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9 October 2019

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Potential of JU-ESI funds synergies in S3 context

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Potential for synergies between of Joint Undertakings and ESI Funds in an S3 context

Stairway to Excellence

Regional Cooperation Workshop Shift2Rail

European Commission, JRC.B3 Territorial Development

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Brussels, 9 October 2019

Initiative funded by the European Parliament and implemented by JRC in close collaboration with DG Regio.

Stairway to Excellence (S2E)

Objective: Support enhancement of the value of EU funding sources for R&I and regional development in RIS3 implementation.



Funding synergies, capacity building, support innovation eco-systems

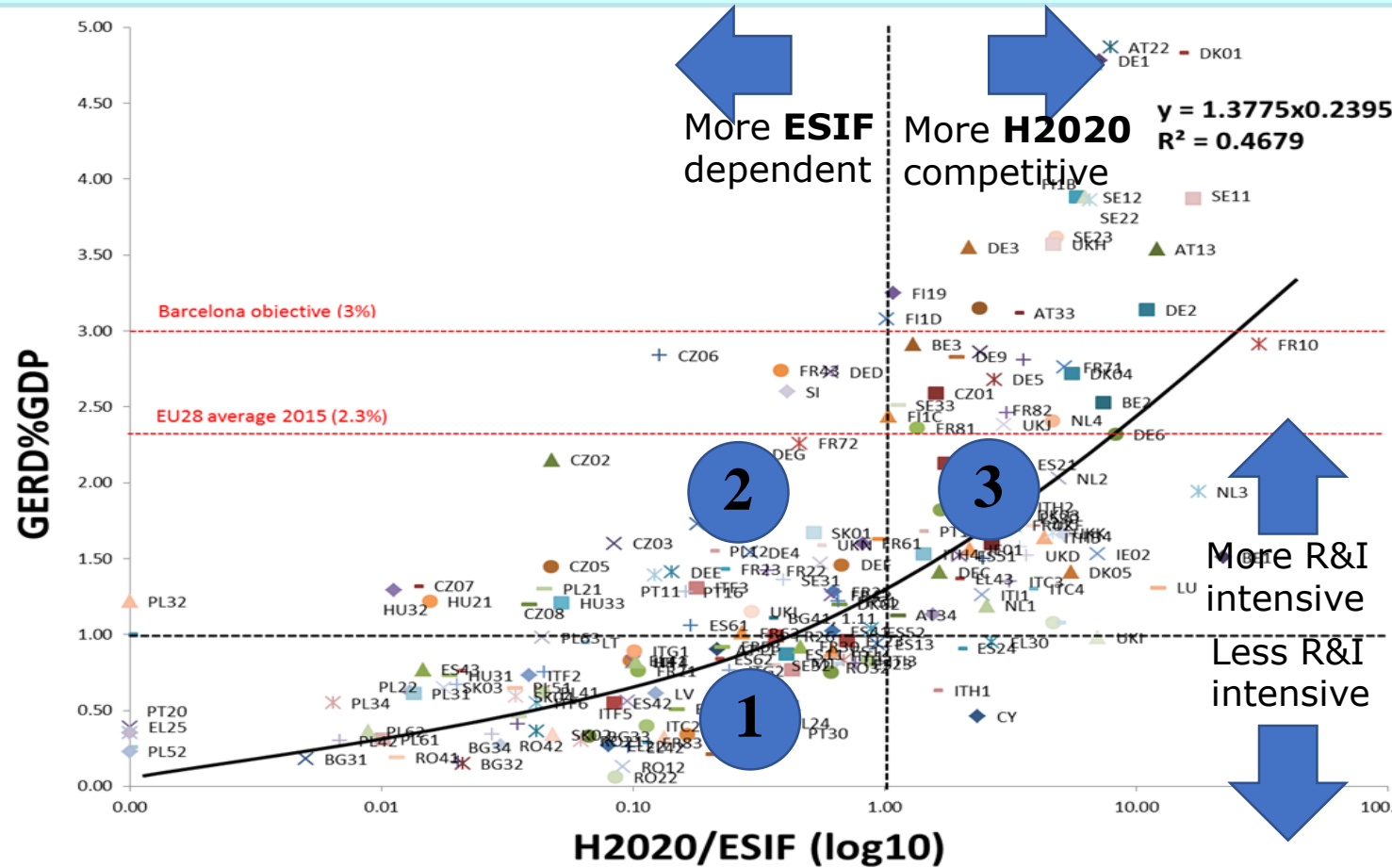


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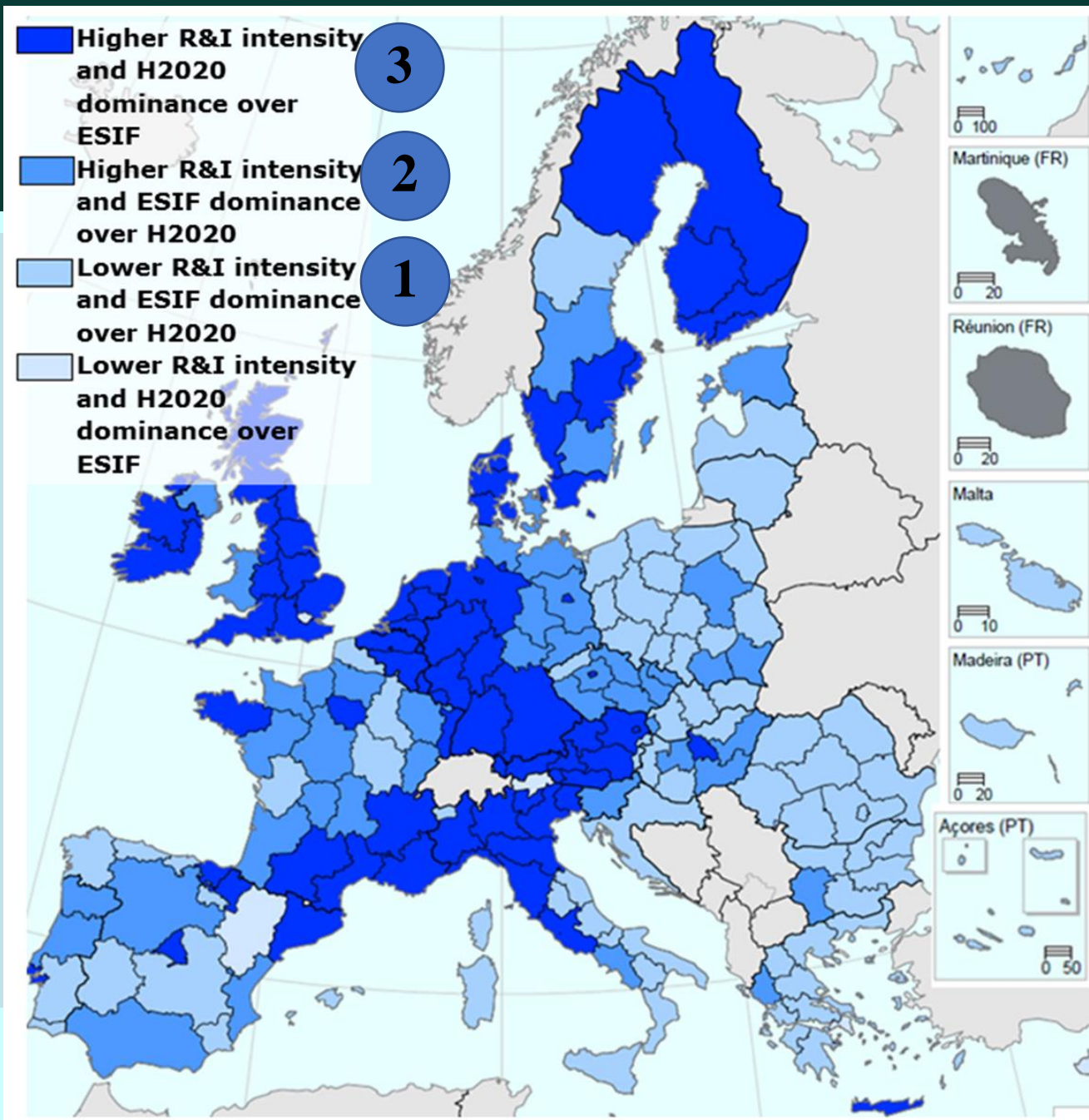
**Active since 2014.
S2E I-II (EU13), S2E III-IV (EU28).**

EU Regional divide showed by the use of EU funding and R&I intensity

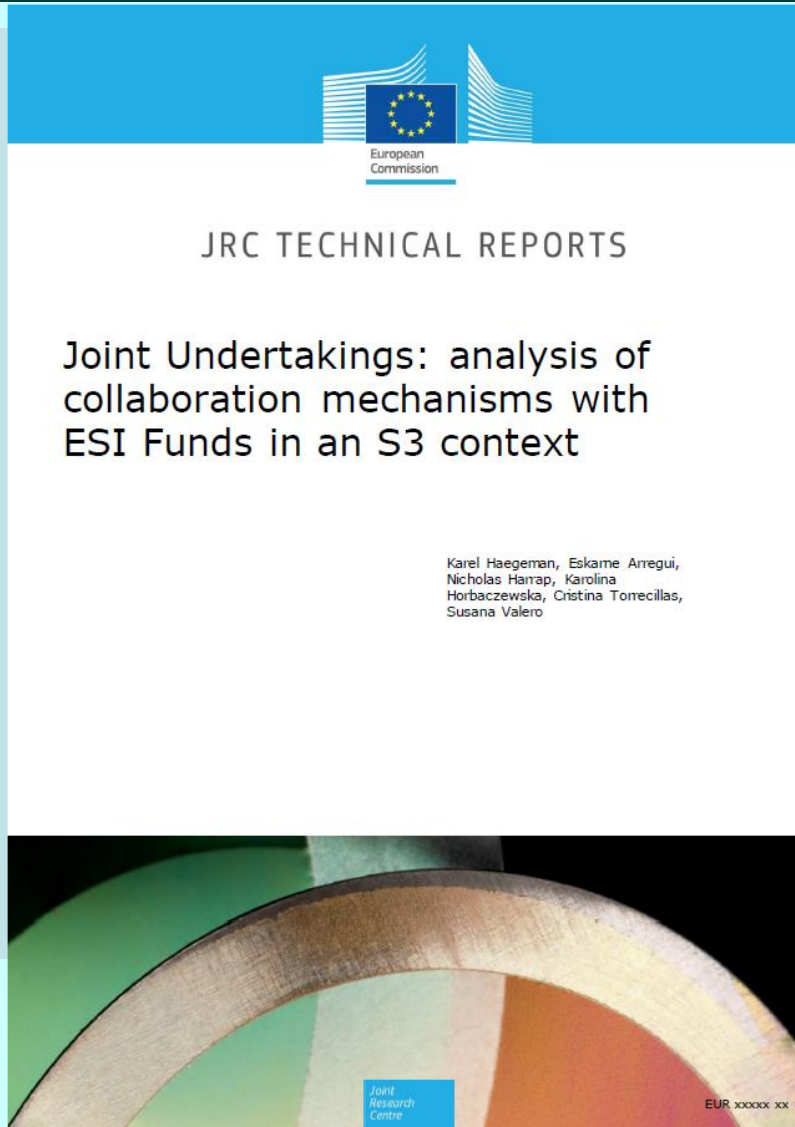


3 main areas:

- Area 1: the 'lagging R&I regions' area defined by low R&D intensity with higher ESIF dependence and lower capacities to capture H2020 funding (lower left quadrant).
- Area 2: the 'intermediary R&I regions' area defined by a higher R&I intensity combined higher ESIF dependence and lower capacities to capture H2020 funding (upper left quadrant)
- Area 3: the 'better performing R&I regions' area with higher R&D intensity combined with lower ESIF dependence (upper right quadrant).



Rationale

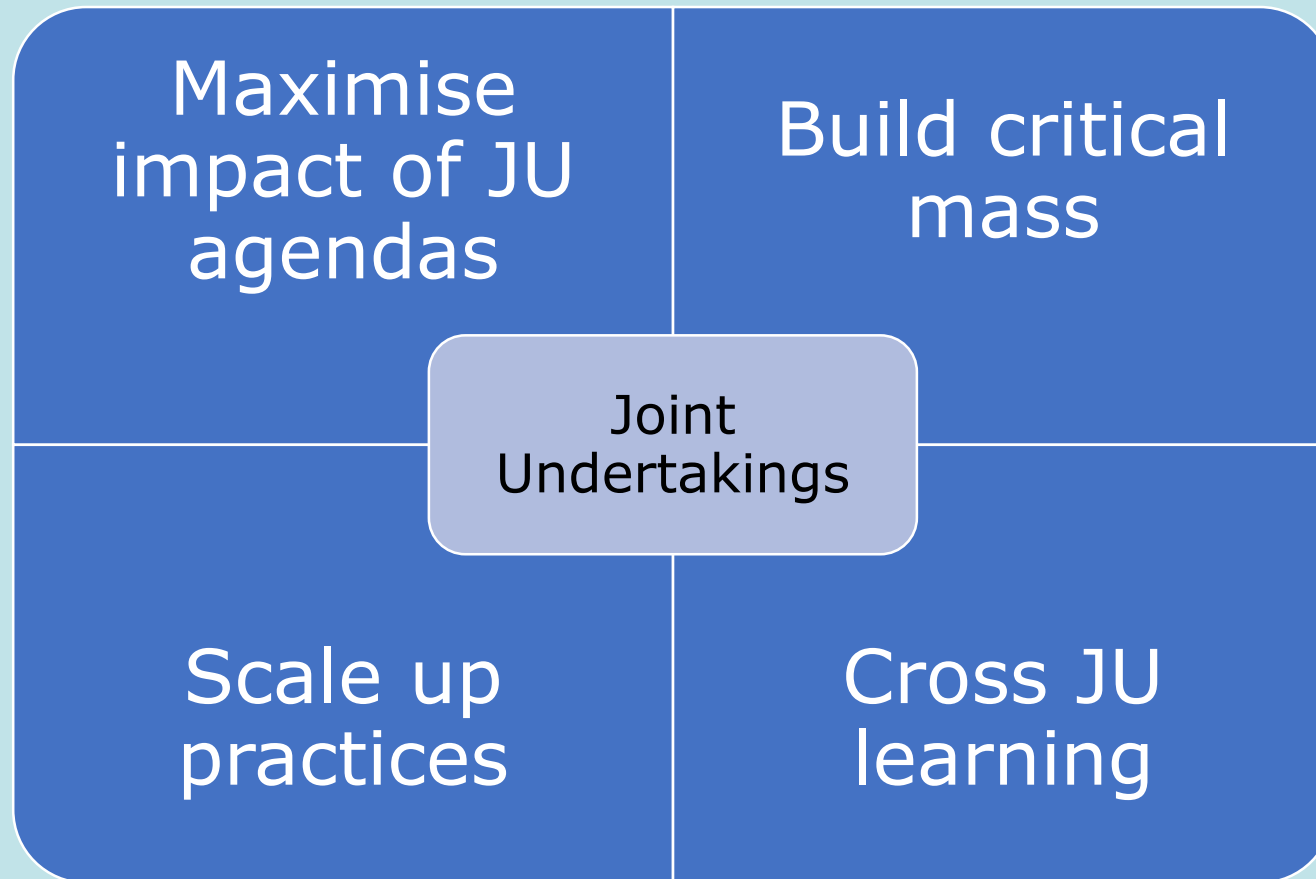


- Learn from good practices in funding collaboration
- Focus on the case of Joint Undertakings, but also applicable to Contractual Public-Private Partnerships (cPPPs)
- Builds on analysis of practices and on past events with selected JUs
- Aims to bridge a **knowledge gap** hampering further collaboration
- Match-making event Brussels (7 March 2018) with MSs, regions and JUs (180 attendees)
- S3 as a starting point, but also applicable to optimal use of public national funding

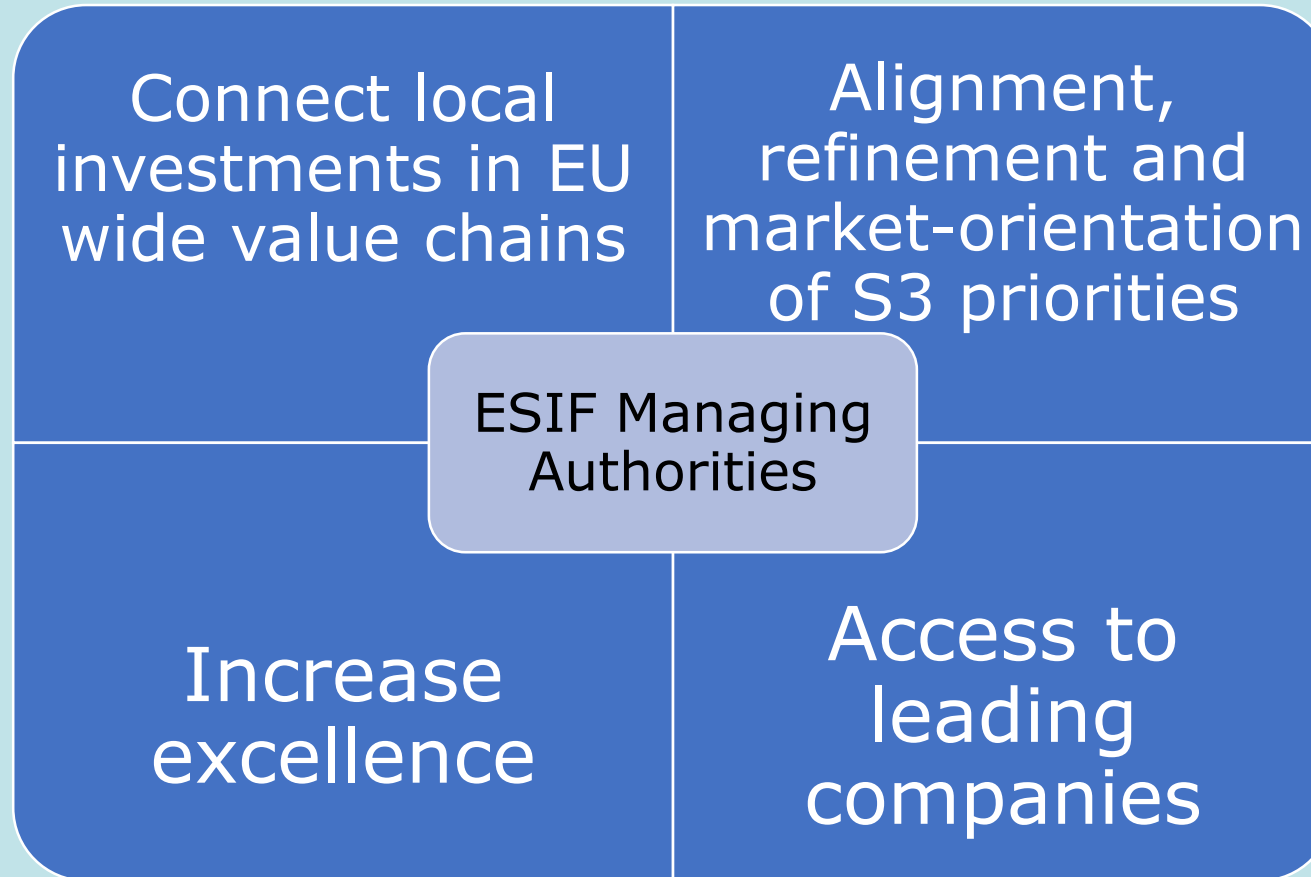
Motivations (1)



Motivations (2)



Motivations (3)



Identification of collaboration practices

Strategic Collaboration Modes
National Grant Agreement
Individual Memorandum of Understanding
Collective Memorandum of Understanding
Project-based
No formal agreement

Operational Collaboration Modes	
Funding related	Not funding related
Capacity building (upstream)	Alignment of research agendas
ESIF funding for deployment (downstream)	Awareness raising
ESIF funding for high quality proposals	Funding guidance
ESIF funding for additional R&I activities under the topic of the JU	Joint working groups at regional and national level

Bottlenecks and mitigation strategies

Territorial bottlenecks

Wide national/regional priorities
Lack of knowledge on regional research agendas
Insufficient mapping of regional capacities
Lack of critical mass
Lack of international networks
Lack of intra-regional coordination

Mitigation strategies

A reform of the RIS3 governance system
Reinforcing the mapping of available capabilities in the supply chain across European territories (e.g. through regional fiches)
Organisation of regional actors around a focal point or cluster;
Developing a long-term regional strategy
Facilities provided by JUs to regions
The use of ambassadors
Low information and knowledge sharing capacity
Reinforce the role of NCPs

Unlocking untapped potential

Match-making

- EU wide match-making
- Country-specific or theme-specific match-making

Capacity building

Alternative options for national and regional administrations and for JUs

Reinforce interregional collaboration

Outlook

- Horizon Europe and ERDF: proposal for common provision regulations: transfer of up to 5% of the programme financial allocations to another EU fund
- Uneven spread across Europe of engagement with JUs: more capacity building needed
- More synergies needed to build EU wide value chains
- Similar exercise ongoing with EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities for World Leading Innovation

Shift2Rail JU programme and synergies with EU Structural and Investment Funds

Regional cooperation workshop

Brussels 9 October 2019

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S2R OBJECTIVES



INCREASE RELIABILITY & PUNCTUALITY **BY 50%**



DOUBLE RAILWAY CAPACITY



HALVE LIFE-CYCLE COSTS OF RAILWAY TRANSPORTS



CONTRIBUTE TO **REDUCTION OF NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES**, SUCH AS NOISE, VIBRATIONS, EMISSIONS & OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS



CONTRIBUTE TO THE **ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SINGLE EUROPEAN RAILWAY AREA**

S2R PROGRAMME, ABOUT € 1BLN and A NEW APPROACH TO R&I IN RAILWAY

working together & driving innovation

AN OPEN and ACTIVE ORGANISATION



28
MEMBERS



375
PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED
FROM **28** COUNTRIES

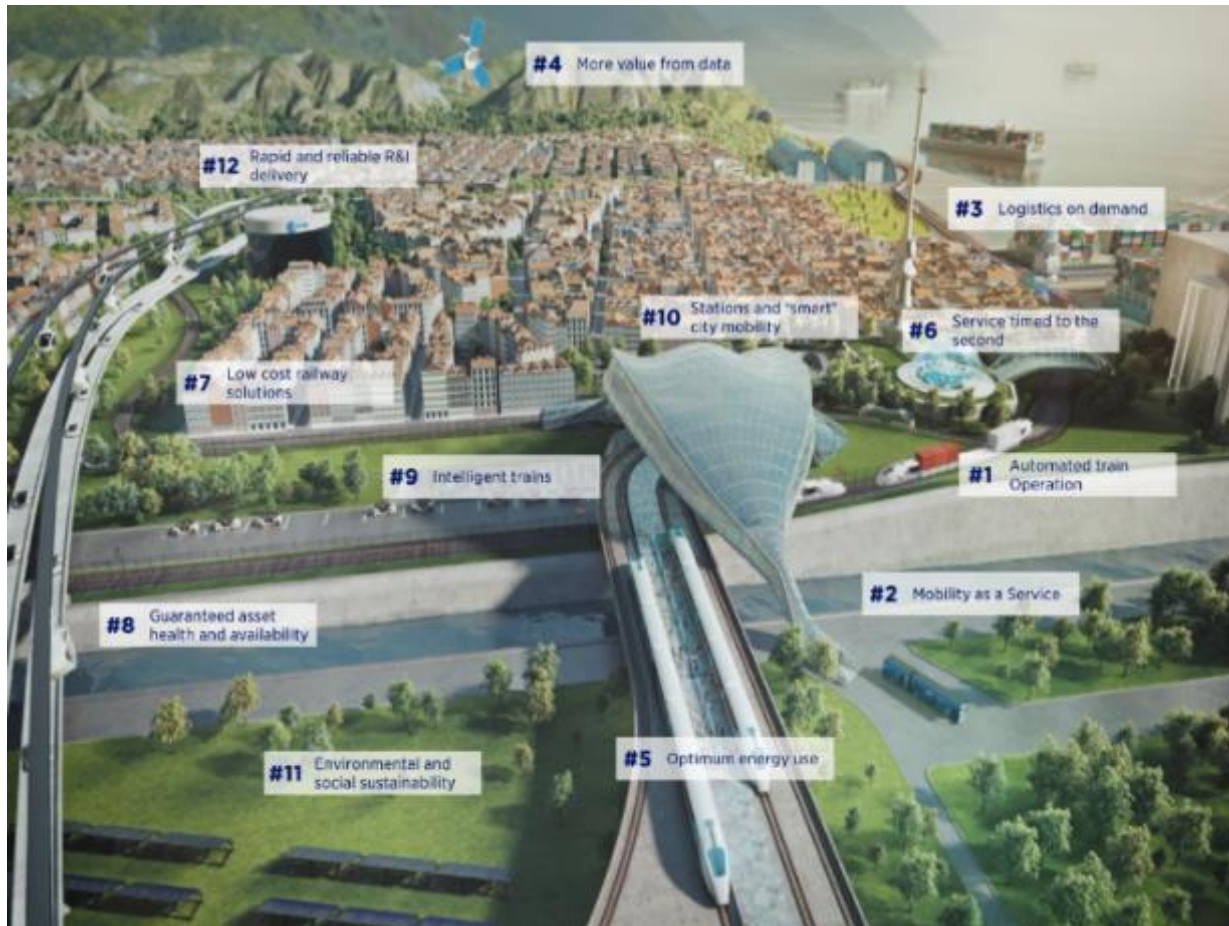


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SMEs



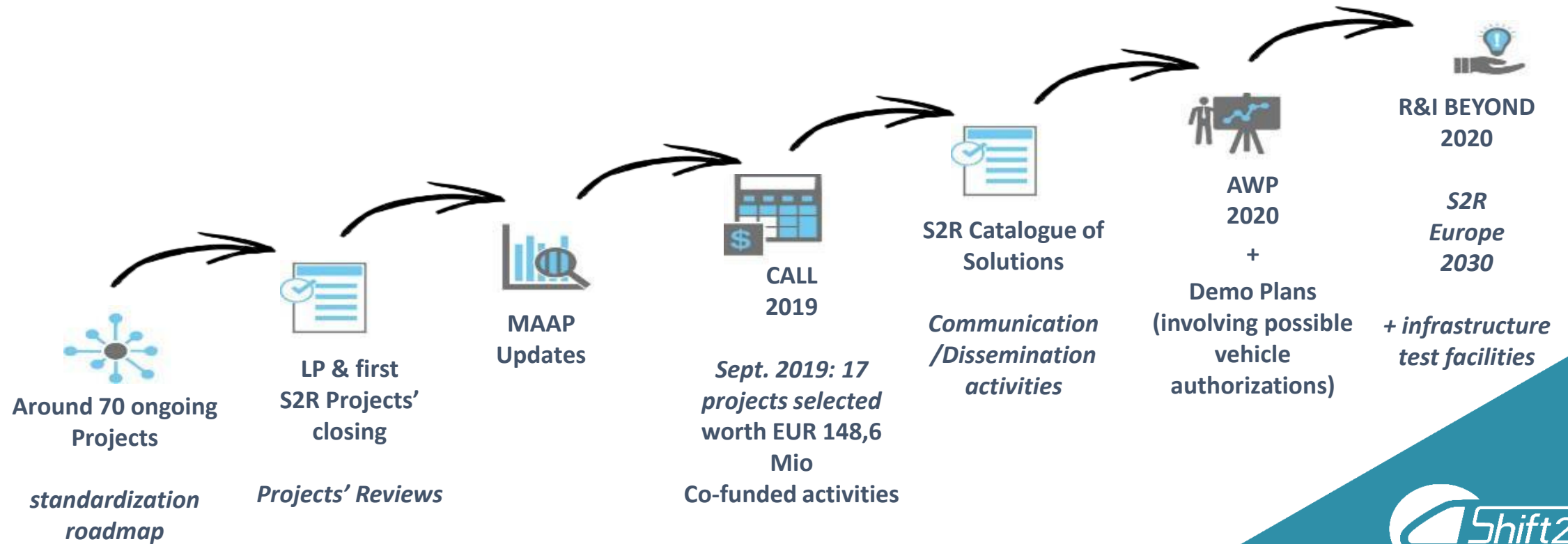
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RESEARCH CENTRES
AND UNIVERSITIES

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...opening up new Capabilities coming from emerging technologies or concepts!

An Innovation Programme in motion

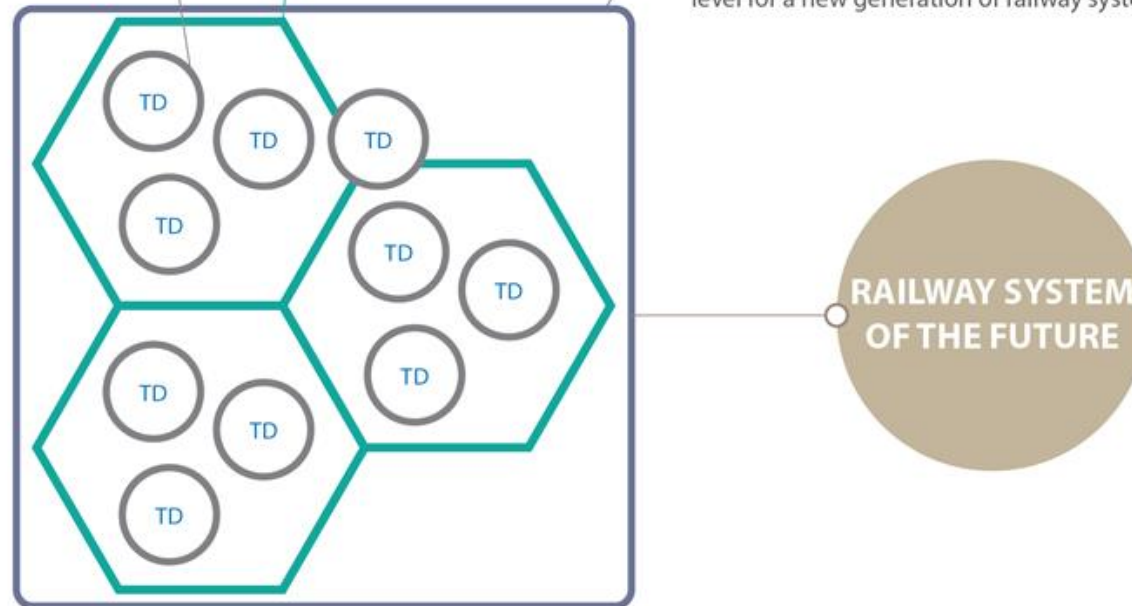


From TRL0 to TRL6/7

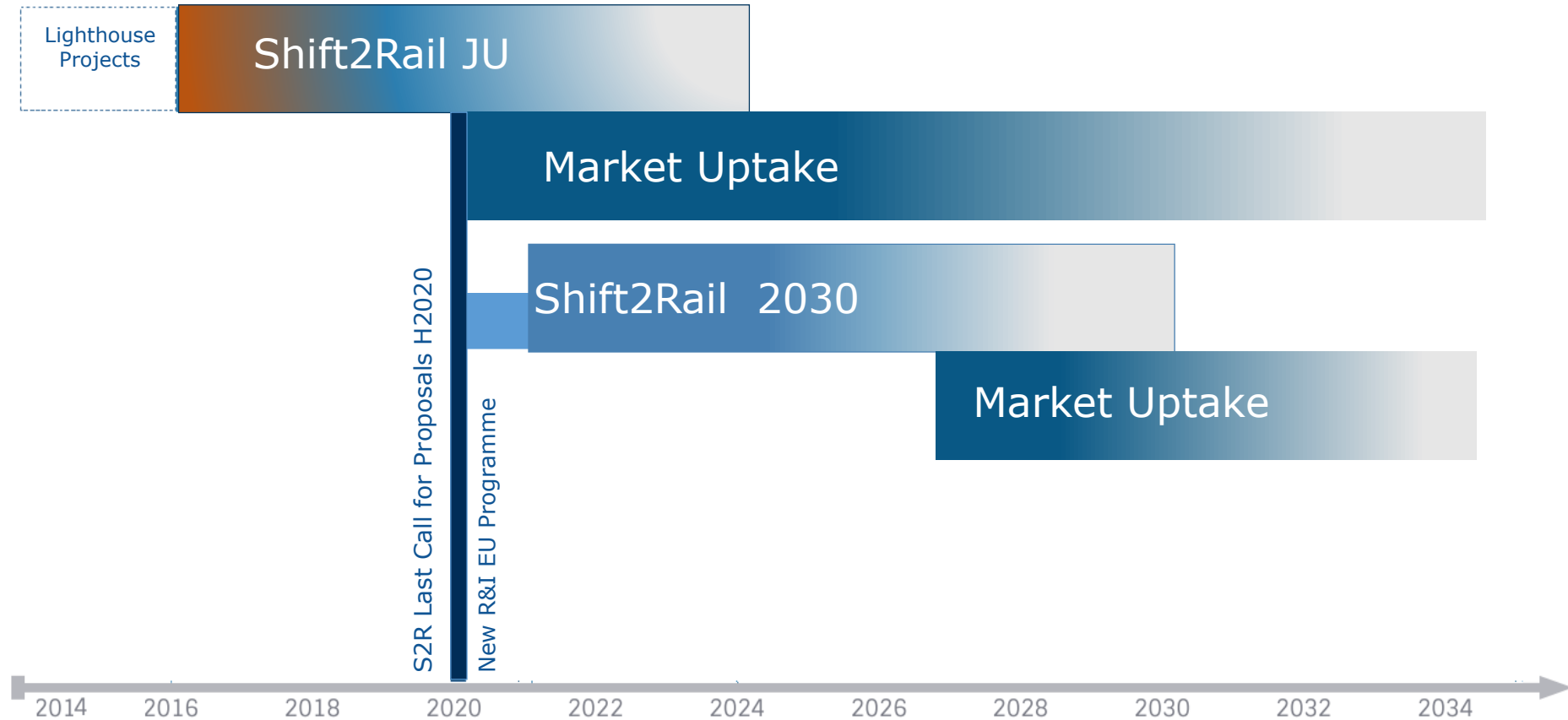
Technology Demonstrator (TDs)
Projects specifying, developing and demonstrating a specific technology resulting in a lab tested and/or simulated prototype

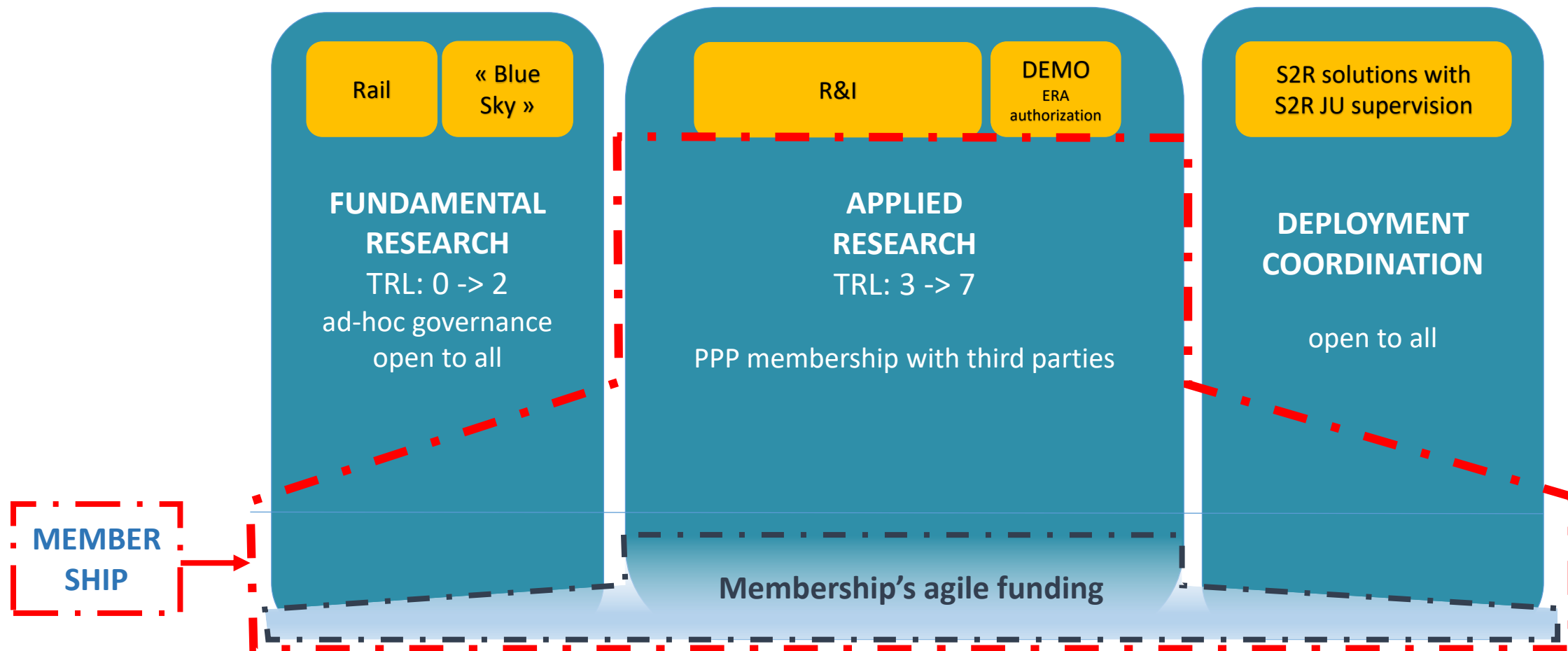
Integrated Technology Demonstrators (ITDs)
Projects integrating/combining TD prototypes at system level (lab and on-site) and testing performance

System Platform Demonstrators (SPDs)
Assessment of the whole systems performance based on the results of TDs and ITDs. SPDs bring S2R innovative solutions to a technology maturity level for a new generation of railway system



R&I BEYOND 2020





*Funding type:
HE rules*

Flat rate on entity accounting rules

*Funding type: HE, to be
complemented in
implementation by CEF/EIB/etc.*

No participation barriers between R&I&D areas

TRL 7 Demos included in Applied Research, Live Large Scale Demos in Deployment Coordination

S2R solutions derived from Technical Demonstrators

IP1 Cost-efficient and Reliable Trains, including high-capacity trains and high speed trains

IP2 Advanced Traffic Management and Control System

IP3 Cost-efficient, Sustainable and Reliable High Capacity Infrastructure

IP4 IT Solutions for Attractive Railways Services

IP5 Technology for Sustainable and Attractive European Rail Freight

WHO BENEFITS?

CUSTOMERS

FINAL USER

OPERATOR

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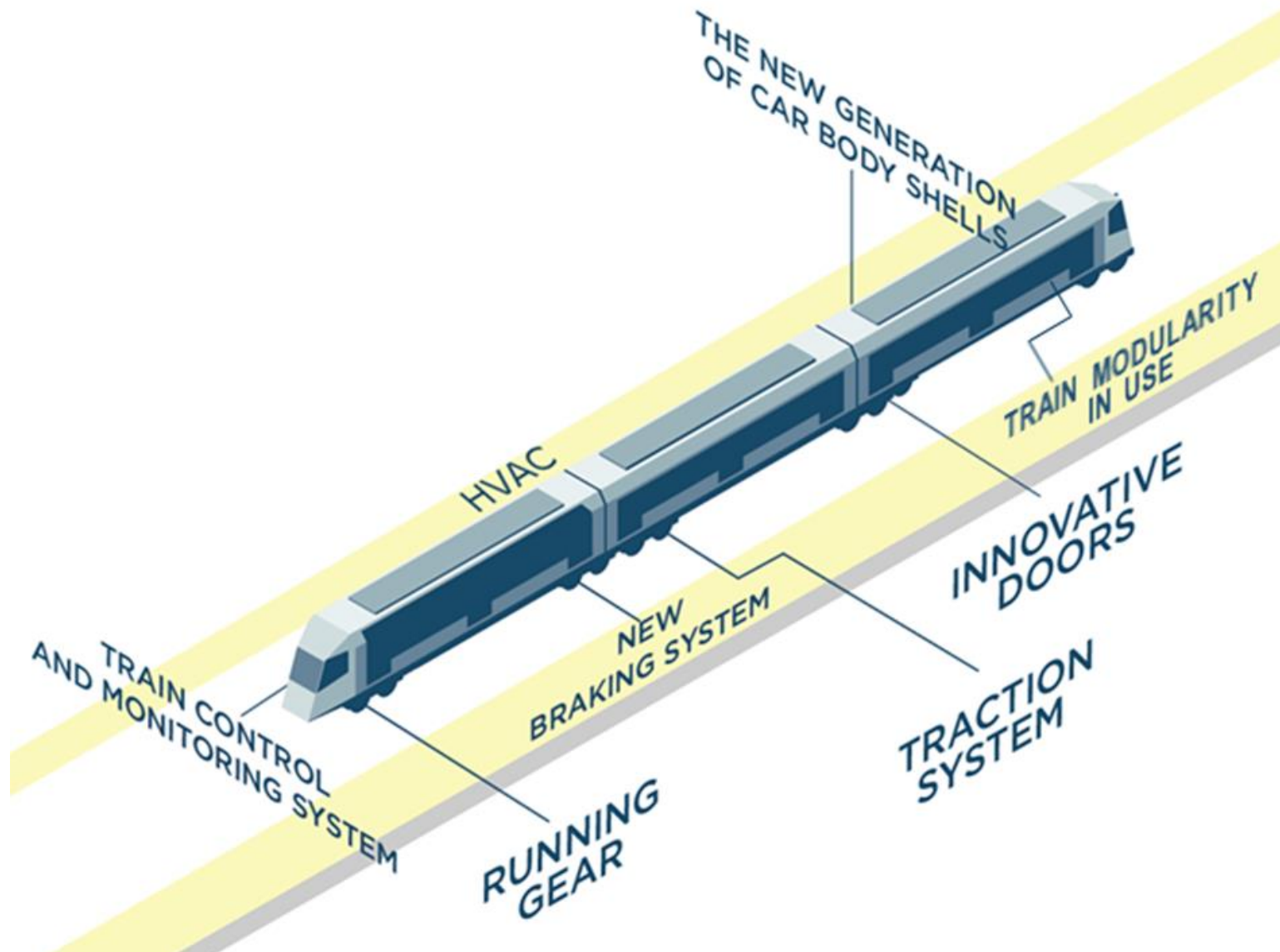
SUPPLIERS



CCA Cross Cutting Activities



IP1: Cost-efficient and reliable trains, including high-capacity trains and high-speed trains



IP1: key achievements and ongoing activities

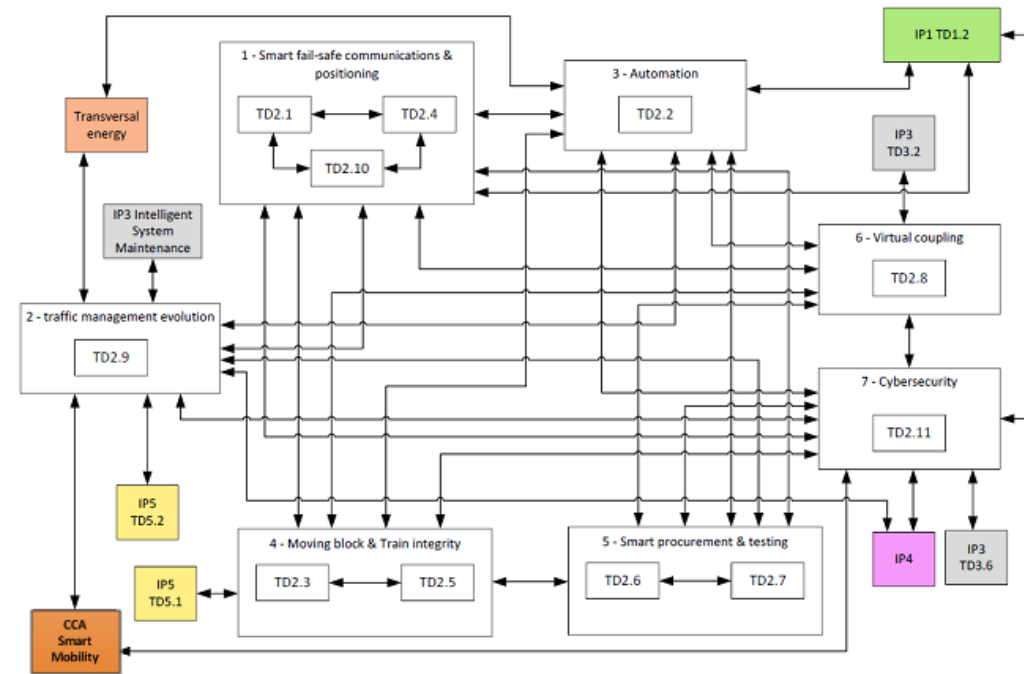
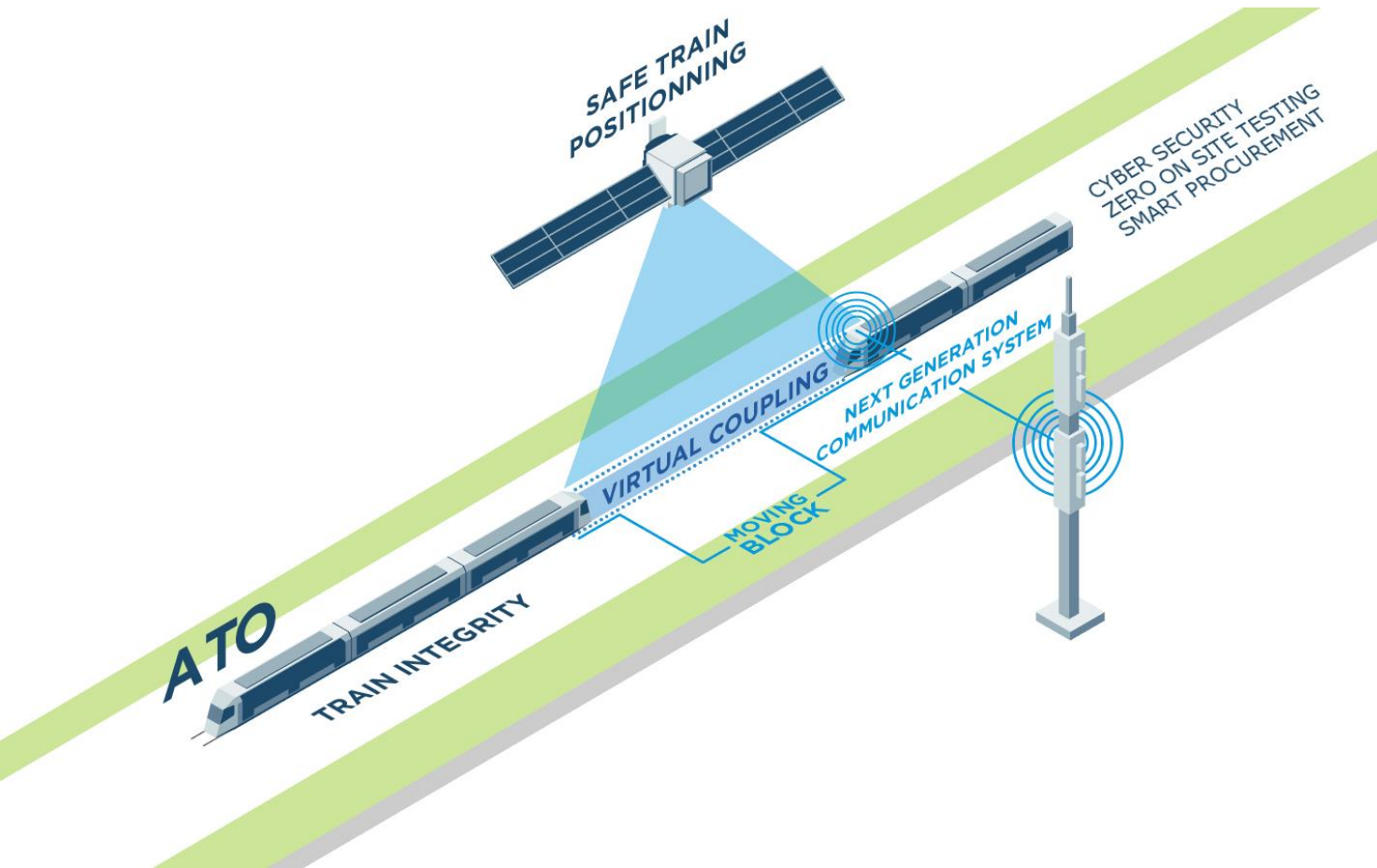
- ✓ **TCMS:** Wireless Technology for train communication network, Drive by Data and Functional Open Coupling concept.



- ➔ Prove of concept for integration of SIL4 functions in TCMS, significant reduction of wires (Installation and Maintenance Costs) e.g. enabling virtual coupling of trains

- ✓ **Doors and interiors:** next gen doors, new modularity concepts, PRM access, optimized passenger flow
- ✓ **Carbody Shell and Running Gear:** Introduction of new materials and smart maintenance

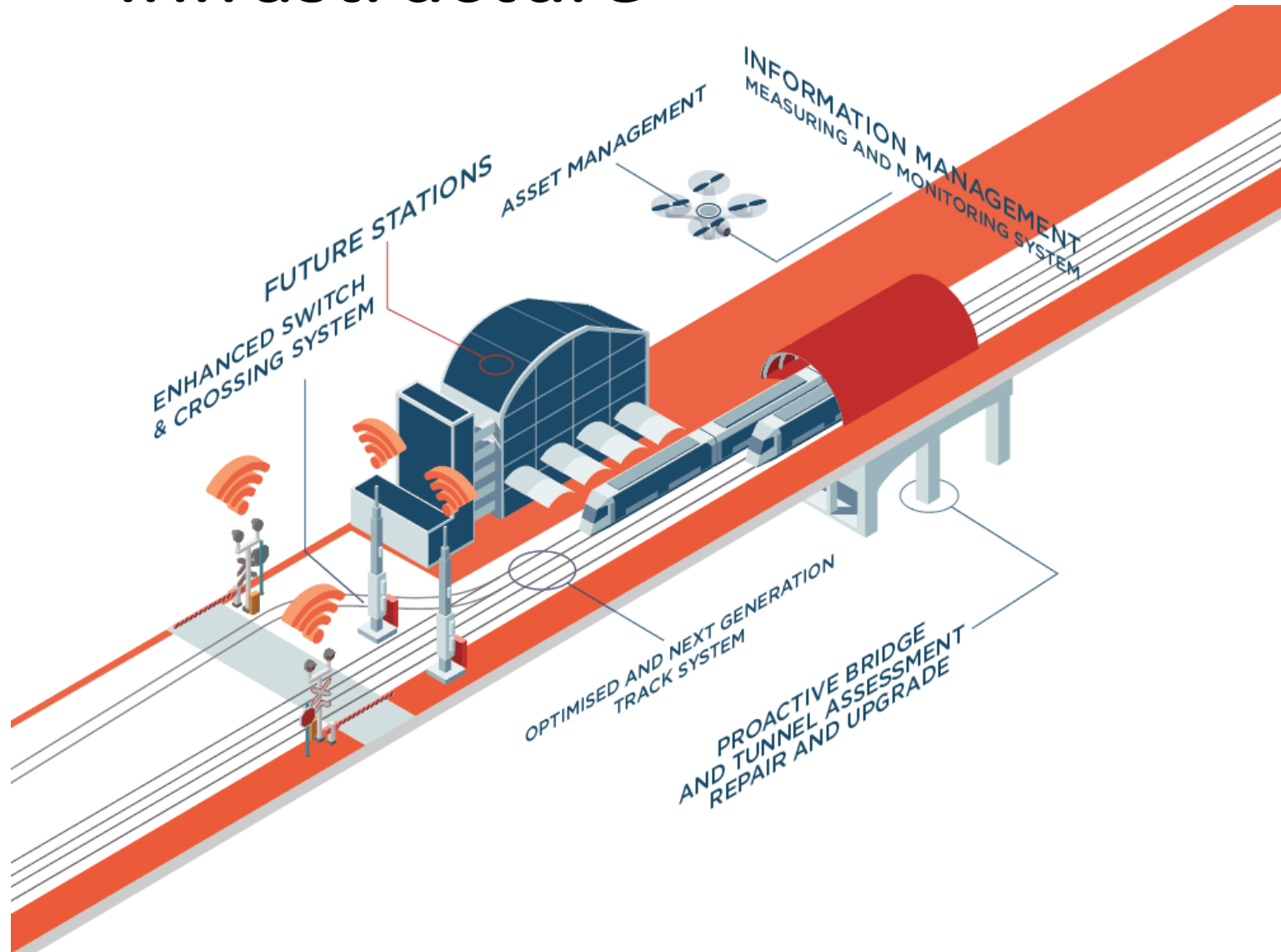
IP2: Advanced Traffic Management and Control System



IP2: key achievements and ongoing activities

- ✓ **ATO for mainline railways;** GoA4 will reduce human error and increase service availability
 - ➔ GoA2 draft specifications available (reviewed by sector + ERA); pilot tests beginning of 2020
 - ➔ Use cases/specifications for GoA3/4 (*full unattended operations*) are ongoing.
- ✓ **Moving Block** based on ERTMS/ETCS specifications and opportunity to remove trackside fixed signalling systems
 - ➔ Specifications delivered
- ✓ **GNSS/positioning systems** applied to rail to remove physical balises and facilitating the application of moving block
 - ➔ System Requirements Specification and system architecture delivered
- ✓ **Adaptable communication for railways,** technology and bearer independent
 - ➔ Cooperation UIC FRMCS (+ ERA) on use cases;
 - ➔ Specifications delivered and prototyping ongoing
- ✓ **A new Railway Functional System Architecture is under preparation**

IP3: Cost Efficient and Reliable High Capacity Infrastructure



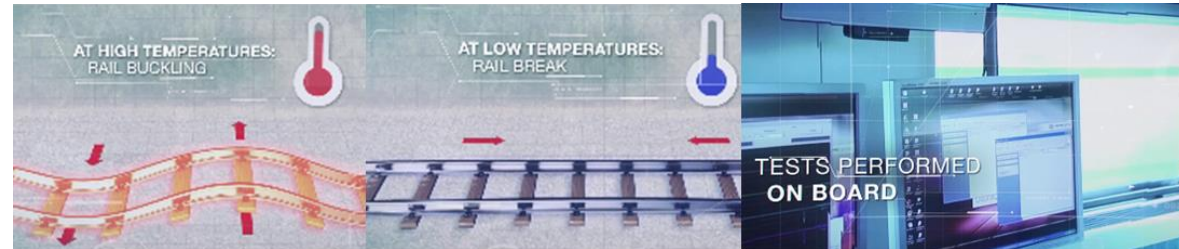
Infrastructure:
tracks, S&C,
bridges und tunnels,
new station design

Asset
Management

Energy
Management

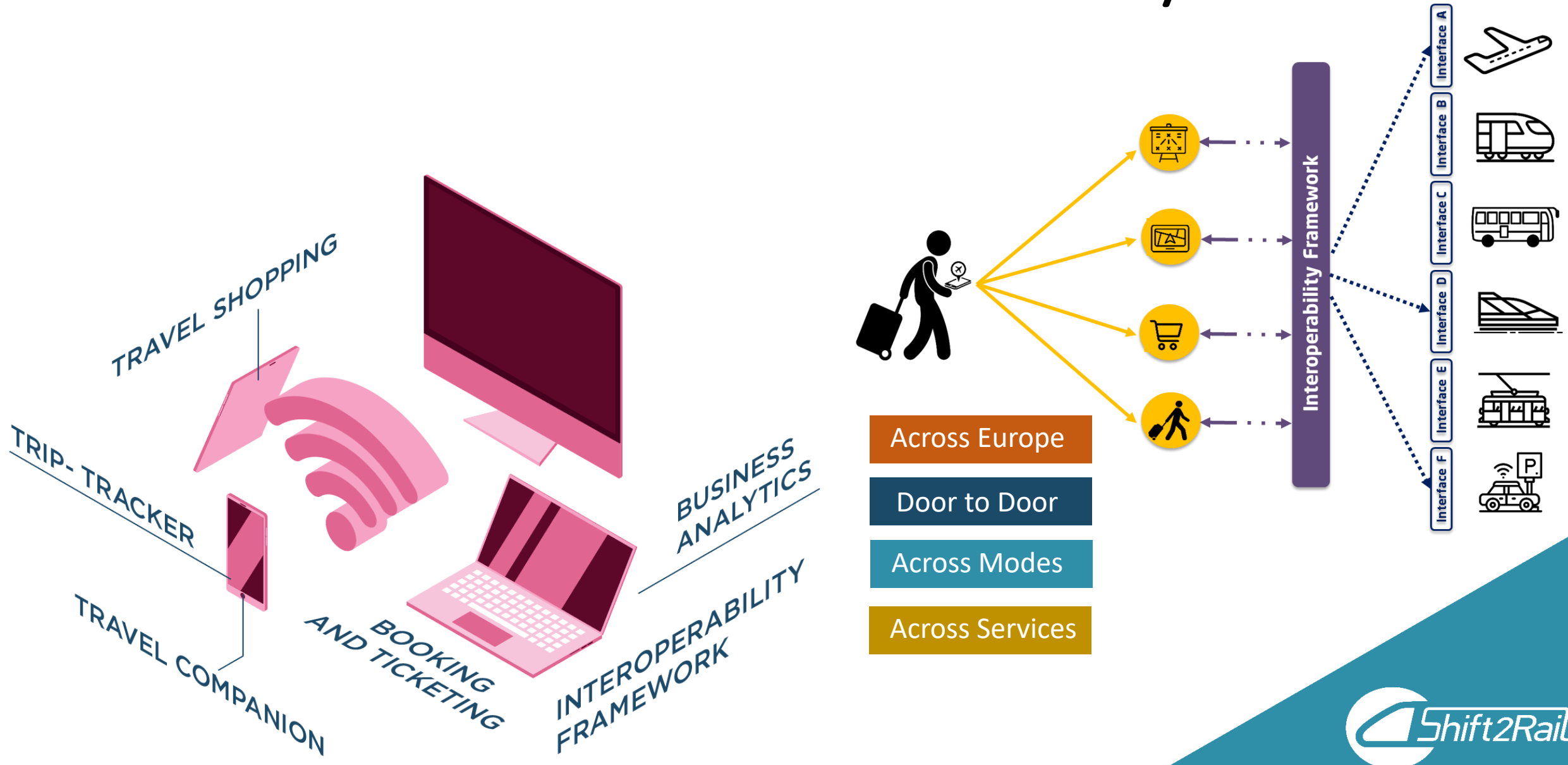
IP3: key achievements and ongoing activities

- ✓ **Intelligent Asset Management:** Shift from reactive to proactive maintenance based on innovative monitoring/ measuring & processing technologies
 - ➔ Innovative technologies in asset measuring & monitoring (satellite, drones, robotics), data processing & decision support (IoT, Artificial Intelligence)
 - ➔ Demonstration & evaluation of asset management, maintenance strategies: Thermal Stress Monitoring, and Lean Tamping



- ✓ **Intelligent Energy Management:** mapping of all energy flows in railway system for management strategies. Future traction power supply system in integration with public grid
 - ➔ Proof-of-Concept in light-train environment (tramway)
 - ➔ Design of an intelligent substation, 66% savings on transmission losses, 25% reduction on dimensioning

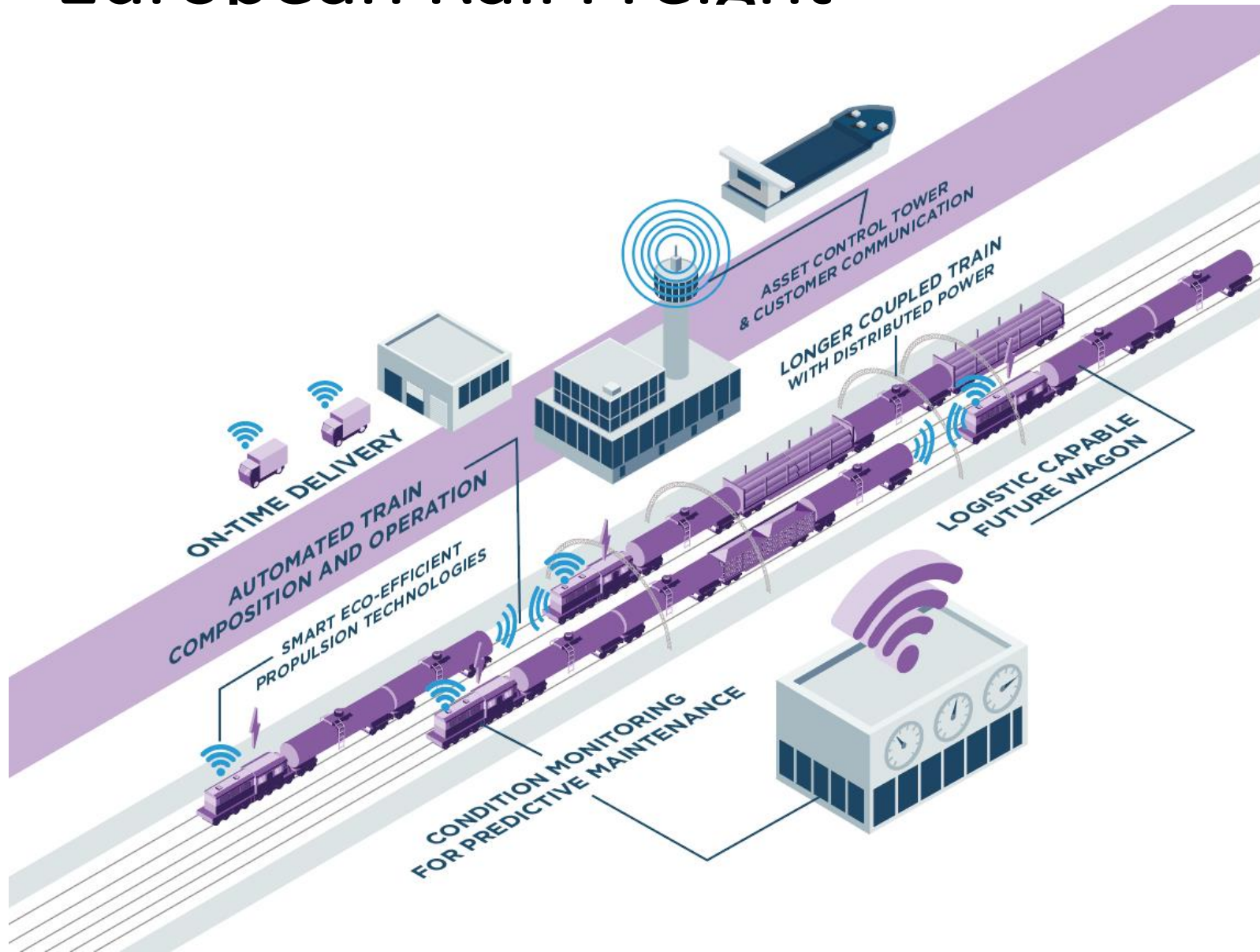
IP4: IT Solutions for Attractive Railways Services



IP4: key achievements and ongoing activities

- ✓ **Interoperable framework:** semantic based IT solution capable of making interoperable different databases using different standards, without the need of changing the legacy systems – creating a multimodal framework
- ✓ **Multimodal travel services:** providing to the passenger the easy interface, masking the complexity of technical and financial interaction among the several services provider, for shopping, booking and retrieving their right to travel
- ✓ **Customer experience applications:** providing to the user the engine to search its travel accordingly to his/her specific needs/preferences + providing an useful companions guiding the user across the right platform. Starting on MaaS for an European roaming service.
- ✓ **Business analytics:** providing to the operating companies the means to understand and adapt their offer to a real time multi-modal demand

IP5: Technologies for Sustainable & Attractive European Rail Freight



IP5: key achievements and ongoing activities

- ✓ **Fleet Digitalisation/Automation:** automatic coupling (flexible wagon composition), CBM (data handling, analytics and dashboards), ATO/DAS (testing of ATO developed in IP2)

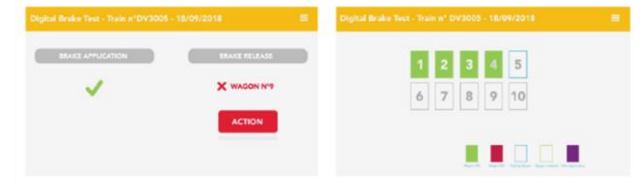
➔ Multi-sensor obstacle detection up to 1km

- ✓ **Transport Management:** IT solutions electronic communication technologies to maximise punctuality and capacity.

➔ Intelligent Video Gate for high speed wagon scan and multi modal dispatching

- ✓ **Freight waggon concepts:** Low-noise, lightweight, high speed & track friendly Freight Running Gear & Modular lightweight freight wagon design

➔ Automatic brake test and a new silence wheelset



- ✓ **Freight Propulsion systems:** New freight locomotives with network independent operation capabilities, supporting increased train lengths up to 1500m, energy reduction

➔ Demo on 740m long train: 2 locos being remotely controlled by the leading one (next step: 4 locos and increased length)

CCA: Cross Cutting Activities



CCA: key achievements and ongoing activities

- ✓ **Human Capital:** management of technological & demographical changes from the human factor's aspect

- Impacts of the S2R innovations on rail employment and future skills

- ✓ **Safety, Standardisation, Smart Maintenance, Smart Materials & Virtual certification**

- Standardisation Rolling Development Plan lists the potential needs and opportunities of the S2R innovations those feeds into standardisation

- ✓ **Noise & Vibration:** N&V management to be applied on an overall system approach and enable mitigation actions

- Auralisation and visualisation technology InnoTrans

- Tools and methods to improve prediction of noise from different sources on a system level and to rank railway noise mitigation options together with assessment of their cost-effectiveness

S2R R&I and synergies with ESIF in Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) context

Join forces to strengthen competitiveness of railways

- S2R JU: Horizon 2020 funds for excellence in railway R&I
- ESIF: promote territorial cohesion
- ESIF S3 = Smart Specialisation Strategies on R&I: priorities to be developed by national/regional administrations as condition for receiving ESIF to contribute to regional economic growth
- S3 priorities can include transport/logistics/mobility/railways related topics
- S2R JU cooperation with EU-regions with these related S3 priorities
- Respect separate funding processes and rules of each funding authority
- S2R JU Members could help authorities to identify projects complementary to S2R activities to promote synergies

POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND OBJECTIVES



Strengthen R&I investments and innovation capacity through collaboration with leading global players



Enhance the European dimension of the regions in railways, that can take a leading role in their country/region



Identify areas of technical cooperation which could complement the S2R programme and support its overall objectives, e.g. by developing demonstration activities in a given region/MS territory based on the latest technology.



Achieve an **overall leverage effect** from synergies between ESIF, S2R funding, and other national and regional funding.

WHY COLLABORATE

- 1** Access to active **international networks** through the JU, including research institutes and leading businesses;
- 2** Access (e.g. for SMEs) to an important **critical mass** from the private sector;
- 3** Cooperation with S2R JU projects that are closer to the market and have **higher Technology Readiness Level (TRL)**;
- 4** Critical mass to **attract the scientific community** at large, which JUs also provide even if their research fields are closer to market uptake;
- 5** Easier **deployment of the JUs R&I results** as regions and MS would be better informed of the progress achieved, e.g. by being involved in previous demonstration phases;

MODES OF COOPERATION



Operational collaboration:

A collaboration could include the creation of synergies at strategic level e.g. by alignment of research agendas and Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) priorities to make them more specific and market-oriented.

Another type of operational collaboration is through the creation of synergies by using ESIF funds complementarily to S2R, for example by implementing support and training activities and the infrastructure necessary for the JU or by supporting testing and demonstration activities.

Strategic collaboration:



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is a strategic instrument to **enhance cooperation** with Member States and Regions, as well as to facilitate synergies with ESIF. It follows the **Research and Innovation S3** and the applicable ESIF regional funding instruments which can identify thematic objectives or align regional funding instruments to support possible pilot projects.

SYNERGY SCENARIOS APPROACH FOR FUNDING RELATED OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION

Upstream support: ESIF support for developing capabilities, skills and infrastructures in support of local stakeholders, aiming to enhance regional capabilities in railways R&I and any eventual participation in S2R

Sequential funding / downstream support: S2R beneficiaries may propose a continuation, spin-off or amplification of their activities with ESIF support.

Thematic approach: ESIF support to complement S2R funding through relevant R&I thematic calls. R&I topics shall be agreed with S2R, be consistent with Research and Innovation S3 priorities and contribute to the overall objectives of S2R but are not specifically addressed in S2R.

‘Seal of excellence’: If technically appropriate, top-ranked proposals in a S2R call (highly scored but not retained for funding) could be supported by S2R with a synergy label for ESIF funding.

FOUNDING MEMBERS



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Hitachi Rail STS



SIEMENS

THALES



ASSOCIATED MEMBERS



Virtual Vehicle Austria consortium+ (VVAC+)	European Rail Operating community Consortium (EUROC)	Swi'Tracken consortium	Smart DeMain (SDM) consortium
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AERFITEC	Competitive Freight Wagon Consortium (CFW)	Smart Rail Control (SmartRaCon) consortium
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Panel Discussion

Moderator:

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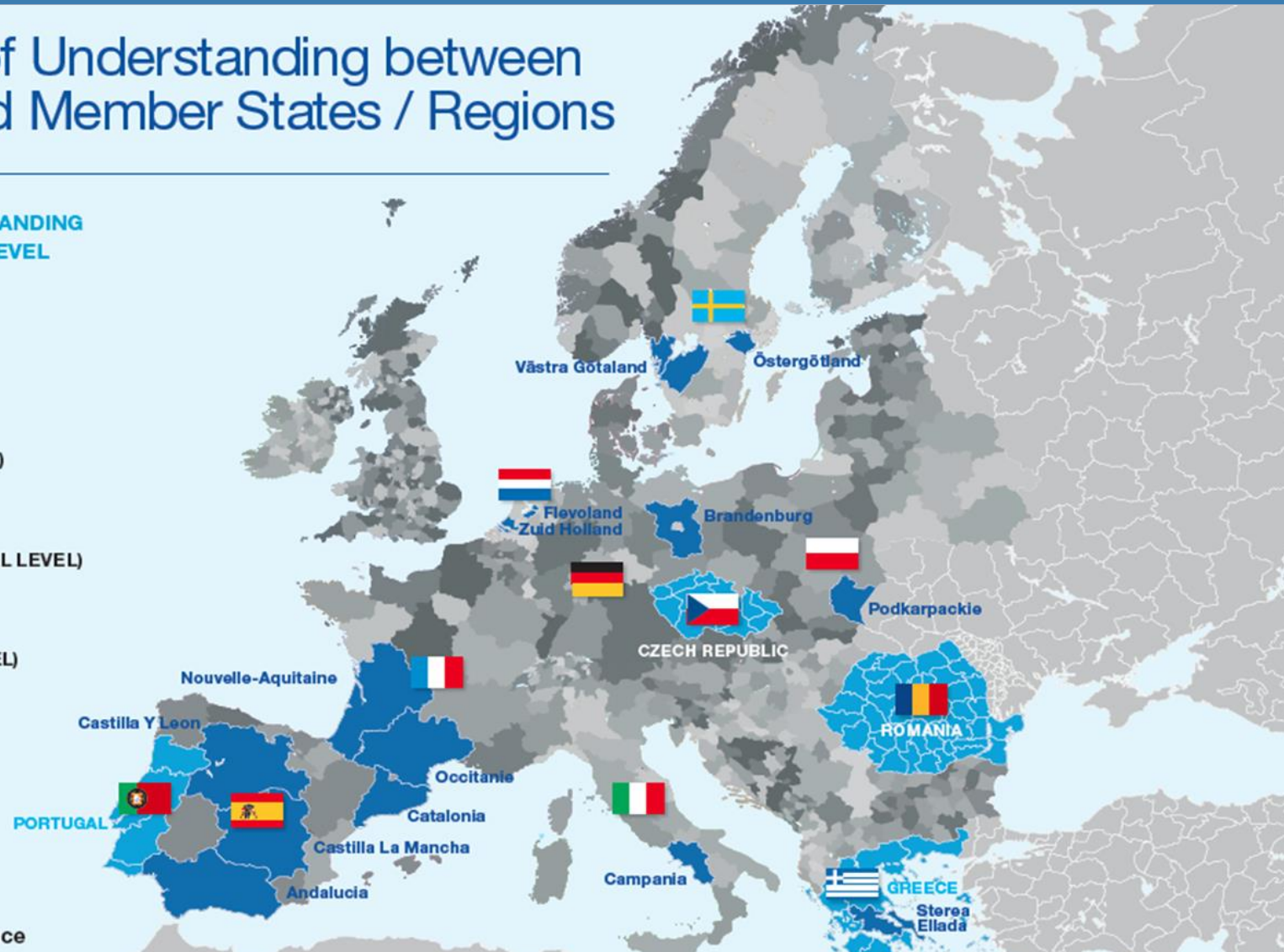
Clean Sky working with Member States and Regions

Memoranda of Understanding between Clean Sky and Member States / Regions

18 MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AT NATIONAL OR REGIONAL LEVEL

-  OCCITANIE (FR)
-  CATALONIA (ES)
-  CASTILLA LA MANCHA (ES)
-  VÄSTRA GÖTALAND (SE)
-  ÖSTERGÖTLAND (SE)
-  ROMANIA (NATIONAL LEVEL)
-  ANDALUCÍA (ES)
-  CAMPANIA (IT)
-  CZECH REPUBLIC (NATIONAL LEVEL)
-  ZUID-HOLLANDE (NL)
-  FLEVOLAND (NL)
-  PORTUGAL (NATIONAL LEVEL)
-  CASTILLA Y LEON (ES)
-  PODKARPACIE (PL)
-  GREECE (NATIONAL LEVEL)
-  STEREA ELLADA (GR)
-  BRANDENBURG (DE)
-  NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE (FR)

-  Countries with a MoU in place
-  Regions with a MoU in place



>60 Regions/Countries with priorities in RIS3



Five Scenarios for Synergies with ESIF

- ✓ Upstream support and capability building (infrastructures / test facilities / demos / pilot lines for use in CS2, enhancing of local capacities)
- ✓ Parallel funding to complementary activities
- ✓ Sequential funding / downstream support (e.g. towards industrialization)
- ✓ Thematic calls
- ✓ Seal of Excellence type – the CSJU synergy label

✓ **By October 2019**

18
MoUs

> 40
pilot projects

~ € 50M
funding

11
Synergy
Labels

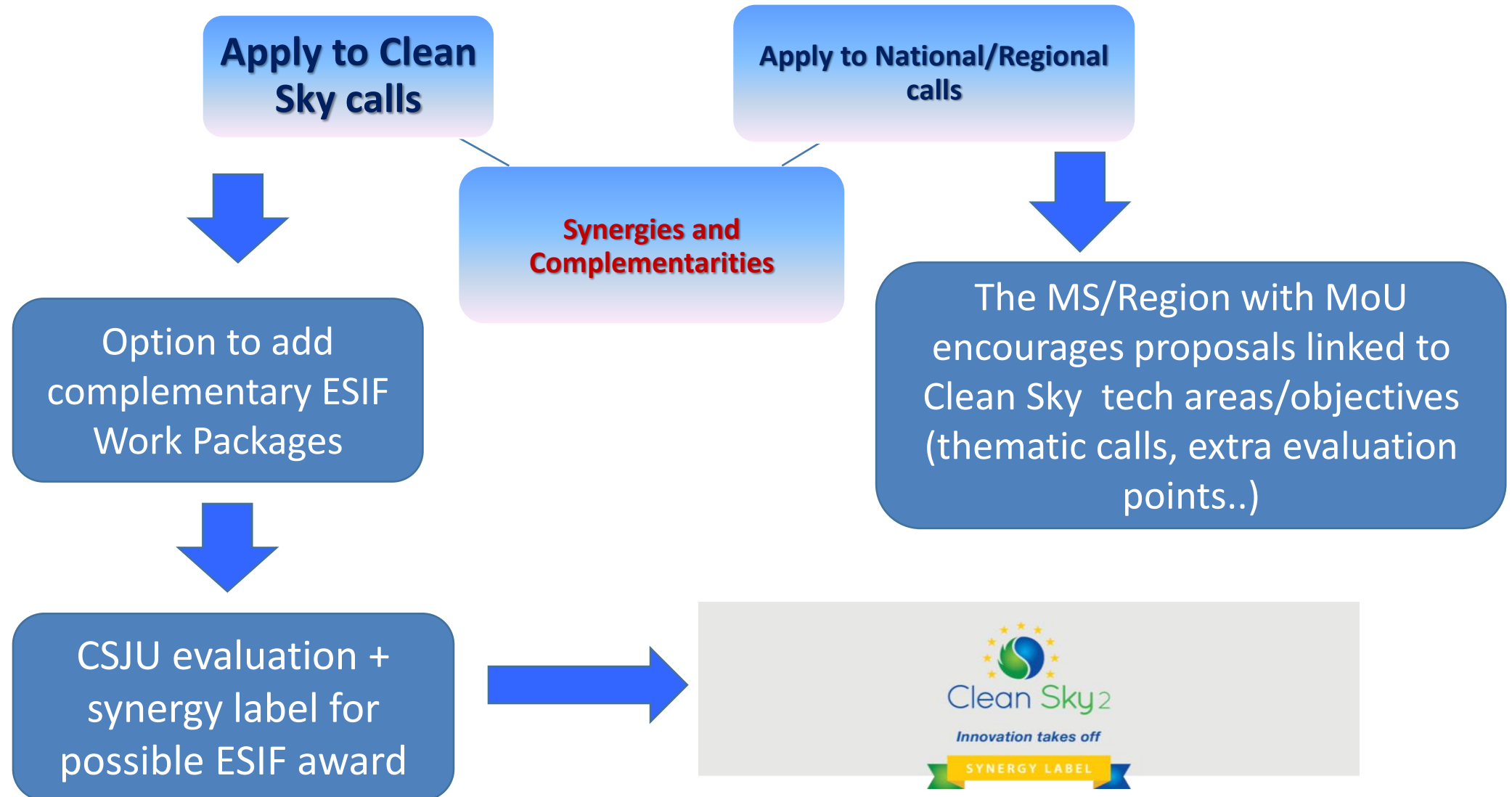


SYNERGY LABEL



Certificate delivered by the Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking





Clean Sky working with Member States and Regions: best examples

- ❑ Clean Sky is working closely together with European regions to **support their RIS3 priorities** which are often closely linked to Clean Sky scope and objectives
- ❑ **National / Regional calls support complementary activities to Clean Sky programme**
 - Greece pre-announced a funding scheme within the framework of the MoU, to support complementary activities to Clean Sky 2 calls, with a budget of € 2M
 - Occitanie call (Readynov) (FR): supported 8 pilot projects (~ € 4.5M) and the new call is open till 2021
 - Campania regional call (IT): supports 8 pilot projects with a budget > € 10M
 - Czech Republic national call funded 6 projects (~ € 4M)
 - Västra Götaland and Östergötland regions (SE) support 7 pilot projects (> € 6.5M) linked to Clean Sky activities. Aerospace Cluster Sweden (ACS) is also supported by regional funds
 - South Holland region supports the Composite Automation Development Center (CADC, budget >€ 4.5M) that creates synergies with Clean Sky programme



Romania Pilot Project

RoRCraft project approved by the national authorities, as complementary to Clean Sky 2

The activities proposed in **RoRCraft CompAct** are complementary with the activities of the RoRCraft – RotorCraft fuselage manufacturing for the **RACER demonstrator**, project under Clean Sky 2 JTI-CS2-2014-CPW01- FRC-02-01

Objectives: the project aims to enhance the capabilities to design, manufacture and certify according to airworthiness regulations large hybrid (metal – composite) airframe structures.

Total Budget: 9.022.543,20 RON (approx. **€ 1.93 million**)

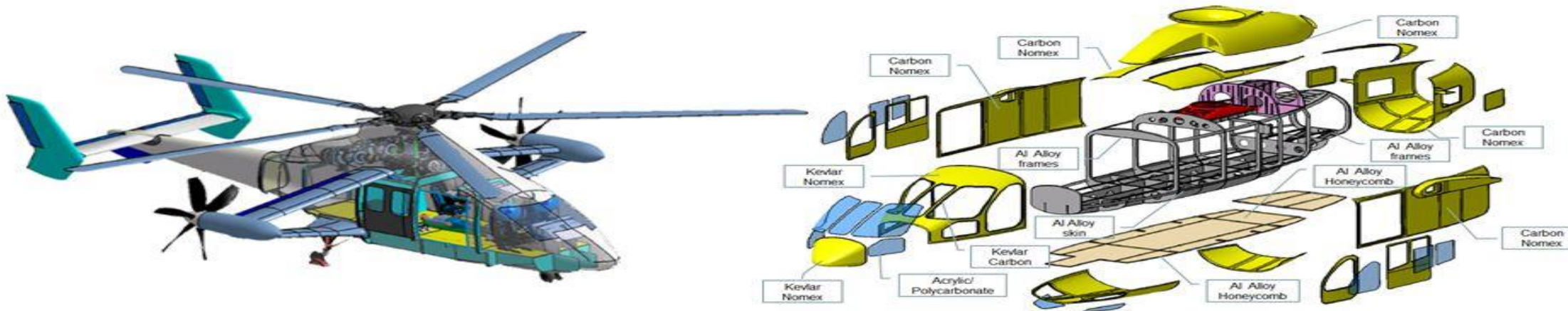
ESIF contribution: 8.998.543,20 RON (approx. **€ 1.9 million**)

Starting date: 1st February 2018 – duration: 25 months

Clean Sky Synergies Scenario 2: ESIF Parallel funding,

Participants: INCAS – National Institute for Aerospace Research ‘Elie Carafoli’

CleanSky 2 – RoRCopter airframe for LifeRCopter



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Outline

1. Basque S3 priorities
2. Basque Regional roadmap for rail
3. Reasons for cooperation with the S2R JU through a MoU
4. Goals of the MoU

1. Basque S3 priorities:

Described in the: “PCTI EUSKADI 2020 - Research & Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategy - RIS3”, as:

“Advanced manufacturing: Research and development directed towards industrial sectors related to transport - specifically automotive, aeronautics, rail (...)”

**“The railway Industry in The Basque Country: more than 7,000 workers, and Represents 40% of this Industry within Spain”
Mrs. Arantxa Tapia, Basque Minister for Economic Development and Competitiveness (London), April 11, 2018**



**Spanish
population:
47.000.000
Population in the
Basque Country:
2.200.000**



**EUSKO JAURLARITZA
GOBIERNO VASCO**



2. Basque Regional Roadmap for Rail:

Rail Research and Innovation Platform of the region of The Basque Country
(under the sponsorship of The Basque Government).

Main Basque stakeholders:

Railway Vehicle industry



Running
above 300
km/h

OARIS-CAF

AVRIL-TALGO



Infrastructure managers:



Railway undertakings – train operators:

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euskotren

Conecta, Pinta, Pivot...

2. Basque Reg. Roadmap for Rail (cont):

Main Basque stakeholders (cont):

360 km/h–220 km/h

Straight track – diverging track



- S&C
- Swing nose crossings
- Multi-drive switches



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ferrocarril y equipos, s.a.



62 additional Basque companies in the railway sector

Academ: Univ of The Basque Country; Mondragón; Deusto

Research Centres:
Basque Research and Technology Alliance (BRTA),
22% of the R&D investment
in the Basque Country
3,542 researchers; 16 centres

3.Reasons for cooperation with the S2R

FOUNDING MEMBERS



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4. Goals of the MoU

- *Identifying the complementary areas of activities initiated and foreseen under the competences of the S2R JU and the activities covered by the Operational Programme Transport, particularly through the “Intelligent Specialization Strategy of the region of the Basque Country RIS3” promoted by Europe and the “Science, Technology and Innovation Plan Euskadi 2020”;*
- *In relation to the calls launched by the possible successor of S2R JU or the calls launched by the region of the Basque Country, in particular the call(s) “Research Projects HAZITEK, ELKARTEK and BIKAINTEK”, promoted by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Department of the region of the Basque Country Government, intended to accompany the development of projects.*



Many Thanks

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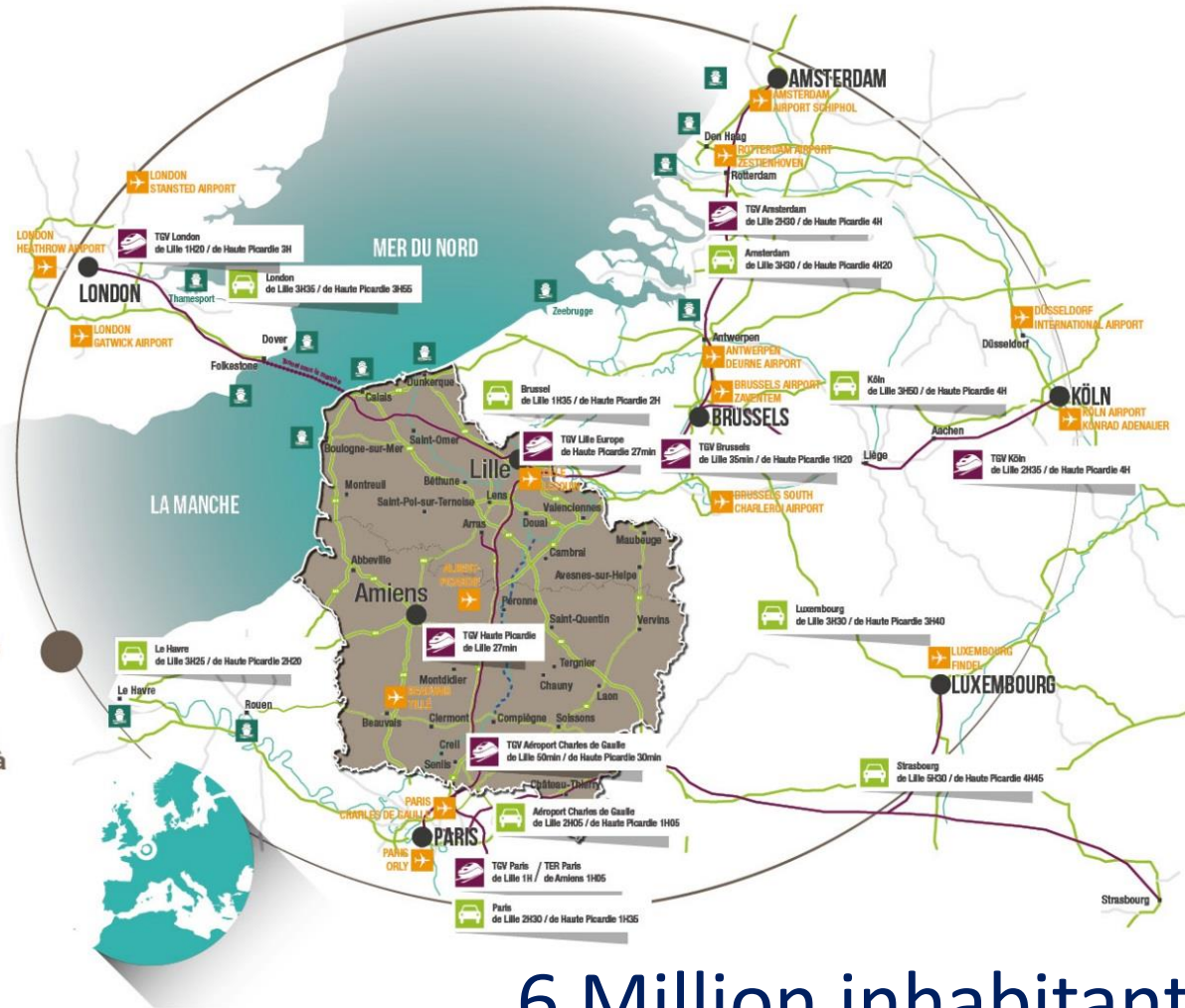


Coeur du bassin de consommation
le plus riche d'Europe

1 500 milliards d'euros de pouvoir
d'achat et 78 millions d'habitants à
300 Km

Source : PH experian / SNCF / Aéroports

project:center



6 Million inhabitants
154 billions GDP

Hauts de France region

Smart Specialisation Strategy

- **Transports & Ecomobility**
- **Care and food industries**
- **ICT&IOT**
- **Chemicals, materials and recycling.**
- **Digital images and creative industries**
- **Energy**

1st french Region for Railway Industry

3 World class manufacturer
(SIEMENS – ALSTOM ;
BOMBARDIER, MILLET AFR)

200 suppliers & SMEs
14 000 employees

40% of the national production
1 + billion € turnover / year

Railway Stakeholders



European railways agency (2004)



Cluster, 130 firms (1995)



National certification agency (1997)



Centre d'Essais Ferroviaire (1998)



Public railway safety agency (2006)



Research federation for transports & mobility (2017)



Competitiveness cluster (2005)



Technological Research Institute (2012)



Transalley, mobility technopolis (2008)

Railway industry Roadmap

- Railenium (Technological Research Institute)
- Improve testing facilities
- Develop business for with AIF cluster
- Support grouping of companies
- Develop railway freight
- Develop a regional dismantling sector
- Think ahead for human resources evolutions
- Simplify procedures
- Secure competences through « buy european act »

ESIF / Railway sector

- ERDF for a common fund for innovation (together with Public Investment Bank) for SMEs
- ERDF for innovation projects (for groups)
- ERDF for clusters structural projects

RECORD INTERREG Europe Project

- Improve use of ESIF regarding innovation for railway sector SMEs by sharing best practices
- 5 partners :
 - Hauts de France (Region + i-Trans cluster as lead partner)
 - ITAINNOVA – Technical Institute of Aragon, Spain
 - DITECFER - District for Rail Technologies, High Speed, Safety & Security S.c.ar.l., Italy
 - Västmanland Region, Sweden
 - Technical University of Kosice, Slovakia
- Outputs : redesign 6 policy instruments to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes

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Rail is the backbone of EU connectivity:

- Daily rail moves 4 million tonnes of freight (modal share land transport 17%) and nearly 25 million passengers (modal share 7%)
- At the same time - only 2.4 % of the energy consumption in land transport
- Directly employs over 1 million people
- Safest modes of transport land transport
- Passenger services – increasing, 94% national, 65% covered by public service contracts
- Freight services - still recovering from the 2009 crisis, more than 50% international, market based
- More than EUR 33 billion under EU 2014-2020 financial framework, 70% of CEF funds

**Critical to the EU strategy for a sustainable transport sector,
essential for economic and social cohesion**



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Single European rail area

Challenges:

Abuse of dominant position of national monopolies

Fragmentation of networks and national rules

Stagnating rail freight modal share

High costs and indebtedness

Outdated technologies

Increasingly scarce capacity

Policy actions

Objectives:

customer oriented services, seamlessly linked with other modes

competitive environment with a level playing field

cost efficient operations, better use public funding

innovative services and operations

harmonised EU-wide infrastructure



Rail Policy actions

Market Pillar

- **Open markets** for services, incl. competitive tendering of public service contracts
- Access to **rolling stock** and **service facilities**
- **Rail Freight corridors** for competitive freight services

Technical Pillar

- **TSIs and ERA** as system authority – removing technical and operational barriers between national networks
- **ERTMS** – common signaling system
- **Shift2Rail** – scaling up innovation

Across the board

- **Transposition and application** of EU law
- Developing a framework for **digital EU-wide rail services**, incl. capacity management, automated services, data sharing, ticketing
- Market and safety **monitoring**
- **Stakeholder engagement** via platforms





Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020

Fostering connectivity and innovation:

- Ca. €100 billion of EU spending in transport under the current MFF (2014-2020)
- Create and implement innovative solutions for safer, more sustainable and smarter mobility
- Horizon 2020: from technology research to solving societal challenges
- Connecting Europe Facility (CEF): Build safe, sustainable, smart and efficient transport networks and complete by 2030 the TEN-T core network corridors, synergies with energy and digital parts of CEF

Key challenges:

- Unlock private investments
- Infrastructure investment gap
- New solutions for climate action, transport safety and digitalisation
- Strengthen EU industries' competitiveness



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Rail R&I under Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)

Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking:

- Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014
- Budget: EUR 450 million (EU) + 450 million (other members)
- 8 Founding Members and 19 Associated Members
- Master Plan: key priorities and the essential operational and technological innovations required to achieve the objectives

Expected impacts:

- Cutting the life-cycle cost of railway transports by as much as 50%
- Doubling railway capacity
- Increasing reliability and punctuality by as much as 50%
- Removal of technical obstacles to interoperability and efficiency
- Reduction of negative externalities (such as noise, vibrations, emissions)



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The next MFF, 2021-2027

- Clear encouragement for synergies between Structural Investment Funds and other EU programmes, particularly the InvestEU fund and Horizon Europe.
- Possibility for the Member States to transfer 5% of ESI Funds to any other EU instrument (such as a JU) to fund a project; the rules of the other instrument would apply.
 - Closer collaboration between regions and Member States managing ESI Funds and JUs
 - Member States/Regions to invest ESI Funds in scientific research areas under their S3 and in line with JU priority areas
 - Help certain regions to strengthen their international networks, position themselves within the context of EU funded projects and to integrate industry in the S3 process.



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Rail R&I under Horizon Europe (2021-2027)

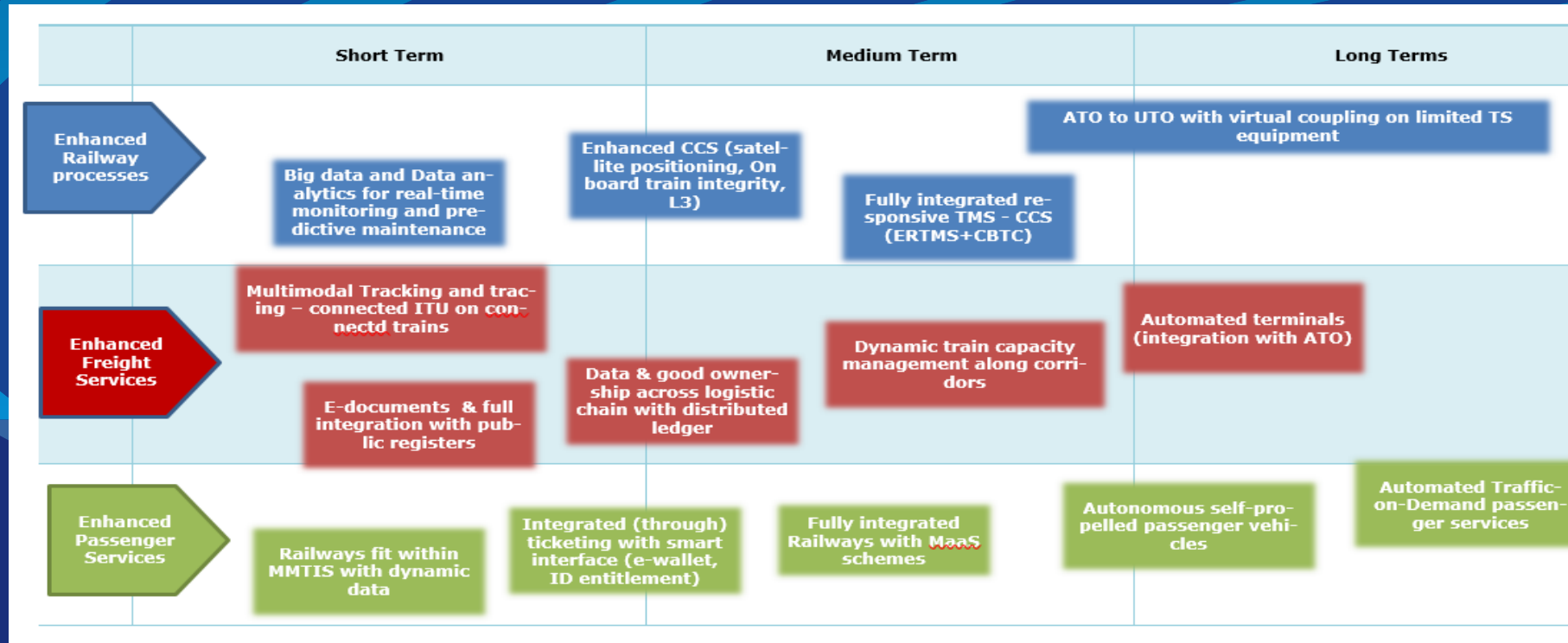
Candidate Partnership: Transforming Europe's rail system



- Specific objectives
 - Strengthening the role of rail in the transport system by increasing the cost-efficiency and reliability of EU rail services
 - Reinforcing the global technological leadership of the European rail industry
- Scope
 - System-integrated approach with decarbonisation, automation and digitalisation at the core
 - Stronger focus on freight, integrating rail into digital multimodal mobility and logistics chains
 - Introduce mechanisms to accelerate deployment and market uptake of innovations

Rail Digitalisation

Mobility as a Service “MaaS” + Automated train operations “ATO”



Panel Discussion

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