



RAILACTIVATION— ACTIVATING INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN RAILWAY SMES BY WORKPLACE INNOVATION

H2020- INNOSUP-2018-2020/H2020-INNOSUP-2019-04

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Horizon2020

Call for proposal H2020-INNOSUP-2019-04

Topic: INNOSUP-04-2019 - Workplace innovation uptake by SMEs



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Expected Impact:

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- New, context based mechanisms supporting uptake of workplace innovation by SMEs.
- More SMEs take advantage of the opportunities offered by workplace innovation.

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- New, context-based forms of workplace innovation are created.
- Improved framework conditions for the uptake of new technologies.
- Better skilled workforce and more resilient companies.





PROJECT CONSORTIUM

Project Leader

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MAFEX- Spanish Railway Association (Spain)

Project Consortium Partners

- **BTS** Bahntechnik Sachsen Ev (Germany)
- **DITECFER** Distretto per le tecnologie ferroviarie, l'Alta Velocita e la Sicurezza delle Reti Scarl (Italy)
- **TECNALIA** Fundación Tecnalia Research & Innovation (Spain)
- **QUINN** Consorzio Universitario in Ingegneria per la Qualità e l'Innovazione (Italy)

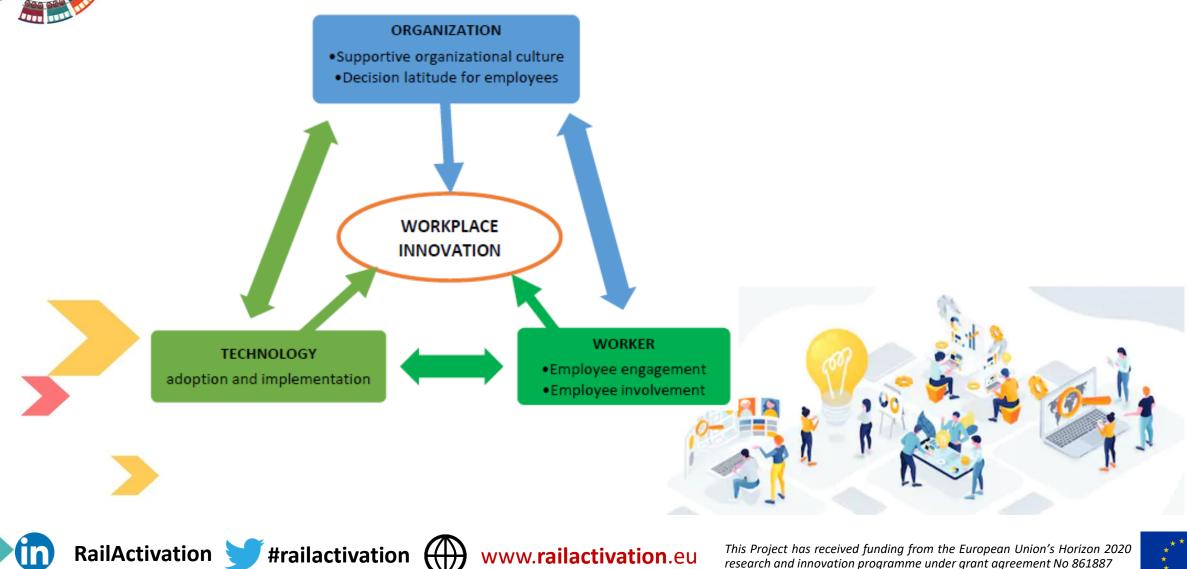


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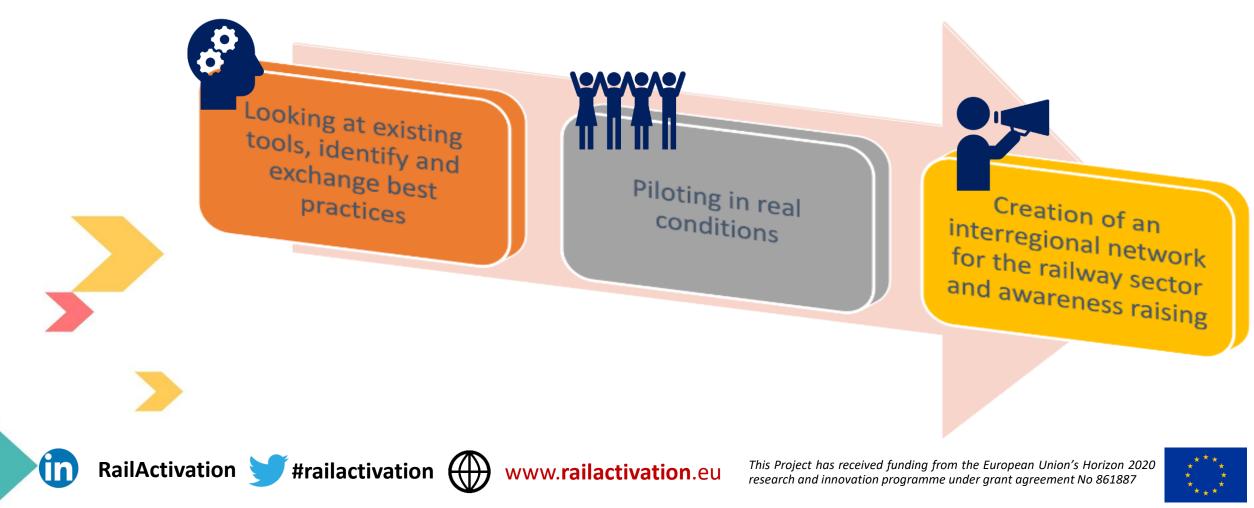
What is Workplace Innovation?





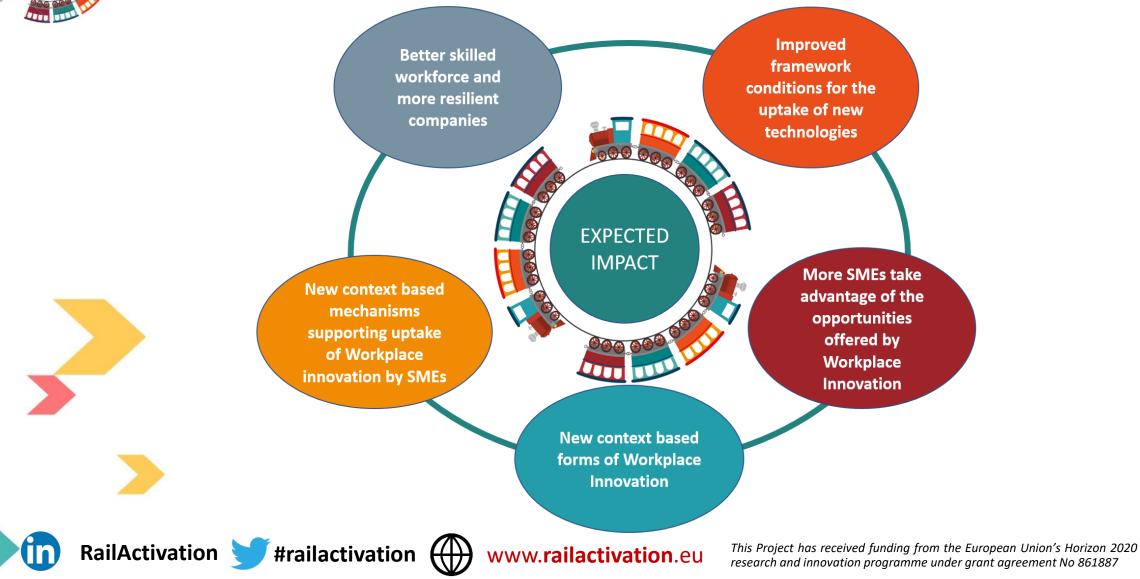
OBJETIVES

Main objective: to create and piloting a RAIL business and organizational mechanisms for the uptake of workplace innovation by SMEs from the railway sector as part of an Open Innovation ecosystem.





Why do we pay attention on the Workplace Innovation in the Railway sector?



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Benchmark

WI implementation reasons

ORGANISATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

- •Efficiency improvement
- •Gaining competitive advantage
- •Enhancement of innovative capability
- •Becoming an attractive employer

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- •Enabling acceptance by employees
- •Enabling the embedding of new technology and ICT
- •Improvement of industrial relations with unions

EMPLOYEE AND MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

- Economic and business goals
- Learning and development opportunities
- Performance
- Public goals
- Flexibility
- Shareholder interests
- Labour market position
- •Balancing private/work life situation

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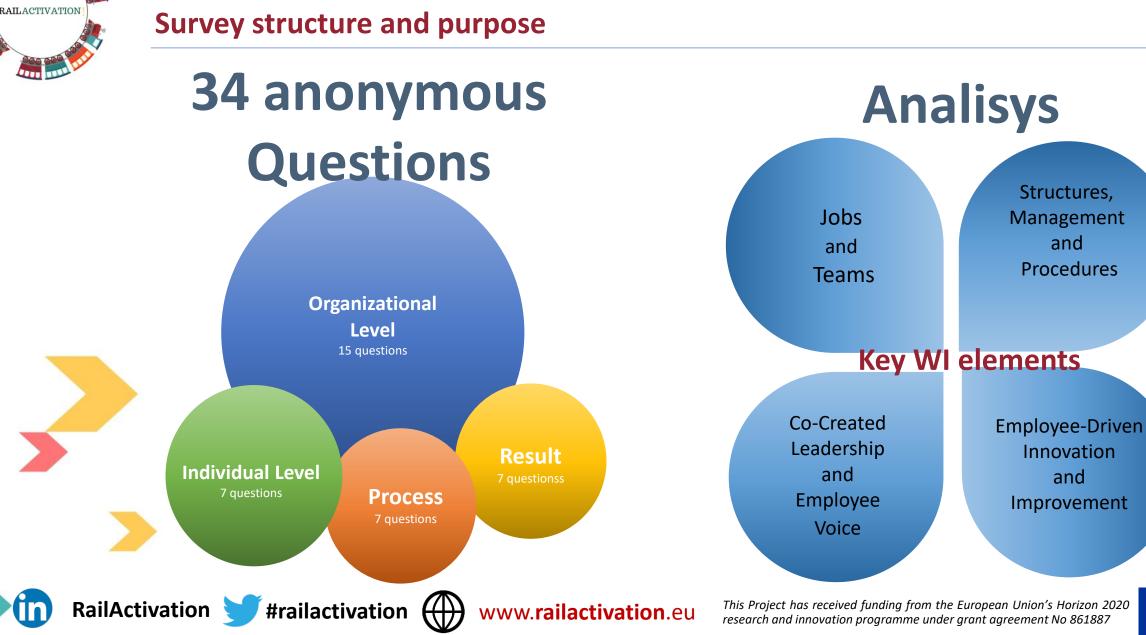




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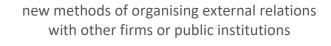
Improvement



Results – General trends of WI in the European Railway sector

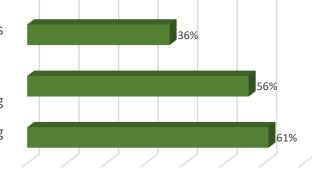
Types of organizational innovations introduced

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new methods of organising work responsibilities and decision making

new business practices for organising procedures



Objectives for organisational innovations introduced in EU railway enterprises

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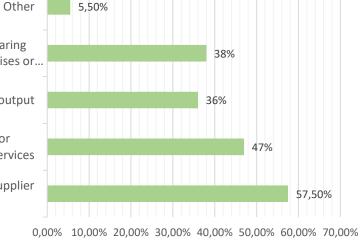
Improve communication or information sharing within your enterprise or with other enterprises or...

Reduce costs per unit output

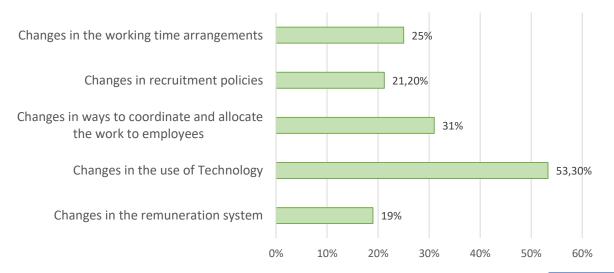
Improve ability to develop new products or processes, Improve quality of your goods or services

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Reduce time to respond to customer or supplier needs



Internal changes introduced in EU railway enterprises



70%





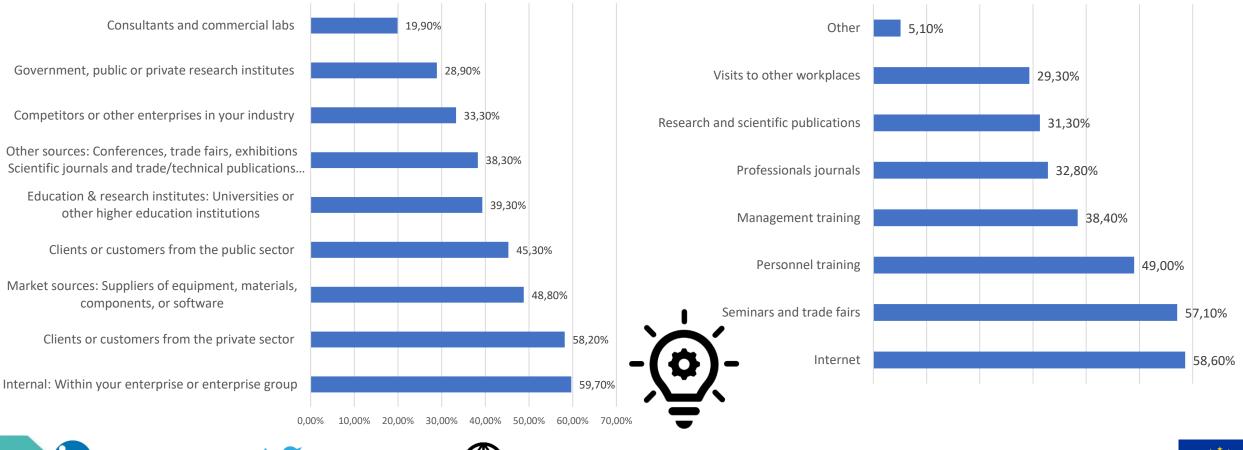
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Results Organization of work. Company level

Information sources used for new innovation projects or contributed to the completion of existing projects

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Methods and instruments used for monitoring of

external ideas or technological developments







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OPEN CALL

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What is RailActivation OpenCall

20 Railway SMEs using the 75% of the grant Aim: to provide total direct innovation support of which of which are intended to foster collaboration and help the winners with their Open culture transformation process, including organizational and production processes encourage business models that are sustainable and deliver social impact







Beneficiaries

Selection criteria:

To be selected, the applying SMEs:

- Should comply with the definition of SMEs defined in "EU user guide to the SME definition"
- Should operate in the railway sector, being integrated in the value chain of the railway sector.



http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/conferences/state-aid/sme/smedefinitionguide_en.pdf







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LOT 1: Direct innovation support to SMEs

Туре	TOTAL n° of beneficiary SMEs for whole project duration	(Average) cost per individual service (in €)	Total budget for all beneficiary SMEs for whole project
1.1. Coaching- mentoring	20	1.800€	36.000€
1.2. Implementation of Pilot Scheme in real conditions	20	3.500€	70.000 €
1.3. Travel voucher granting	20	600 €	12.000€
1.4. Other activities included in the correct performance of LOT 1			
Matchmaking/b2b events	20	-	5.000,00€
SMEs partnership profiles validated in the PSS	20	-	5.000,00€
Prework of pilot scheme into practice	20	-	20.000,00€
Individual follow up	20	-	30.000,00€



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LOT 2: Indirect innovation support

Туре	TOTAL n° of beneficiary SMEs for whole project duration	(Average) cost per individual service (in €)	Total budget for all beneficiary SMEs for whole project
2.1 Mapping Program	50	600 €	30.000 €
2.2. Scalability: Use case Promotion	10	700 €	7000€











Evaluation. Criteria

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ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL	
	SCORE
Willingness to participate	40
Involvement of employees in innovation	5
Amount of innovative solutions implemented in railroads projects and/or services within the	15
last five years	
Implementation of equality plans	5
Enterprise work on innovation development	5
Type of developed innovations in the enterprise	5
TOTAL	75

Total









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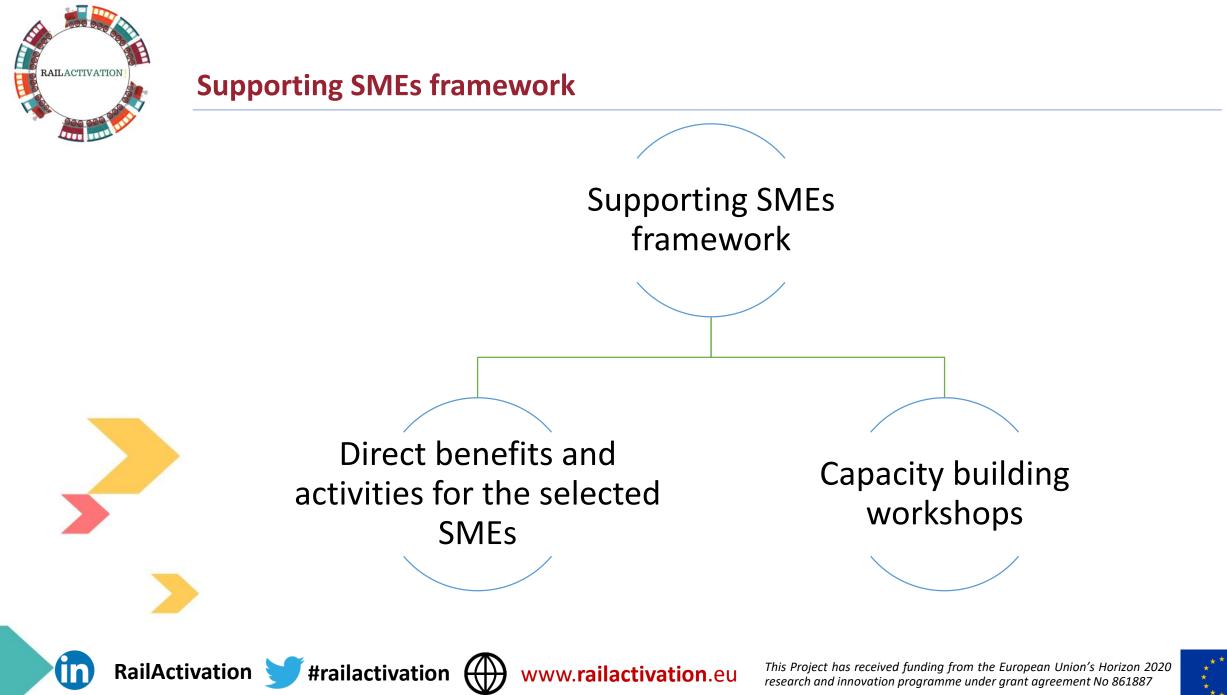
Evaluation. Criteria

PROCCESS LEVEL	MAX
	SCORE
Percentage of women direct employees in the company	5
Organisation model in your enterprise	5
Innovative behaviour of employees	5
Employees' autonomy and participation in work	5
Kind of the initiative for Workplace Innovation	5
TOTAL	25













Evaluation. Procedure

Eligibility checking

RailActivation partners

Evaluations for Pilot Scheme proposals

2 experts from the RailActivation consortium

Validation of the final ranking including all winning proposals

Evaluation committee composed by all evaluators and Advisory Board





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Innovation Way® Results

Innovation Way[®] has been joined by more than **150 companies** coming from different business areas:

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- IT
- MANUFACTORING
- MASS MEDIA
- SERVICES
- FARMS
- NO PROFIT

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Workplace innovation

Workplace Innovation (in short WI) is a developed and implemented practice or combination of practices that either structurally (through division of labour) or culturally (in terms of empowerment of staff)

- enable employees to participate in organisational change and renewal and hence
- improve the quality of working life and organisational performance

(Oeij, P., Žiauberyté-Jakštiené, R., Dhondt, S., Corral, A., Totterdill, P., & Preenen, P., 2015).







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Workplace innovation

The **combination of the four main factors** make the basis for the most effective workplace innovation environment:

- **Empowering** jobs and self-managed teams.
- Flexible organisational structures, people-centred management practices and streamlined systems and procedures based on trust.

 Systematic opportunities for employee-driven improvement and innovation.

 Co-created and distributed leadership combined with 'employee voice' in strategic decision-making.

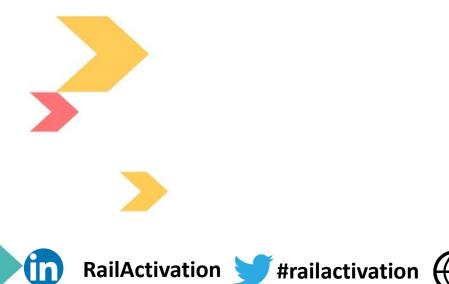








Video presentation of **Innovation Way**





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Innovation Way® Methodology

What is itThe four stages are strictly interrelated, since innovation should be managed as a
process. However the four stages are not necessarily contiguous; in the process not all
the steps must be necessarily performed.

- Setting of the development strategy of the business and consequently to break down and re-engineer the supply of goods/services;
- Aligning the vision of innovation from both technical and commercial point of view;
 - Increasing the personal capacity of participants to generate innovative / effective ideas.

It is based on a **benefit oriented approach**.

The focus This focus on offered and expected benefits is due to their crucial role in defining an effective value proposition and it represents a distinctive element.

It is based **on proven and well known tools** properly scaled, refocused on the characteristics of SME and grouped together in a **toolbox**.





Tools



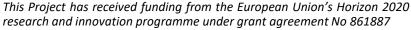


Innovation Way® Methodology

- Every workshop:
 - is autonomous and provides the necessary tools to achieve a specific goal;
 - is consistent with the previous and next workshop;
 - is seen as an instrument of control (check) of the other.
- The workshop does not offer the "means" but provides the "method" and the tools with which to obtain the results.
- The path is designed in such a way as to become familiar with the concepts, methods and tools proposed.
- However, after the course is completed, managerial choices to be made are necessary.

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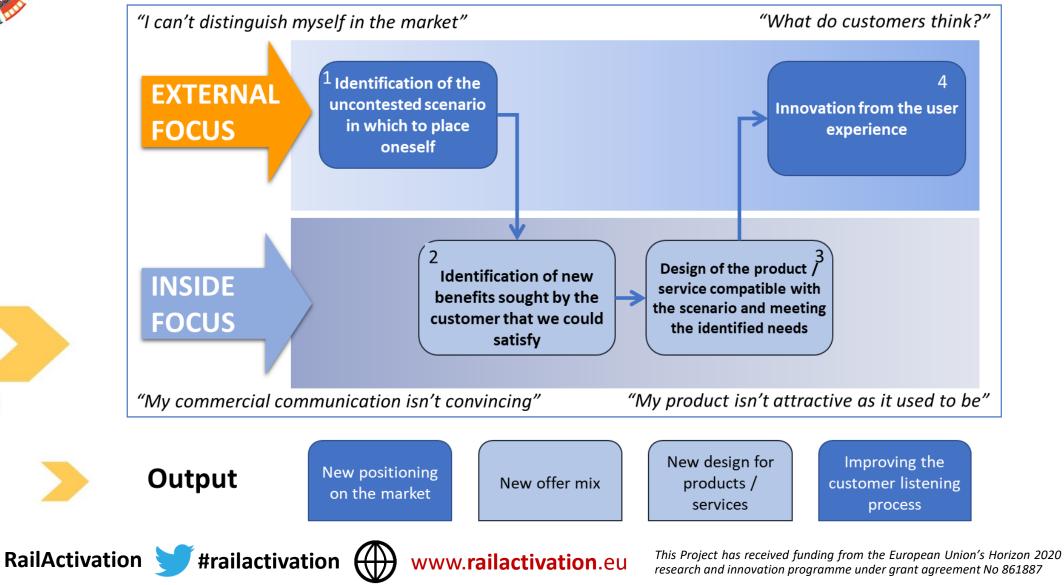






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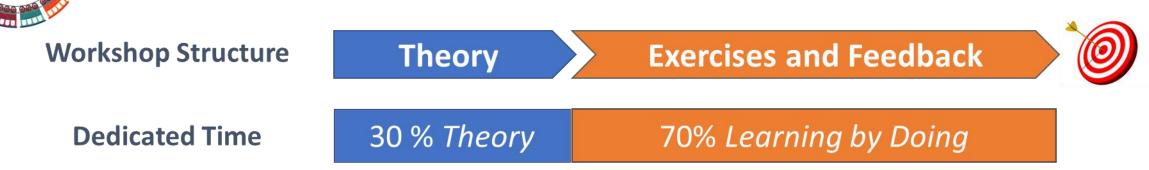
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BUSINESS CREATIVITY TOOLBOX USED DIRECTLY DURING THE WORKSHOP



GROUP WORK FOR PARTECIPATIVE LEARNING AND SHARE DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW



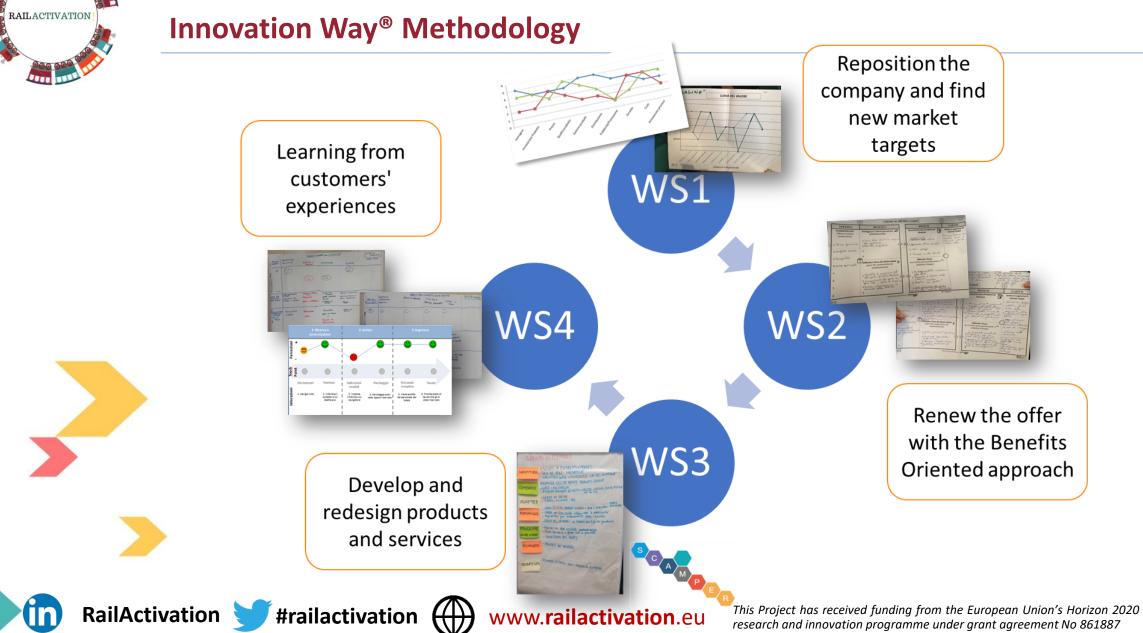
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Innovation Way[®] Methodology

- Punctual analysis of the company: internal and external context
- Solutions that can be used to improve your business
- Operational and targeted indications
- Feasibility with 0 or marginal investments
- Facilitation and initiation of collaborative relationships
- Sharing good practices and partnerships







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N. Min. 2 – Max. **3 editions**

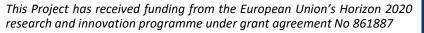
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- Where: Germany, Spain and Italy (2020-2021)
- N. of Workshops for each edition: **4 WS**
- Duration for each edition: 2 days (1/2 day for each WS)

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N. of participants for each edition: 10-20









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