shift2Rail launches its Catalogue of Solutions at the World Congress on Railway Research

[Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking](#) has just published its first Catalogue of Solutions highlighting 54 innovative products and methods it has worked on together with its Members and stakeholders. The official launch of the new Catalogue of Solutions took place today in Tokyo during the ceremony of the Shift2Rail stand at the [World Congress on Railway Research](#), officially opened by Ambassador Flor, Head of the EU Delegation to Japan. The opening ceremony was attended by other Ambassadors and Embassy officials, as well as by numerous Shift2Rail Member representatives and conference participants. With its demonstrators illustrating innovative solutions against a green environmentally friendly back-drop, the Shift2Rail stand tells a story of how we are working to make mobility and transport more sustainable and connected. The solutions featured on the stand are at the heart of this new Catalogue.

Commissioner for Transport, Violeta Bulc, has acknowledged the effective work achieved by Shift2Rail and its Members, reflected in the new Catalogue: *"I am a firm believer in rail. But railways also have work to do. To get rail where we want it to be, we need to innovate. Rail research and innovation activities under Shift2Rail are starting to deliver concrete results to ensure solutions developed can be deployed rapidly. The Catalogue of Solutions presents successful R&I results in the form of possible products and solutions, which illustrate the value of institutionalised public-private partnerships."*

Carlo Borghini, Executive Director of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, believes that the launch of the first Catalogue of Solutions marks an important milestone showing the success of the Shift2Rail programme just three years after its start: *"This first Catalogue of Solutions, which we intend to update annually, constitutes a milestone towards delivering transformed rail systems designed around a wider functional system architecture. The catalogue highlights what will be available in the market as standalone or integrated products, and provides a first glimpse of what the investment of the European Union together with the rail sector stakeholders is capable of materializing, bringing benefits to people and freight businesses."*

The next edition of the Catalogue of Solutions is expected for InnoTrans 2020 taking place on 22-25 September, where visitors will have the opportunity to see many of the showcased solutions, which by then will be one step closer to market uptake.

[Access the Catalogue of Solutions 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. In this way, Shift2Rail aims to meet the changing transport/mobility needs of EU citizens and the economy.

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