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Draft opinion
Gheorghe Falcă
(PE699.179v01-00)

2020 discharge : Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking
(2021/2156(DEC))
Amendment 1
Alviina Alametsä
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Congratulates the slight increase of underrepresented Member States’ participants in the 2020 Call, thanks to the efforts made by the Undertaking and the increase of TRL of the Programme; welcomes the ongoing work on collaboration agreements with various European regions and European and international organizations and bodies in order to increase synergies with other Union programmes and funds; welcomes in particular the signature of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Basque Region on 22 January 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Tomasz Piotr Poręba
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Notes that due to the crisis, some of the payments initially foreseen for the year are becoming due only in 2021; however the Undertaking is taking the necessary measures to ensure that the payment appropriations are available for re-activation to the following year;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Gheorghe Falcă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

5 a. Notes that, by the end of 2020, the Programme reached pivotal milestones in term of Programme implementation with almost all its resources committed for the Programme activities and at least 60% of the Programme completed;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Maria Grapini, Rovana Plumb, Andris Ameriks, Isabel García Muñoz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

5 a. Encourages the undertaking to promote multimodality and the use of public transport, which will ensure that passengers are connected to the railway stations, airports, regardless of where and how they start their journey;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Maria Grapini, Rovana Plumb, Andris Ameriks, Isabel García Muñoz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

5 b. Considers that the undertaking should collaborate together with stakeholders of the entire railway value chain, also outside the traditional rail sector, with particular attention to small
and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), research and technology centres and universities in order to bring a sustainable, cost-efficient, high-performing, time driven, digital and competitive customer-centred transport mode for Europe;

Amendment 6
Alviina Alametsä
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

5 b. Welcomes the research and innovation efforts of the Undertaking to achieve a more sustainable, reliable and attractive railway system to Europe, thereby contributing to the resilience of the rail sector which enabled maintaining the supply chain during the COVID-19 outbreak;

Amendment 7
Gheorghe Falcă
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

5 b. Welcomes that the Undertaking’s projects are progressing towards their demonstration in 2022-2023 paving the way for Europe’s rail joint undertaking research and innovation activities;
Amendment 8
Maria Grapini, Rovana Plumb, Andris Ameriks, Isabel García Muñoz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

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Amendment

5 c. **Encourages the undertaking to seek to develop, integrate, demonstrate, and validate innovative technologies and solutions that uphold the strictest safety and security standards in order to remove the remaining technical obstacles holding back the rail sector in terms of interoperability, product implementation and efficiency and to reduce the negative externalities linked to railway transport, in particular noise, vibrations, emissions and other environmental impacts;**

Or. en

Amendment 9
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

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5 c. **Welcomes the fact that the Undertaking carried out a staff survey for the first time and that an action plan was drawn up as a consequence, in order to address the key aspects resulting from it, including the establishment of a “well being training programme” to accompany the staff during the pandemic situation;**

Or. en

Amendment 10
Gheorghe Falcă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

*Draft opinion*

**5 c.** Salutes the continued contribution of the Undertaking to the goals of the European Green Deal;

*Or. en*

Amendment 11
Alviina Alametsä

*Draft opinion*

**Paragraph 5 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

**5 d.** Notes the Undertaking detailed reply in the framework of the 2020 ECA report on the status of the unfulfilled requirement to publish up-to-date CVs or conflict of interest declarations of its Governing Board members on its website, as required by the Governing Board’s Decision 07/2018 adopting the rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests applicable to the bodies of the JU;

*Or. en*

Amendment 12
Gheorghe Falcă

*Draft opinion*

**Paragraph 5 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

**5 d.** Commends the mitigation measures taken by the Undertaking to limit delays in the projects following the Covid-19 crisis;

*Or. en*
Amendment 13
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

5 e. Commends the Undertaking’s continued reporting, since 2018, on its contribution to the attainment of the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals and in particular through the reduction of the life-cycle cost of the railway transport system as well as the negative externalities linked to railway transport; expects the same level of reporting and overall efforts from bodies related to other modes of transport, with higher negative externalities, as a necessary contribution towards their due internalisation;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 f (new)

5 f. Welcomes, in coincidence with the designation of 2021 as the European Year of Rail, the Undertaking's upgrade in the new Horizon Europe programme into a new partnership named Europe’s Rail, in order to contribute further to a modal shift towards rail, in line with the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy and the broader European Green Deal objectives;

Or. en
Amendment 15
Alviina Alametsä
Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Highlights the need to employ opportunities for funding of programmes and projects under EU programmes such as Connecting Europe Facility, Digital Europe Plan, European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund.

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6. Highlights the need to further develop synergies between the new partnership and existing funding mechanisms and to employ opportunities for projects funded under EU programmes such as Connecting Europe Facility, Digital Europe Plan, European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund, as well as InvestEU;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Tomasz Piotr Poręba
Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6 a. Stresses the role the Undertaking plays in the research and innovation for market-driven solutions in support to the creation of a Single European Railway Area in order to support a modal shift for a more competitive and resource-efficient European transport system.

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Or. en

Amendment 17
José Ramón Bauzá Diaz
on behalf of the Renew Group
Caroline Nagtegaal, Søren Gade, Dominique Riquet, Jan-Christoph Oetjen
Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Highlights the role of the Undertaking in contributing to the objectives of the European Green Deal; welcomes in this respect, the research and innovation efforts of the Shift2Rail to achieve more sustainable, digital, competitive, reliable and attractive railway system to Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 18
José Ramón Bauzá Díaz
on behalf of the Renew Group
Caroline Nagtegaal, Søren Gade, Dominique Riquet, Jan-Christoph Oetjen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Believes that the successor of the Shift2Rail should include in the research programme joint work with other modes of transport to pave the way towards seamless and integrated transport and calls on the Shift2Rail successor to take further automation and digitalisation as one of its priorities;

Or. en