



COUNTRY FICHE

GENERAL INFORMATION

A: Legal Basis:

<p>Art 20.9 of the Single Basic Act:</p> <p>The SRG shall report to the GB, and act as an interface with the JU, on the following matters:</p>	Status of relevant national/regional R&I programmes
	Identification of cooperation areas including concrete actions for deployment/uptake of technologies/innovative solutions
	Dissemination events, communication activities
	National/regional measures concerning deployment activities in relation to JU
	National/regional initiatives ensuring complementarities with JU SRIA Agenda/AWP
<p>Art. 20.10 of the Single Basic Act:</p> <p>The SRG shall submit, at the end of each calendar year, a report:</p>	Describing national/regional policies in the scope of the JU
	Identifying specific ways of cooperation with the actions funded by the JU

B. General Information – to be filled in by each SRG representative and submitted to the EU-RAIL JU on an annual basis:

Policy	Competent authority:	Department for Transport coordinates several research and innovation programme
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Strategy	Short description of priorities	Facilitate RD&I throughout the railway industry and we will look forward to GBR and Shadow-GBR, in the interim, to work closely.
	Areas covered	
	Web-links	
Dedicated or other related programmes	Short description, including Technology Readiness Levels covered within the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First of a Kind Programme (Multimillion pound competition to find cutting-edge rail technology launches for its seventh year - GOV.UK) - The aim of the programme is to reduce costs and risks for the rail industry associated with implementing new technologies. It supports rail innovation through the demonstration of an innovation on the live

		<p>railway. There are new competitions annually with approximately €7.5m allocated to new projects as a result.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSSB cross-industry research programme - Research - The aim of this programme is to enable a safe and efficient railway by providing knowledge and solutions to best utilise existing assets and unlock future change. The core funding for the programme is provided by a grant from the Department for Transport (DfT) which is currently around €10m per year. This is run as a three-way partnership involving DfT, RSSB and industry. In addition, industry provides some cash co-funding, significant in-kind support and lead on using the outputs so that they deliver benefits. - Department for Business and Trade (which DfT coordinates
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		<p>with) – Railway Construction Innovation – GCRE - The aim of this programme is to deliver demonstrations of innovation in railway construction working with the teams building the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE) facility. The current budget is approximately €8m for 2022-2025 (2025 to be confirmed)</p> <p>- Network Rail - Control Period (CP) 7 Research and Development Programme - Control Period 7 (CP7) refers to the next five-year planning and funding cycle for Network Rail in Great Britain, covering the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2029. The plans include investment in technology and research and development. The R&I budget is approximately €170m for 2024-2029</p> <p>-</p>
	Short description	

Calls/Funding scheme identifications	Time-plan	
	Available budget	
	Strategic priorities	
	Web-link	
	Future calls (time plan if any)	
General dissemination events, communication activities	<p>Short description, including target audience for, for example, :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General info days - National programme consultation 	DfT engages on several events related to the above programmes, including ensuring Ministerial and Senior Official input