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Dear all,

We informed you in August (see e-mail below) that the Commission and Member States have identified 'Transforming Europe's rail system' as a candidate for a European Partnership financed under the Horizon Europe 2021-27 R&I framework program in order to build on the results achieved so far by the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking.

Please find enclosed the feedback UIP already provided to the Roadmap of the initiative in which we expressed our **preference for Option 2: Institutionalised partnership to create a dedicated administrative structure to coordinate R&I in the form of a joint undertaking (JU)**.

Now, the Commission has **launched an Open Public Consultation** on the initiative in the form of an EU survey (which can be filled out quickly with boxes to be checked off) available under

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2019-4980251/public-consultation_en

Deadline for consultation: 6th of November 2019

Due to the importance of the Shift2Rail JU follow-up programme for the rail freight sector in order to improve market uptake of innovative rail solutions and direct leverage of EU funding, we kindly ask you to **share this information with your members and fill out/ask them to fill out the EU survey**.

The Commission will present the results of the OPC at the R&I Days on 24-26 September 2019 and we will of course inform you about the results.

As always, we remain available for any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

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Dear all,

While the overall financial framework of Horizon Europe, the future R&I framework programme for 2021-27, remains to be decided, the draft legislation outlines 12 possible areas in which institutionalised European Partnerships could be set up. The Commission in cooperation with the Member States has identified 'Transforming Europe's rail system' as a candidate for such a partnership.

Please find enclosed the **Inception Impact Assessment (IIA) on the European Partnership for transforming Europe's rail system under Horizon Europe** which informs about the scope of this initiative and asks stakeholders for their opinion on the solutions proposed.

The proposed partnership will build on the results achieved by the Shift to Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking (JU) under Horizon 2020, and will focus on a limited number of priorities designed to address emerging challenges, such as:

- automation, digitalisation and decarbonisation;
- the need to increase the attractiveness of rail freight by increasing the cost-efficiency and reliability of EU rail services;
- integration into digital multimodal mobility and logistics chains.

Timeline

Feedback period	30.07.2019 - 27.08.2019
UPCOMING	
Open Public consultation	Third quarter 2019 One single consultation (in English, French and German) collecting input on all 12 potential institutionalised partnerships including rail
R&I Days	Brussels on 24-26 September Commission to present consultation results
Publication of Impact Assessment and Commission decision	First quarter 2020 Based on the IA the Commission will decide whether to support an institutionalised European Partnership on rail

In order to provide feedback to this initiative and to find further information have a look under

What is at stake

A dedicated partnership is needed to improve market uptake of innovative rail solutions and direct leverage of EU funding.

The strength of the S2R JU lies in its ability to overcome market fragmentation by bundling the expertise of major rail stakeholders, partners and research institutions, as well as its ability to ensure sufficient funding as a public-private partnership.

To enable the advancement and market uptake of the results of S2R on these projects, it is of tantamount importance that a S2RI follow-up programme is established in the form of a Joint Undertaking. Doing so will also ensure coherence with the scope and depth of the rail research programme as described in the [ERRAC 2050 vision paper](#).

Therefore, UIP will give feedback to the initiative in order to express our preference for **Option 2: Institutionalised partnership** to create a dedicated administrative structure to coordinate R&I in the form of a joint undertaking (JU).

In addition, we will inform you as soon as the Public Consultation has been published and ask you to participate in order to ensure that the R&I needs of our sector are also fulfilled in the future.

We kindly ask you to share this information with your members and as always remain available for any questions you may have.

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