



DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

approving the call ranked lists of actions selected for funding, reserve list and the list of rejected proposals under the Shift2Rail JU call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01

N°17/2018

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING (“S2R JU”),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 of 16 June 2014 establishing the S2R JU¹, and in particular Article 8(p) and (u) and Article 10(4)(g) of the S2R JU Statutes annexed thereto,

Whereas:

- 1) On 11 January 2018, the Governing Board of the S2R JU (Decision N°01/2018) amended the S2R JU Annual Work Programme 2018 (“Amended AWP 2018”). This Amended AWP 2018 is the basis for the launch of the call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01, which was published on the H2020 Participant Portal on 11 January 2018 with a deadline of 24 April 2018 17h00.
- 2) The call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01 comprised a total of 18 topics. Each of those topics had its own dedicated budget line and therefore did not compete against each other for the same budget.
- 3) In return to its 2018 Call for Proposals, the S2R JU received 39 proposals for a total value of €185.4 million and a funding request of €108.2 million.
- 4) The proposals were verified for their compliance with the admissibility and eligibility requirements of the call. All proposals were declared eligible and admissible by the S2R JU.
- 5) The proposals submitted were evaluated by independent experts, as set out in Article 17(2) of the S2R JU Statutes and in accordance with the evaluation rules set out in the S2R JU Amended AWP 2018. On the basis of this evaluation, the experts established a ranking list per topic, providing a recommended priority order of proposals having equalled or passed all the award criteria thresholds (i.e.: “excellence”, “impact” and “quality and efficiency of the implementation”), as well as a list of proposals not retained for funding as they did not meet the overall thresholds and/or one or more of the individual thresholds.
- 6) In accordance with the procedures laid down in the Guide for proposal submission and evaluation of the H2020 grant manual, one independent observer was appointed

¹ OJ L 177, 17.06.2014, p.9.

by the S2R JU to observe and offer an independent advice on the conduct and fairness of the evaluation sessions, on the application of the evaluation criteria and on ways to improve processes. The report of the independent observer finds that the evaluation was conducted in a fair, transparent and open way and that each proposal received adequate and equal treatment, according to the pre-defined evaluation rules.

- 7) The Governing Board took note and acknowledged the Report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01, which includes the Call Evaluation Report with its annexes.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The call ranked lists pertaining to the call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01 including the lists of actions selected for funding and the reserve list (Annex 1 to this Decision) as well as the list of proposals below threshold (Annex 2 to this Decision) are approved.

Article 2


The Executive Director shall inform the applicants of the results of the evaluation. The notification letter sent by the Executive Director shall constitute the invitation to start the preparation of the grant phase for the actions selected for funding.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, on.....2018.

For the Governing Board



Henrik HOLOLEI
The Chairperson

- Annex 1: Call ranked lists pertaining to the call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01 including the lists of actions selected for funding and the reserve list.
- Annex 2: List of below threshold proposals pertaining to the call for proposals H2020-S2RJU-2018-01.