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## 1. Executive Summary and description of the deliverable

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The Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda (SRRIA) was officially endorsed by the ERRAC plenary on 4 November. Prepared by the FOSTER-RAIL partners over the past months, the document's purpose is to guide and inspire future rail research and innovation over the coming decades and to reaffirm Europe's need to offer a well-balanced, business-led and strong programme of research and innovation for the railway system.

This document provides explanations about the publication (design and printing process) and the dissemination of the Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda (SRRIA) for which WP7 was responsible for.

The SRRIA is available at: <http://www.errac.org/publications/strategic-rail-research-and-innovation-agenda/>

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## 2. Results

### Design and publication:

Following a call for proposals for the design of the SRRIA, WP7 decided in April 2014 to work with Brussels based design agency Tostaky.

Work on the layout started in April 2014. On 8 October 2014, WP3 provided WP7 with the final text of the SRRIA which was approved by the ERRAC Steering Committee on the very same day. This allowed WP7 to continue the design process. After several correction rounds, Tostaky delivered the final version of the layouted SRRIA on 14 October. This version was also sent to the printer – 1500 copies were printed for dissemination.



### STRATEGIC RAIL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENDA

*A step change  
in rail research and innovation*



**Dissemination:**

WP7 elaborated a strategy how to best communicate the results of the SRRIA to decision makers. This strategy included the following activities:

- **ERRAC plenary and FOSTER-RAIL Mid-term event:** The SRRIA was officially endorsed by the ERRAC plenary at the ERRAC plenary/Foster-Rail Mid-term event which took place in Brussels on 4 November 2014. See below the agenda of the event.



**ERRAC Plenary &  
Foster Rail Mid-Term Conference**

**AGENDA**

Tuesday, 04 November 2014, 9:30 – 16:00  
NH Hotel du Grand Sablon, Rue Bodenbroek 2/4, 1000 Bruxelles

9:30	Registration and welcome coffee	
10:00	1	Welcome and opening speech by the ERRAC Chairman Adopting of the minutes for the last Plenary meeting <i>Josef Doppelbauer, ERRAC Chairman</i>
10:10	2	ERRAC Governance <i>Josef Doppelbauer, ERRAC Chairman</i>
10:20	3	SHIFT*RAIL – Status and next steps <i>Christos Economou, SHIFT*RAIL Joint Undertaking interim Executive Director</i>
10:50	Coffee break	
11:10	4	Interactive Roundtable: "Future challenges of ERRAC" <i>Introduction: Andy Doherty, ERRAC Vice-Chair</i> <i>Moderator: Simon Fletcher, UIC Coordinator Europe region</i>
12:10	5	Research and Innovation: European Commission expectations for ERRAC in the future <i>Liam Breslin, DG RTD</i> <i>Keir Fitch, DG MOVE</i>
13:00	Lunch	

14:00	6	ERTRAC Strategic Research Agenda & Synergies with ERRAC <i>Xavier Aertsens, ERTRAC office Director</i>
14:30	7	Foster Rail – Project Overview <i>Dennis Schut, FOSTER RAIL project manager</i>
15:00	8	Presentation of the ERRAC Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda (SRRIA) <i>Dennis Schut, FOSTER RAIL project manager</i>
15:30	9	Conclusion <i>Josef Doppelbauer, ERRAC Chairman</i>
16:00	Closure of the event	

⇒ Any additional information? Please contact the [ERRAC Secretariat](#)

- **Press release:** On 5 November, the day after the ERRAC plenary/Foster-Rail Mid-term event, a press release (see below) announcing the official endorsement of the SRRIA by the ERRAC plenary was issued to national press, pan-European publications, specialised EU publications as well as press specialised in transport and research.

The press release is also available online at <http://www.errac.org/publications/errac-plenary-and-foster-rail-midterm-conference-press-release-5-november/>



Press release  
Brussels, 5 November 2014

### ERRAC Plenary and Foster-Rail Midterm conference

BRUSSELS—The European Rail Research and Advisory Council (ERRAC) met yesterday in Brussels for their second biannual plenary meeting of 2014 to discuss the future challenges for rail research. This meeting was combined with the Foster-Rail Mid-Term Event.

One of the main highlights of the event was the official endorsement by the ERRAC plenary of the Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda (SRRIA). Prepared by the FOSTER-RAIL partners over the past months, the document's purpose is to guide and inspire future rail research and innovation over the coming decades and to reaffirm Europe's need to offer a well-balanced, business-led and strong programme of research and innovation for the railway system.

The conference also hosted a number of speeches from important rail stakeholders including a presentation of the status of Shift2Rail and call for associated members by Mr Christos Economou, interim Executive Director of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking.

In addition, an interactive debate on the future challenges of ERRAC took place. This was a great opportunity to hear the expectations from the European Commission and different rail stakeholders. The output of this conference will contribute to the definition of the new ERRAC challenges and its role interacting with the other platforms and programmes for rail and other transport research in the future.

ERRAC Chairman Josef Doppelbauer (Bombardier Transportation) chaired the conference. He will continue to serve as ERRAC Chairman until the end of 2014. Mr Doppelbauer has recently been confirmed as the next Executive Director of the European Railway Agency where he will officially begin his mandate on 1 January 2015. The current ERRAC Vice-Chairman, Andy Doherty (Network Rail) will take over as interim Chairman from 1 January 2015 until the next ERRAC plenary in April 2015. A new ERRAC Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen will be officially appointed during the ERRAC April plenary meeting.

Josef Doppelbauer, Chairman of ERRAC, added: "It has been a pleasure working with ERRAC over the past two and a half years. The ERRAC platform is an invaluable input to rail research in Europe and the SRRIA identifies the key challenges that must be undertaken to reach the EU's ambitious goals set out in the 2011 White Paper on Transport."

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Notes to editors:

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Through FOSTER-RAIL, the ERRAC website has been rejuvenated. The platform and the project are now presented at [www.errac.org](http://www.errac.org)

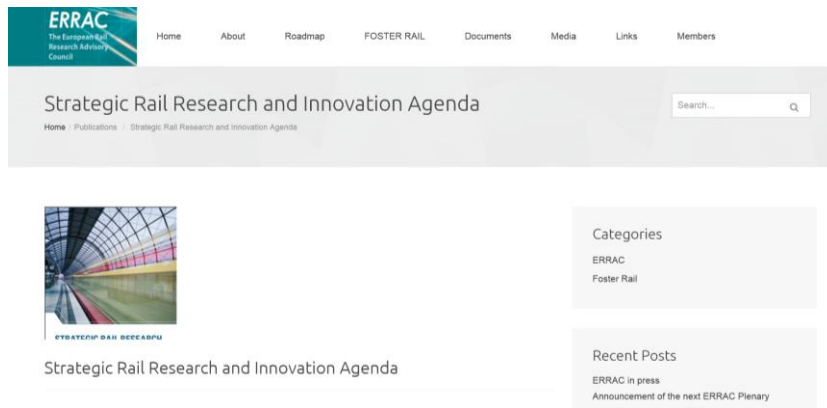
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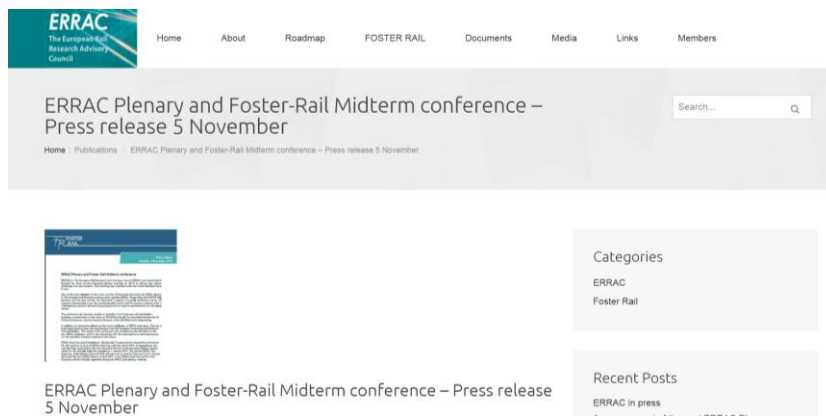
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- **Website:** Both the SRRIA as well as the related press release were made public on the ERRAC/Foster-Rail website.

The SRRIA is available at <http://www.errac.org/publications/strategic-rail-research-and-innovation-agenda/>



The press release is available at <http://www.errac.org/publications/errac-plenary-and-foster-rail-midterm-conference-press-release-5-november/>





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- **Postal dissemination:** A print copy of the SRRIA was sent to the following target groups:
    - European Parliament (ITRE Committee, TRAN Committee)
    - European Commission (contacts in DG MOVE and DG Research as well as SHIFT<sup>2</sup>RAIL Joint Undertaking)
    - Council (Transport Attachees of all Member States representations in Brussels)
  
  - **Dissemination by Email:** The members of WP7, in particular CER, UNIFE, UIC and UITP informed their respective membership about the SRRIA via email.
  
  - **Other:** The members of WP7, in particular CER, UNIFE, UIC and UITP have received copies of the SRRIA to disseminate at topical events. In addition, the SRRIA will be disseminated at events where ERRAC/Foster-Rail will be present.

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### **3. Conclusion**

The Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda was officially endorsed by the ERRAC plenary at their meeting/Foster-Rail mid-term event on 4 November in Brussels.

Since then, Foster-Rail communicated about the SRRIA via a press release, a postal mailing of the brochure, emailings and via the ERRAC/Foster-Rail website.