



# Shift2Rail JU update and the role of the lighthouse projects

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Kick-off meeting of the IT2Rail, In2Rail and Roll2Rail projects, 7 May 2015



# Shift2Rail: key milestones

- **16 June 2014:** Adoption of the Council Regulation No 642/2014
- **7 July 2014:** Formal establishment of the S2R JU
- **9 July 2014:** Nomination of the **Executive Director ad Interim**
- **30 July 2014:** Formal establishment of the **Governing Board** of the S2R JU
- **6 October 2014:** Launch of the **call for associated members** to the S2R JU
- **21 October 2014:** Formal establishment of the **States Representatives Group**
- **23 October 2014:** Launch of the call for members of the **Scientific Committee**
- **16 November 2014:** Entry into service of **first staff** of the S2R JU
- **10 February 2015:** Endorsement of the Shift2Rail **Master Plan** by the Council
- **31 March 2015:** Fourth formal meeting of the Governing Board of the S2R JU
- **April 2015:** Signature by the Commission of the first grants for the **'lighthouse' projects**, which are part of the Union contribution to the JU



# Next steps before the start of activities

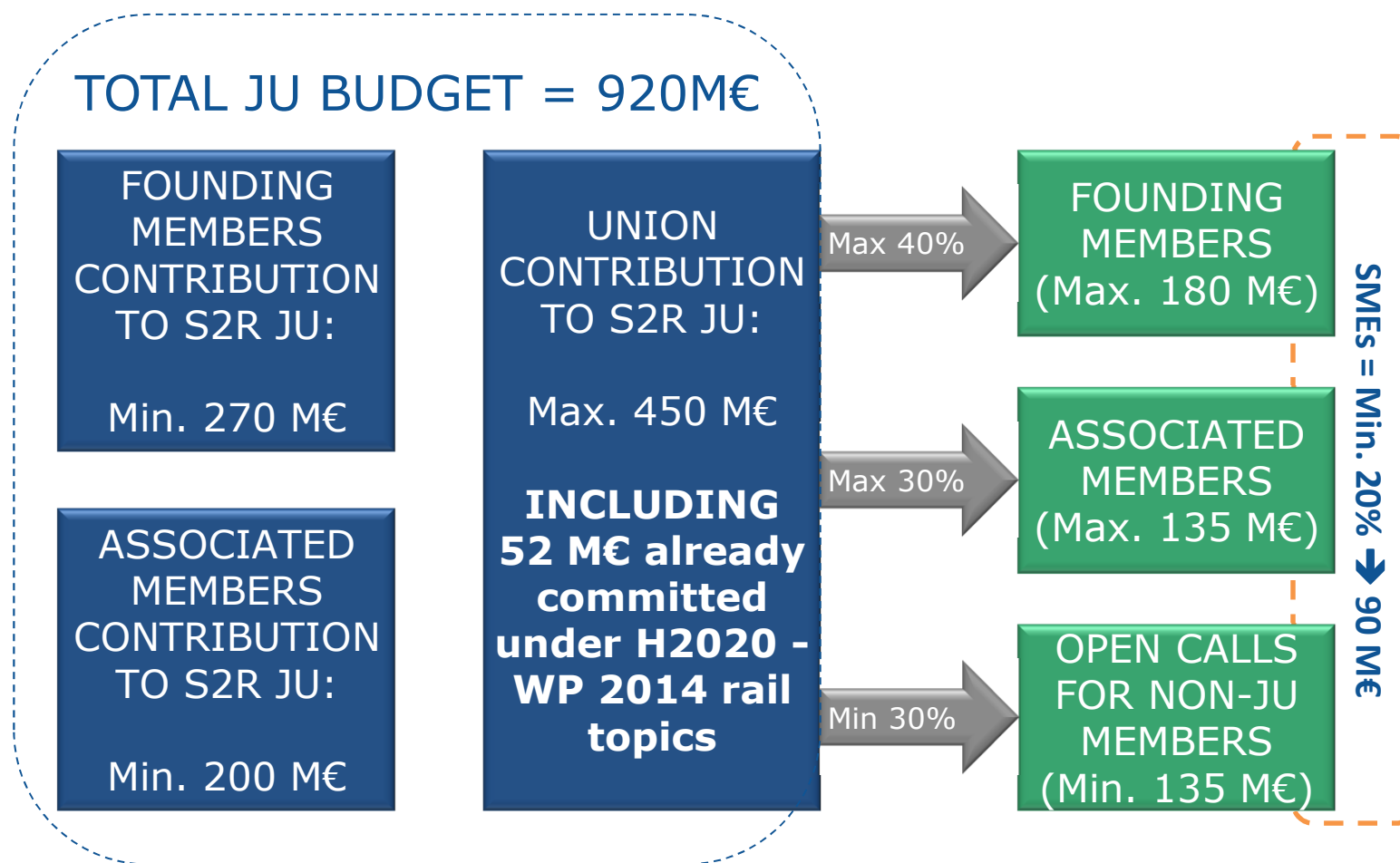
## 1. Finalisation of the S2R JU membership (2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the call for AMs)

- Deadline for second-stage submissions (21 May 2015)
- Evaluation of 2nd stage applications by independent experts (June-July 2015)
- Invitation of pre-selected candidates to negotiations (July-October 2015)
- Final decision of the Commission on the membership and signature of membership agreements with all members (November-December 2015)

## 2. Award of first S2R grants

- Adoption of the S2R work plans for 2015 & 2016, after consulting with States Representatives Group & Scientific Committee (July 2015)
- Invitation to members (founding and associated) to submit proposals for the first specific grants (Nov-December 2015)
- Evaluation of proposals (January-March 2016) and award of first grants and launch of first projects (March-April 2016)

# The implementation of the Union funding



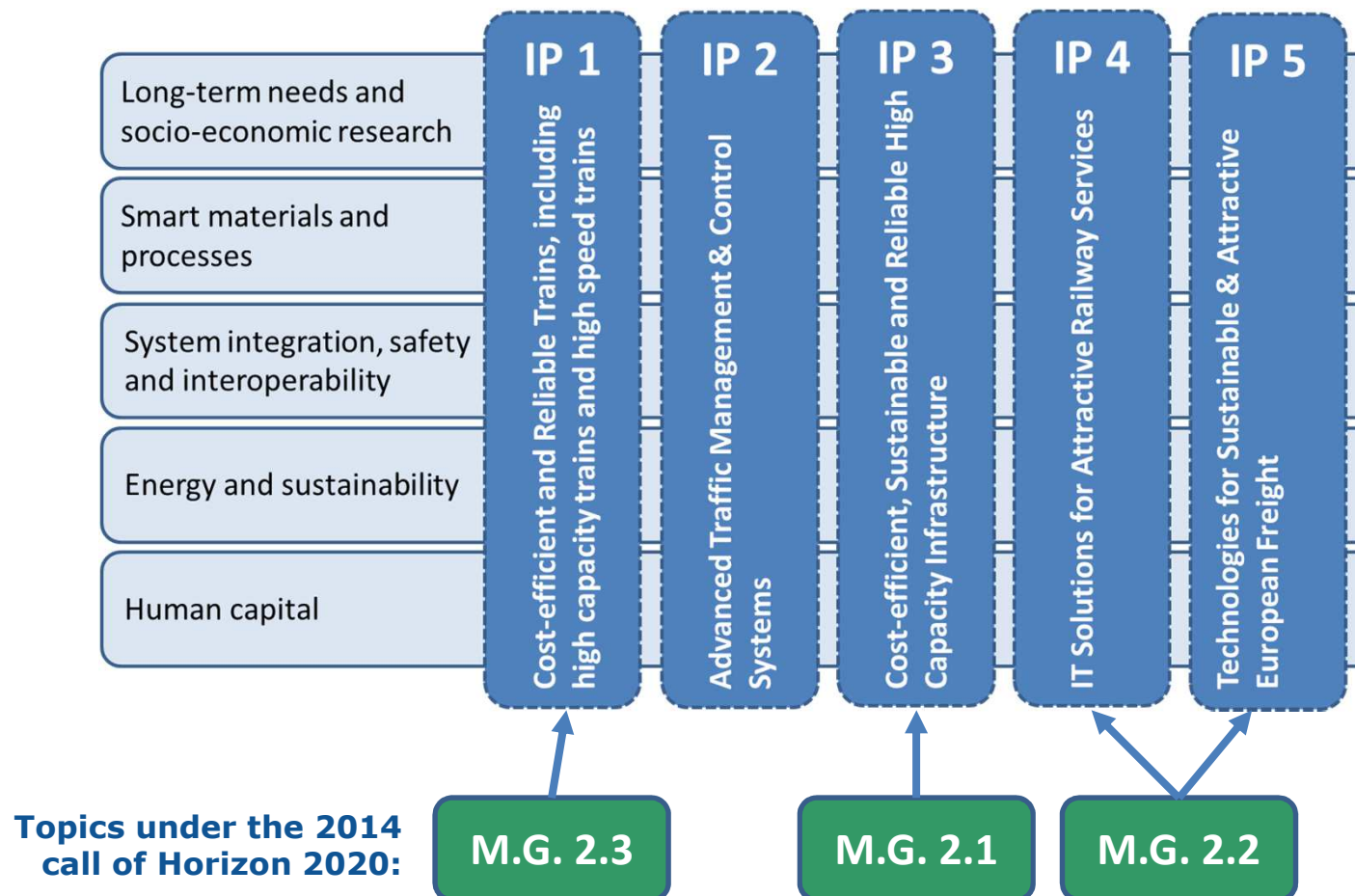


# The transfer of the lighthouse projects

- **Four projects** have been identified by the Commission and S2R programme office as candidates projects to be transferred to the S2R JU:
  - **Roll2Rail** to cover IP1 issues
  - **IN2Rail** to cover IP3 issues
  - **IT2Rail** to cover IP4 issues
  - **Smart-Rail** to cover IP5 issues
- The transfer of the management of the lighthouse projects to the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking is not possible until the JU reaches its **autonomy** (Art. 3 of the S2R Regulation) => **first half of 2016**
  - The administrative aspects of the transfer will be clarified with the relevant consortia closer to the date
  - In order to ease the preparation of the transfer, the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking is already following as 'back-up' the developments in the relevant projects



# The first Horizon 2020 call and the S2R Master Plan





# The lighthouse projects and the overall Shift2Rail work plan

- The S2R JU is confident that the lighthouse projects will contribute to the **achievement of the Master Plan objectives**.
- In addition, through the **involvement of Founding Members** (and candidate associated members), the lighthouse projects will constitute a good way **of preparing the long-term activities** of the Joint Undertaking.
- In this context, the content and scope of the lighthouse projects will also be taken into consideration when drafting and adopting the work plans of the S2R Joint Undertaking to ensure sufficient **complementarity** and **coherence** in the achievement of the overall JU objectives.
- Particular attention will be given to guarantee that there is **no duplication of work** between the lighthouse projects and the activities to be launched by the Joint Undertaking.



## How to ensure that the lighthouse projects will be successful?

- **Coordination and cooperation** among the different projects launched under the 2014 call of Horizon 2020 will be essential!
- Once they will be established, **collaboration with the bodies of the Joint Undertaking** (in particular the IP Steering Committees or other working groups set up by the Governing Board) will be important
- **Regular dialogue with the S2R Programme office** to ensure a good flow of information
- In the meantime, the staff of the S2R JU is already involved in following the projects that have been selected and will prepare a swift transfer of the projects in 2016