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Executive Summary

This document describes the structure as well as different sections and functionalities of the In2Rail project website. The website (www.in2rail.eu) will be used to present relevant information about the progress of the project. The webpage will be an easy-to-access entry point open to everyone interested in In2Rail. Its main goal is to inform an interested audience about the project as well as attract new audience. Therefore, the webpage will be updated on a regular basis in order to include the latest news, deliverables and project documents.

The major elements of the In2Rail public website are the following:

- ✓ Project overview;
- ✓ Links with other projects and Shift2Rail;
- ✓ Information about the partners;
- ✓ Information about the advisory groups;
- ✓ Results & publications;
- ✓ News & events;
- ✓ Contact details.

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1. Introduction

The project website <http://www.in2rail.eu> will be one of the main communication tools, allowing the dissemination of all the public information of the project to a wide audience. The public website is designed to create awareness and interest about the project by making up-to-date information available in a concise but exhaustive manner.

The website presents information about the project objectives, structure, impacts and expected outcomes. There will be up-to-date information on the project results, including public reports and publications deriving from the project work. The site will advertise project events, including conferences and workshops. It also offers links to other relevant sites and links to partners' websites. The contact details of the project coordinator and technical coordinator are also included.

The webpage is managed by the WP13 leader which will ensure that documents and news are uploaded regularly. The webpage will be maintained during the lifetime of the project.

Figure 1 depicts an overview of the home page of the site.

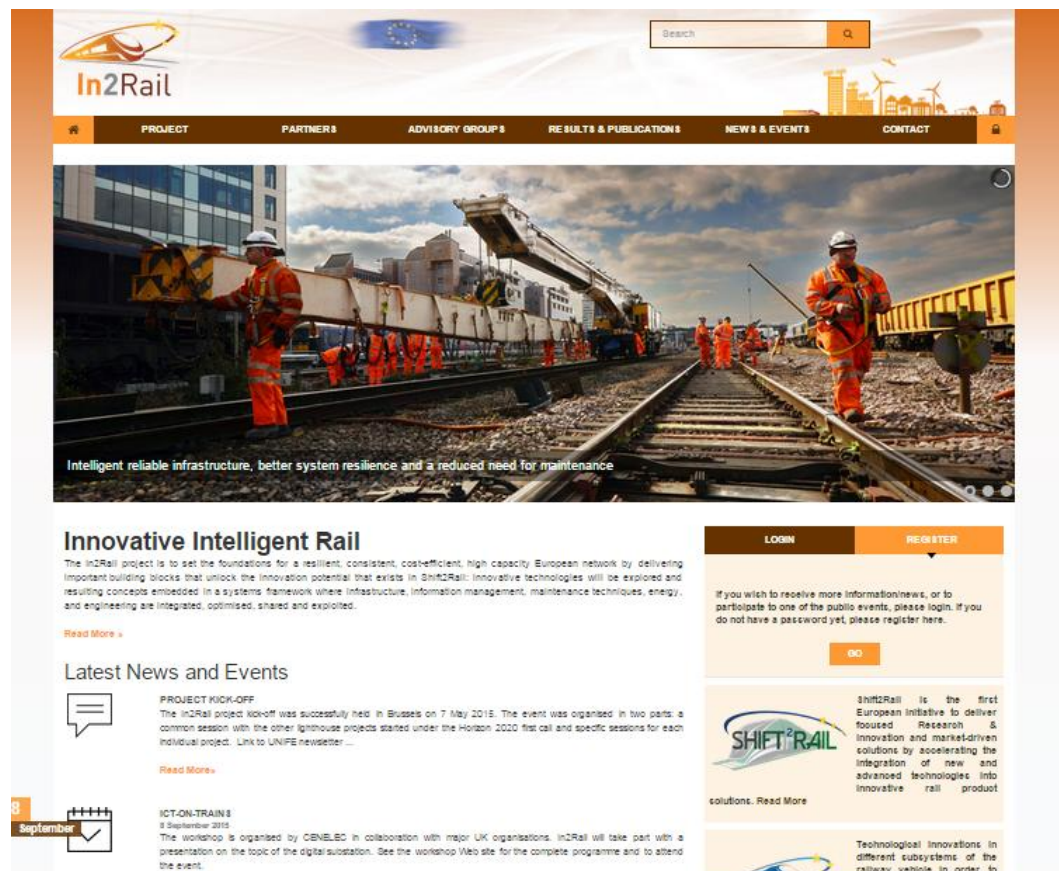


Figure 1 - Home page of the In2Rail website

2. Structure of the website

2.1. Overview

The content of the website has been organized into different sections as shown in the navigation bar of Figure 2.

When accessing to the website the user is presented with the Home Page. The home page represents the entry point for all website visitors, providing an overview about the project, latest news and events and links to other projects linked to Shift2Rail. Detailed information of the project can be found using the secondary navigation as shown in Figure 2.

The web site also contains a private area as shown on the right hand side of the navigation bar (Figure 2), accessible only through a login process and primarily reserved to consortium members. This private area, called Cooperation Tool, takes the user to an intranet platform that operates as a shared library for document templates, reports, deliverables etc. This tool ensures that all documents related to the project are organized and available to all project beneficiaries.

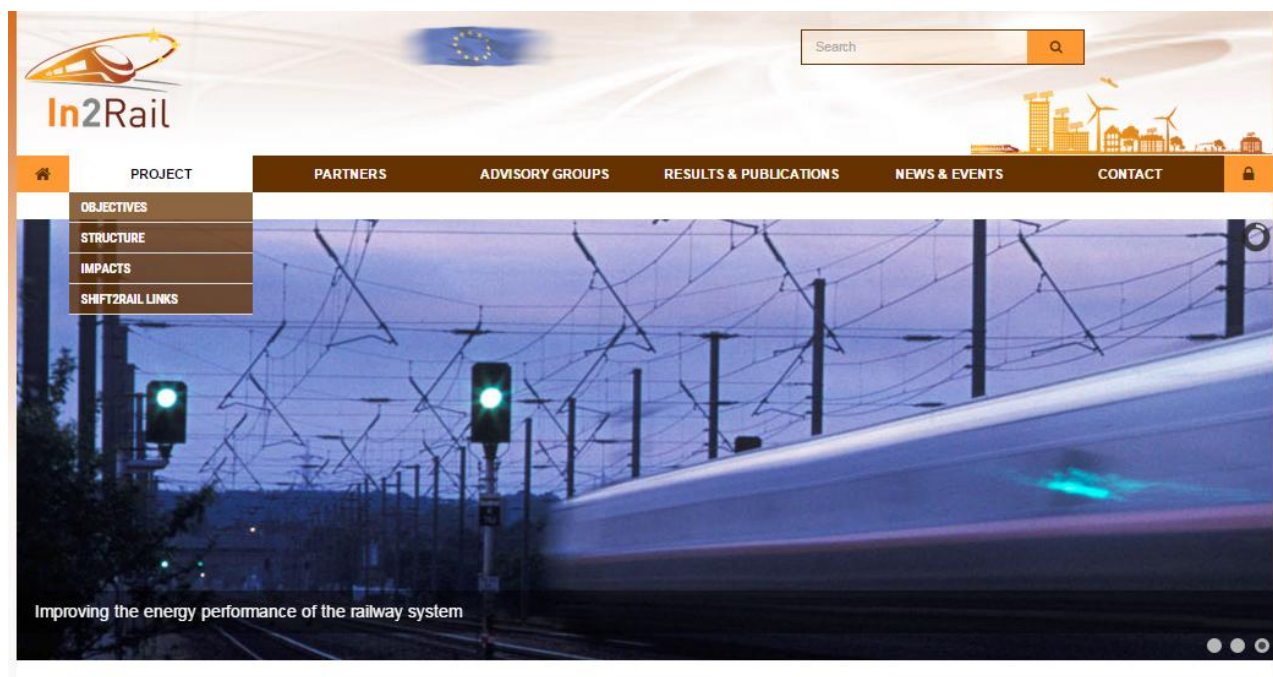


Figure 2 - Pages of the In2Rail Website

2.2. Project

Following the “Project” secondary navigation bar the user finds information on the objectives of In2Rail, the general project organization by work packages, the impacts and the links of the project with the Shift2Rail joint undertaking.

2.3. Partners

The “Partners” tab shows the project partners involved in In2Rail. The logo of each partner is linked to its corporate webpage.

2.4. Advisory Groups

This section will provide information about the participants of the In2Rail advisory groups. Information about meetings between different work packages and the advisory groups will be published in this section.

2.5. Results & Publications

In order to give a better understanding of the current state of In2Rail, the website is to provide all the publicly available deliverables and results. Under the “Deliverables” tab, all public deliverables will be available for download. All technical deliverables will have at least a publishable executive summary that will appear on the public website (currently the list is empty since no public deliverables are available yet).

There is also a section for “Other Publications” that are produced within the framework of In2Rail. This includes all publications like academic papers, public presentations about the project and press releases issued by the project partners.

2.6. News & Events

This section is used to provide information about the main news and events concerning the In2Rail project, including announcements and press releases about public events which have been organised during the project lifetime. In this section In2Rail will post any kind of news that are considered relevant to the project.

2.7. Contact

For people interested in more details about In2Rail there is a “contact” page with the necessary information to get in touch with the project coordinator.

2.8. Additional Elements

There are past and current projects linked with Shift2Rail and In2Rail. The footer (see Figure 3) of the webpage lists all related projects including links to them. The home page offers links to the Shift2Rail website as well as to the websites of other projects linked to In2Rail such as It2Rail and Roll2Rail. In2Rail will stay in close contact with these project teams to assure the correct transfer of knowledge to Shift2Rail as well the dissemination of results to relevant stakeholders.

The footer also provides information about facts and figures of the project and an acknowledgment of funding.



Figure 3 - Webpage Footer

3. Conclusion

The aim of this report has been to introduce the In2Rail public website that has all the required functionalities to inform about the project status and to stimulate the interest from the public and the rail stakeholders.