

Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking

Call for expression of interest to become member of the Scientific Committee of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking

Frequently Asked Questions – [UPDATE 16/12/2014](#)

This list of frequently asked questions relates to the call for expression of interest to become member of the Scientific Committee of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (Ref. S2R JU/SC/01/2014), published on 22 October 2014.

1. Could you please specify more what is understood by the selection criteria described as “full independence from the S2R JU stakeholders”? Does it mean independence from the founders + associated members + their affiliated entities? Is the participation in this committee in conflict with the participation of the employer entity in the S2R open calls or the first rail-related calls from Horizon 2020?

Persons who are directly or indirectly employed by an organisation that is a member of the S2R JU are not eligible. This criterion applies to Founding Members, Associated Members and their respective affiliated entities.

Candidates who are directly or indirectly employed by organisations that are not members of the S2R JU, but which participate in the projects that will be selected as a result of the rail-related calls under Horizon 2020 (MG-2.1-2014, MG-2.2-2014, MG-2.3-2014) or which intend to take part in the open calls that will be organised by the S2R JU may submit their application to become members of the Shift2Rail Scientific Committee. However, if they are selected as a member of the Shift2Rail Scientific Committee, these persons must refrain from participating in the preparation of any proposals for calls launched by the S2R JU, or from taking part in the activities to be co-funded by the Joint Undertaking. This does not prevent the organisation that directly or indirectly employs the person from participating in the preparation of any proposals for calls launched by the S2R JU, or from taking part in the activities to be co-funded by the Joint Undertaking.

Similarly, employees of potential subcontractors to JU members are able to take part in the selection process for becoming member of the Scientific Committee, as long as their employer is not an affiliate nor a linked third party to a JU member.

2. Could you also clarify how “staff” to public bodies or member state authorities should be read?

As indicated in the call document (section 4), this reference should be understood as officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities, i.e. civil servant working in a ministry, national, regional or local authorities.

3. I am a member of the Transport Advisory Group Horizon 2020 of the European Commission for years 2014-2015, could you please confirm whether I am eligible to apply to become a member of the S2R Scientific Committee?

The participation in the Transport Advisory Group for Horizon 2020 is not an exclusion criterion. Therefore, as long as you meet the eligibility and selection criteria listed in the call document and that your application is submitted in accordance with the procedure detailed in the call document (in particular under sections 4, 5 and 6 of the document), you will be considered eligible.