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The Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda (SRRIA) was officially endorsed by the ERRAC plenary on 4 November. Prepared by the FOSTER-RAIL partners over the past months, the document's purpose is to guide and inspire future rail research and innovation over the coming decades and to reaffirm Europe's need to offer a well-balanced, business-led and strong programme of research and innovation for the railway system.

This document provides explanations about the publication (design and printing process) and the dissemination of the Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda (SRRIA) for which WP7 was responsible for.

2. Results

Design and publication:

Following a call for proposals for the design of the SRRIA, WP7 decided in April 2014 to work with Brussels based design agency Tostaky.

Work on the layout started in April 2014. On 8 October 2014, WP3 provided WP7 with the final text of the SRRIA which was approved by the ERRAC Steering Committee on the very same day. This allowed WP7 to continue the design process. After several correction rounds, Tostaky delivered the final version of the layouted SRRIA on 14 October. This version was also sent to the printer – 1500 copies were printed for dissemination.
Dissemination:

WP7 elaborated a strategy how to best communicate the results of the SRRIA to decision makers. This strategy included the following activities:

- **ERRAC plenary and FOSTER-RAIL Mid-term event:** The SRRIA was officially endorsed by the ERRAC plenary at the ERRAC plenary/FOSTER-Rail Mid-term event which took place in Brussels on 4 November 2014. See below the agenda of the event.

![ERRAC Plenary & Foster Rail Mid-Term Conference Agenda](image-url)
• **Press release:** On 5 November, the day after the ERRAC plenary/Foster-Rail Mid-term event, a press release (see below) announcing the official endorsement of the SRRIA by the ERRAC plenary was issued to national press, pan-European publications, specialised EU publications as well as press specialised in transport and research.


Notes to editors:

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Through FOSTER RAIL, the ERRAC website has been rejuvenated. The platform and the project are now presented at www.errac.org.

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Website: Both the SRRIA as well as the related press release were made public on the ERRAC/Foster-Rail website.


• **Postal dissemination:** A print copy of the SRRIA was sent to the following target groups:
  - European Parliament (ITRE Committee, TRAN Committee)
  - European Commission (contacts in DG MOVE and DG Research as well as SHIFT²RAIL Joint Undertaking)
  - Council (Transport Attachees of all Member States representations in Brussels)

• **Dissemination by Email:** The members of WP7, in particular CER, UNIFE, UIC and UITP informed their respective membership about the SRRIA via email.

• **Other:** The members of WP7, in particular CER, UNIFE, UIC and UITP have received copies of the SRRIA to disseminate at topical events. In addition, the SRRIA will be disseminated at events where ERRAC/Foster-Rail will be present.
3. Conclusion

The Strategic Rail Research and Innovation Agenda was officially endorsed by the ERRAC plenary at their meeting/Foster-Rail mid-term event on 4 November in Brussels.

Since then, Foster-Rail communicated about the SRRIA via a press release, a postal mailing of the brochure, emailings and via the ERRAC/Foster-Rail website.