Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking

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- Climate change is already testing the limits of rail infrastructure.
- Rail faced also increasing digital threats, aging assets and funding gaps.
- Adaptation needed to improve the resilience of railway assets by developing the knowledge of the railway domain.
- Resilience is no longer an option!



- Innovation is **one of the key drivers** for Rail Resilience! Not only technological innovation but also the evolution of the technical framework (e.g. Regulation, standardisation).
- Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking → Collaborative work to **deliver solutions**:
 - · New materials and designs for climate stress
 - Real-time monitoring and improved asset management through satellite and IoT technologies
 - Automation and digitalisation of the rail system
 - · Integrated resilience strategies to build-up the future rail system
- Innovations to be tested and deployed across Europe!
- Resilience must be embedded by design into every part of the rail system to get a **smarter** and faster adaptation of the rail system!



One integrated R&I programme

Private Members contribution, at least €615 million EU contribution, up to €615 million

Flagship Areas :

- Traffic Management
- Automation and digitalization
- Integrated assets management
- Sustainable technologies
- Competitive freight
- Cost-effective regional services
- Innovation on guided transport
- + Launching Exploratory calls

Bridge research and innovation to future coordinated deployment

- Ensure the functional system architecture
- Input to standards and regulations
- migration considerations

SYSTEM

DEPLOYMENT

INNOVATION



Europe's Rail Members







How can innovation ensure a more resilient rail system – smarter, faster and more adaptive?

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Is the rail sector innovating fast enough to improve rail resilience and keep up with climate risks?





Thank you

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