GNSS Initiatives in Shift2Rail: the challenges for EGNOS in the ERTMS evolution

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- group boycotts; validity of patents; ongoing litigations.
• S2R Overview
  ✓ Innovation Programmes
  ✓ Technology Demonstrators

• TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning (including Satellite Technologies)
  ✓ Implementation Projects
  ✓ Physical Balises vs. Virtual Balises
  ✓ High Level New Railway Architecture suitable for the introduction of the GNSS Positioning
  ✓ List of the deliverables (X2Rail-2 Project)
  ✓ X2Rail-2 Participants
• **Shift2Rail** is the first **European rail initiative** to seek focused **research and innovation** (R&I) and **market-driven solutions** by accelerating the integration of new and advanced technologies into innovative rail product solutions.

• **Shift2Rail** promotes the **competitiveness** of the European rail industry and will meet **changing EU transport needs**. R&I carried out under this **Horizon 2020 initiative** will develop the **necessary technology** to complete the **Single European Railway Area (SERA)**.

• The **European Commission** has promoted a **modal shift from road to rail** to achieve a more competitive and resource-efficient European transport system. EU research and innovation (R&I) must help rail play a new, broader role in global transport markets, both by addressing pressing short-term problems that drain rail business operations, and by helping the sector to gain a stronger market position.

• The **S2R Initiatives** relates to the use of GNSS technologies have also been supported by **GSA**.
S2R Overview

• The **Shift2Rail** framework is structured around **five** asset-specific **Innovation Programmes** (IPs):
  o **IP1**: Cost-efficient and Reliable Trains, including high capacity trains and high speed trains;
  o **IP2**: **Advanced Traffic Management & Control Systems**;
  o **IP3**: Cost-efficient, Sustainable and Reliable High Capacity Infrastructure;
  o **IP4**: IT Solutions for Attractive Railway Services;
  o **IP5**: Technologies for Sustainable & Attractive European Freight.

• These IPs are not just **independent programmes**. They form a whole assembly of the railway system, with a number of common cross-cutting themes. Therefore, in addition to the five Innovation Programmes, the work of Shift2Rail is also structured around five **Cross-Cutting Activities (CCA)**.
S2R Overview

Long-Term needs and socio-economic research

Smart materials and processes

System integration, safety and interoperability

Energy and sustainability

Human capital

Cost-efficient and Reliable Trains, including high capacity trains and high speed trains

Advanced Traffic Management & Control Systems

Cost-efficient, Sustainable and reliable high capacity infrastructure

IT Solutions for Attractive Railway Services

Technologies for Sustainable & Attractive European Freight

TD means Technology Demonstrator

Shift2Rail – Innovation Programme 2

TD2.1 Adaptable Communication System
TD2.2 Automatic Train Operation
TD2.3 Moving Block
TD2.4 Fail-Safe Train Positioning (Incl. Satellite)
TD2.5 Train Integrity
TD2.6 Zero On-site Testing
TD2.7 Formal Methods
TD2.8 Virtual Coupling
TD2.9 Traffic Management Evolution
TD2.10 Smart Radio Connected All-in-all Wayside Objects
TD2.11 Cyber Security
Demonstration activities, up to TRL 7, are a priority within Shift2Rail, as they enable the entire rail sector to visualise and concretely test the transformations that they are able to bring about. Demonstrations also enable a more appropriate quantification of the impact of each new technology and provide a first estimate of the anticipated potential for sector improvement (at regional, national and EU transport network levels) as a result of the developed innovations.
### TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

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| **TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning (including satellite technologies)** | • Acquire information and analyse the state-of-the-art of **GNSS**, **radio localization** and **kinematic sensor** technologies.  
• Define the **SRS** and the **System Architecture** in the context of the ERTMS evolutions (*).  
• Identify different possible **technological solutions**, develop **proof of concepts** based also on **modeling** and **simulators**.  
• Identify **enhancements** to the **Railway V&V Processes** to also include the new technologies and their impacts at the level of interoperable constituents and Command & Control Subsystems  
• **Develop Technology Demonstrators** to be verified both in **Laboratory** and on the **Field**  
• Provide a **Business Model** for GNSS application in Railway which takes into account the outcomes and the results of others relevant projects and specific requirements of different Railway Market Segments. |


The new ERTMS, based on this **SIL 4 Fail-Safe Train Positioning**, must guarantee the **backward compatibility** and the **interoperability requirements**. In the context of this TD, collaborations with the **European GNSS Agency** (GSA), the **European Space Agency** (ESA) and the **European Union Agency for Railways** (ERA) have been foreseen.
TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

The estimated **total budget** for TD2.4, including EU funding and Open Calls, is 24.29 M€. TD2.4 will be implemented throughout two consecutive projects: X2Rail-2 and X2Rail-5

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**GSA** and **ESA** have also defined specific programs for GNSS in Rail, see respectively [https://www.gsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/futureflowchartd.pdf](https://www.gsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/futureflowchartd.pdf) and [www.space4rail.esa.int](http://www.space4rail.esa.int)
TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

The **ERTMS train location principles** are based on the concept of **Balises**

BTM provides:

- User Bits
- Nominal Balise Location
- Max/Min Balise Detection Error = +/- 1m, THR = 10^{-9}/h
The **ERTMS train location principles** are based on the concept of **Balises**.
What is a Virtual Balise?

Virtual Balise Reader (VBR) provides:

• User Bits
• Nominal Balise Location
• Max/Min Balise Detection Error = f(Prot. Level, ...)

GNSS Position matches the VB Position on the track
TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

How much is the virtual balise **location accuracy** important in ERTMS?

Therefore, this new **Fail-Safe Train Position** must be developed to enable the on-board ERTMS/ETCS to **still guarantee** the **ERTMS SIL 4 Train Position function**.
TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

TD2.4 will use the public available results of the state-of-the-art main related R&D Projects (e.g. ERSAT-EAV, STARS, RHINOS, 3InSat, SBS) as inputs. However, important and critical issues need still to be investigated and agreed. For example, what will the communication channel for receiving augmentation data be?

Rail scenarios are complex from the radio electric perspective and the GSA STARS project is characterizing the GNSS/EGNOS signal characteristics (e.g. multipath, canyons, stations, ..). Based on the results of other projects and the preliminary STARS results, it is initially proposed that each on-board user receiver would receive augmentation data from the railway trackside interoperable constituent (RBC) via the available ERTMS safe (radio) communication session.
TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

Multipath and Non-Line of Sight Conditions: critical issues for the on-board PNT component
TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

- GNSS SIS
- GNSS Augmentation (EGNOS)
- On-Board Interoperable Constituent
- Trackside Interoperable Constituent
- Trackside Interlockings and Field Controllers

Augmentation Data via new ERTMS Packets / Messages (already EN 50159)
(new Standard ICD / updated Subset)

Railways MOPS
GNSS Responsibility Boundary
Minimum Service Level
Cross Acceptance Process
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## TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

X2R2 (First Project of TD2.4) will deliver:

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TD2.4: Fail-Safe Train Positioning

X2Rail-2 Participants (in red, the TD2.4 participants)

• Founding members
  ✓ Ansaldo STS (Coordinator)
  ✓ Alstom Transport S.A.
  ✓ Bombardier Transportation Sweden AB
  ✓ CAF Signalling S.L.
  ✓ Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
  ✓ Siemens Aktiengesellschaft
  ✓ Thales Transportation Systems GmbH
  ✓ Trafikverket

• Associate members
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  ✓ Asociación Centro Tecnológico Ceit-IK4
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