



## Press release

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### Shift2Rail publishes its Call for Proposals 2020

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**Projects worth 146.6 million will be funded under the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU) 2020 Call for Proposals for Research & Innovation activities, within the framework of the S2R Annual Work Plan 2020. The application period is now open and submissions will be accepted until 21 April 2020.**

With 19 topics of which 8 are open to S2R Members (CFM) and 11 to non-JU Members (OC), this Call is expected to raise high interest in the transport community and beyond. The new Call is an opportunity for the rail sector to join forces and through the funded R&I activities contribute to delivering the [European Green Deal](#).

Carlo M Borghini, Executive Director of the Shift2Rail JU, highlighted the main objectives of the upcoming Shift2Rail Call 2020:

*“With the Shift2Rail Call for Proposals 2020 we aim to take our innovative solutions to the next level, demonstrating their potential together with our Members and the sector at large during InnoTrans 2020 this September. Our goal is to move beyond Research and Innovation to ensure market uptake of our forward-looking solutions, and to contribute substantially in meeting the expectations highlighted for rail in the European Commission’s Communication on “The European Green Deal”. We are looking for promising ideas that will help us pave the way for our next R&I programme.”*

The indicative H2020 co-funding made available by the S2R JU for this Call is €75,4 million, out of an estimated projects’ value of around €146,6 million.

The S2R JU is looking forward to a broader participation to the 2020 Call, both geographically and in terms of synergies, allowing for new S2R activities that will drive innovation to deliver a bright future for railway.

Do you have questions about our new Call? You can write to [info-call@s2r.europa.eu](mailto:info-call@s2r.europa.eu). Please note that the deadline for submitting questions related to Shift2Rail Call for Proposals is **Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 17:00** (Brussels Local Time).

The full details of the Call for Proposals 2020 are available [here](#).

#### About the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU)

Shift2Rail is the first European rail public private partnership tasked with developing strategically focused research and innovation (R&I) and market-driven solutions, integrating these to create the railway systems of the future. With a total value of €920 million for the period 2014-2020, funded through the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Union, Shift2Rail is promoting the competitiveness of the European rail industry, ensuring the attractiveness of rail as a safe and sustainable low carbon transport mode. This way, Shift2Rail aims to meet the changing transport/mobility needs of EU citizens and the economy.

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