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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking - Adoption

1. On 17 December 2013, the Commission transmitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal.
2. The proposed Regulation aims at developing a coordinated EU approach to research and innovation in the rail sector via the establishment of a joint undertaking to support the completion of the Single European Railway Area and to increase the competitiveness of the EU rail sector vis-à-vis the other transport modes and vis-à-vis foreign competition. The S2R Joint Undertaking should be established for a period ending on 31 December 2024. It will be founded by the Union, represented by the European Commission, and by the Founding Members other than the Union, listed in Annex II to the proposed Regulation. The activities of the S2R Joint Undertaking will be jointly funded by the Union and the members of the S2R Joint Undertaking other than the Union.

3. On 11 February 2014, in accordance with Article 188(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the Council sent two letters of consultation to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee. The Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament gave their opinions on 25 March 2014 and 15 April 2014, respectively.
 4. On 14 March 2014, the Council adopted its position on the proposed Regulation establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking ([doc. 7322/14](#)). The text, which has been revised by the lawyer-linguists, appears in [doc. 9018/14](#).
 5. The Council is, therefore, invited to adopt, as an "A" item, the Council Regulation as reflected in [doc. 9018/14](#).
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