
Shift2Rail awards 17 grants for its Call for Proposals 2019

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The Shift2Rail JU Members will undertake 6 of the new projects selected in the Call for Proposals 2019. Members' activities will have a total value of €130.9 million, co-funded by S2R up to €57.6 million.

11 additional Open Call projects, open for applications to any entity in the EU and associated Horizon 2020 countries, have been selected for funding. These projects have a total value of €17.7 million, 97% of which will be funded by the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking.

In total, 203 participants will develop new solutions for railway systems under the 2019 S2R Call for Proposals. SMEs represent 30% of the entities selected in the Open Call projects.

Carlo Borghini, Executive Director of the Shift2Rail JU, expressed his high expectations for the selected projects: "These new projects will build up on the results of past work and will help bring our demonstrations even closer to the market. We will have the opportunity to present their achievements at InnoTrans 2020. We look forward to working together with our Members and other organizations through these projects to further develop innovative solutions to reshape the future railway system of Europe."

After this Call for Proposals, Shift2Rail will have cumulatively invested €635.5 million in Research & Innovation activities, more than half of its 2014-2020 Budget, which combined with the additional activities delivered by the Members until now reaches almost €800 million of railway R&I activated in three years.

The Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking is looking forward to successfully implementing the newly selected projects and to demonstrating with its Members and the sector at large their potential to deliver a promising future for railways.