

SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING

DECISION

N° 5/2014

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 of 16 June 2014 establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (hereinafter "S2R Regulation"), in particular to Article 2(1) thereof;

Having regard to the Statutes annexed to the Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 on the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (hereinafter "the S2R Statutes"), and in particular Articles 2 and 15 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) An important objective of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking ("S2R JU") is to actively promote the participation and close involvement of all relevant stakeholders from the full rail value chain and from outside the traditional rail industry, as well as to contribute to a comprehensive and coordinated approach addressing the research and innovation needs of the rail system and its users.
- (2) The S2R Statutes foresee that the S2R JU will organise the technical work of research, development, validation and study, to be carried out under its authority while avoiding fragmentation of such activities.
- (3) The S2R JU should pool user requirements and propose interoperability standards to guide investment in research and innovation towards operational and marketable solutions.
- (4) One of the tasks of the S2R JU will also be to establish and develop close and long-term cooperation between the Union, the rail manufacturing industry, the rail operating community and other rail private and public stakeholders required to develop pioneering innovations and ensure a strong market uptake of innovative solutions, including bodies representing customers (passengers and freight), as well as actors outside the traditional rail sector. In doing so, the S2R JU should liaise with a broad range of stakeholders including research organisations and universities and establish links with national and international research and innovation activities in the rail technical domain, in particular via the ERRAC Technology Platform, as well as with those in other domains, such as the European Road Transport Research Advisory Council (ERTRAC), the Advisory Council for Aviation Research and Innovation in Europe (ACARE), the Waterborne European Technology

Platform, the European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP), the Future Manufacturing Technologies Platform (Manufuture), the Alliance for Logistics Innovation (ALICE), the Advanced Engineering Materials and Technologies Platform (EuMaT), and others.

(5) In addition to the bodies already identified by the S2R Statutes, the S2R JU has the possibility of creating a limited number of working groups to assist the JU in carrying out its tasks. In accordance with Article 15 of the S2R Statutes, these working groups should be composed of experts and work in a transparent manner. Their composition should ensure the widest range of expertise and facilitate the participation of SMEs, research organisations and actors from outside the traditional rail sector.

In its ordinary meeting of 15 October 2014, has adopted the following decision:

Article 1

With a view to ensuring that the S2R objectives of promoting an inclusive approach to the widest range of relevant stakeholders, but also of ensuring that the Shift2Rail programme pursues a system-wide approach, ensuring the necessary coordination across activities and a sufficient focus on end-user needs, the Executive Director is tasked with establishing the following working groups:

- a) A User Requirements Working Group for each Innovation Programme to specify the operational and maintenance-related user needs and to assist the JU in ensuring that technical solutions developed within S2R meet the specific business needs of the end users.
- b) A System Integration Working Group and, if appropriate System Integration Sub-Groups, to ensure coordination between the activities of each Innovation Programme and to assist the JU in ensuring that the cross-cutting themes are properly mainstreamed across all Innovation Programmes.
- c) An Implementation and Deployment Working Group and, if appropriate Implementation and Deployment Sub-Groups, to test the operational reliability of the results of Shift2Rail and with a view to assist the JU in ensuring the rapid uptake and large-scale deployment of the solutions developed through the Shift2Rail activities.

Article 2

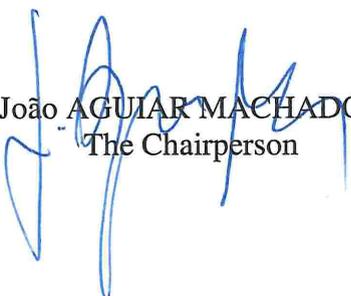
In consultation with the Governing Board, the Executive Director of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking shall draft the terms of reference of these groups and make a proposal for the procedure and timing of their establishment. In doing so, he shall in particular ensure that the membership of the User Requirements Working Group and the Implementation and Deployment Working Group is not limited to members of the S2R JU but ensure the widest range of expertise and the participation and close involvement of experts from all relevant stakeholders from the full rail value chain and from outside the traditional rail industry. In particular, the involvement of committed/forward-looking Railway Undertakings and Infrastructure Managers – and not just those who will be members of Shift2Rail – will be essential.

Membership of the System Integration Working Group should be reserved to JU members as it relates directly the research and innovation activities to be carried out by the S2R JU.

Article 3

The Executive Director shall report to the Governing Board on the progress for establishing of these working groups.

Done at Brussels, 15 October 2014


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The Chairperson