

COUNTRY FICHE *GERMANY*

GENERAL INFORMATION

A: Legal Basis:

Art 20.9 of the Single Basic Act: The SRG shall report to the GB, and act as an interface with the JU, on the following matters:	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
Art. 20.10 of the Single Basic Act: The SRG shall submit, at the end of each calendar year, a report:	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:	Federal Ministry of Transport
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Strategy	Short description of priorities	Rail strategy „ Agenda für zufriedene Kunden auf der Schiene “ ¹ (“Agenda for satisfied rail passengers”) focuses on the reliability of rail services for rail passengers (including improving safety at stations, improved comfort), digitalization (esp. ETCS infrastructure, vehicles), FRMCS and the acceleration of planning and approval procedures. Federal Research Programme of Rail Transport(2022): Targets and priorities for rail research in the medium term
	Areas covered	Federal Research Programme: Railways including Light Rail
	Web-links	https://www.dzsf.bund.de/DZSF/EN/Research_Programm/research_programme_node.html https://www.bmv.de/SharedDocs/DE/Anlage/K/bahn-agenda.pdf?__blob=publicationFile
Dedicated or other related programmes	Short description, including Technology Readiness Levels covered within the programme	The German Federal Government provides calls related to the railways, for example the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy ² . The German Centre for Rail Traffic Research (DZSF) is the departmental research institute of the German Ministry of Transport. DZSF operates as an independent, scientific departmental research institution for the Federal Government. Through its research, the DZSF supports in particular the Federal Ministry of Transport (BMV) and the Federal Railway Authority in carrying out their legal duties. The research results are publicly available: www.dzsf.bund.de The DZSF research corresponds closely to the Federal Research Programme of Rail Transport and other relevant federal strategies.

¹BMV, Agenda für zufriedene Kunden auf der Schiene, Eckpunkte zur Reform der Deutschen Bahn, September 2025, Download: https://www.bmv.de/SharedDocs/DE/Anlage/K/bahn-agenda.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

² <https://www.bundeswirtschaftsministerium.de/Redaktion/DE/Dossier/fahrzeug-und-systemtechnologien.html>

Calls/Funding scheme identifications	Short description	National funding schemes are listed in the database: https://www.foerderdatenbank.de/FDB/DE/Home/home.html 55 funding programmes at federal and state level are relevant to the rail sector (web page query on 17 November 2025). These programmes cover both investment support and research funding.
	Time-plan	programme-specific
	Available budget	programme-specific
	Strategic priorities	programme-specific
	Web-link	https://www.foerderdatenbank.de/FDB/DE/Home/home.html
	Future calls (time plan if any)	programme-specific
General dissemination events, communication activities	Short description, including target audience for, for example: - General info days - National programme consultation	- Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR): National Programme consultations and Disseminations on Horizon Europe (various events), e.g. ▪ Nationale Stakeholder Event „Europäische Partnerschaften in Horizont Europa“, 16./17.09.2025 ▪ Newsletter dedicated to Horizon Europe Cluster 5 – Regular electronic publication available under free subscription³. - Federal Ministry of Transport (BMV): ▪ Exchange on ERJU with the German Ecosystem: regularly three times per year ▪ Networking Events esp. for Academia and SME: 18.05.2025, 23.09.2025 – Aim: preparation of upcoming ERJU call, support of Academia and SME to be part of ERJU projects

³ <https://www.nks-kem.de/aktuelles/newsletter>

		▪ Workshop on Rail Research, 05.11.2025: Skilled workers for the railways: education, training and perspectives
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