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PFP: Application for Competitiveness Cluster

On July 24, 2015, PFP applied for Competitiveness Cluster, a call launched by IAPMEI, The National Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation.

Thereafter, PFP was notified by IAPMEI and the Ministry of Economy, having participated in a meeting with the

Secretary of State for Industry, João Vasconcelos, on May 24, 2016, in order to provide additional clarifications and information. Subsequently, in July 2016, PFP was informed of the recognition as a Competitiveness Cluster, awaiting the formal ceremony and recognition.

PFP: Brokerage Day and Follow-up

On February 12 and June 15, 2016, respectively, PFP organized a Brokerage Day and its Follow-up, where thematic working groups were defined within the eight structuring projects defined:

Project 1 - Rolling stock

Project 2 - Attractiveness of the railway system

Project 3 – Command, control and communications

Project 4 - Intelligent and sustainable infrastructure

Project 5 - Energy efficiency

Project 6 - Freight transport

Project 7 - Testing, homologation and Interoperability

Project 8 - Knowledge management.



PFP: The first participation at InnoTrans 2016



PFP and 17 companies and scientific institutions from the Portuguese Railway Sector were present in Berlin, from 20 to 23 September 2016, at InnoTrans 2016, the world's leading trade fair for transport technology.

The Portuguese collective participation has shown how PFP and its associates can together give innovative and aggregated solutions for the rail market.

The Portuguese exhibitors presented technologies, services and products in a wide range of business areas, from engineering, automation and maintenance to safety and interiors. With PFP, the exhibitors were Almadesign, AMBISIG, Amorim Cork Composites, Cablotec, Couro Azul, EFACEC, EMEF, EVOLEO Technologies, FEUP, IST, IP Engenharia, MCG, Monte Meão, Mota-Engil, SOMAFEL, STECONFER and SISCOG.

The interest in the Portuguese presence at the fair began by being the second national collective participation. Visitors were also interested in the innovative products and services of the Portuguese exhibitors, promoting networking and possible businesses. Beyond numerous companies, integrators, research and development institutions and official entities, PFP's stand

had the visit of the Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Professor Guilherme d'Oliveira Martins, the Ambassador of Portugal in Germany João Mira Gomes and AICEP representatives in Berlin.



Messe Berlin Coordinators pointed out, in its eleventh edition, 2016, some numbers, which set records: 145.000 visitors, 149 international premieres and 2955 exhibitors from 60 countries.

PFP will make all the efforts to repeat this experience at the next InnoTrans 2018 on a larger scale.



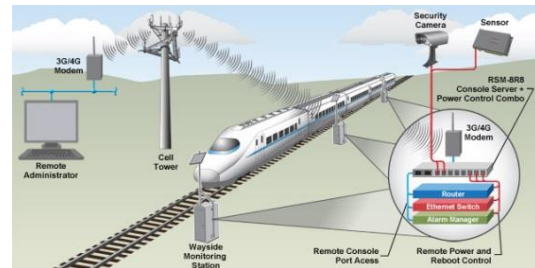
PFPI: Brokerage Days in a Mobilizing Project

PFPI, together with 16 partners, submitted last October 17, 2016, the application of the project RailCapacity, under the Mobilizing Programmes launched by the National Innovation Agency.

The partners of the project, in addition to PFPI, are AMBISIG, Amorim Cork Composites, EFACEC, EVOLEO Technologies, FEUP, Fireball, INEGI, ISEL, ISEP, ISQ, IST, IT, LNEC, Nomad Tech and the University of Minho, with the leadership of Mota-Engil.

Aiming increasing both the attractiveness and the capacity of the Railway Sector, PFPI members have mobilised to present the RailCapacity Project - Research, Development & Demonstration of Advanced Management Solutions (Monitoring and Maintenance) for Rail (freight) Transport. The implementation of this project will strengthen the connection between enterprises, entities from the National Scientific and Technological

System and other stakeholders from the Portuguese railway system.



The project will involve the implementation of collaborative R&D and Innovation activities and will capacitate and contribute decisively to the internationalization of the Portuguese rail sector.

In addition, the application process has enabled a broad-based strategy for the Cluster PFPI. This strategy was materialized in collaborative projects involving several groups of members - in the areas of rolling stock, infrastructure and operation - enabling access to other types of projects in the short/medium term.



Shift2Rail: Call for Proposals 2017

It was published on the Participant Portal the call [H2020-S2RJU-2017](#) of [JTI Shift2Rail](#).

The opening date is January 10, 2017 and the deadline for submitting applications is March 30, 2017.

The [Info Day](#) of this call will be held in Brussels, on January 17, 2017.

