



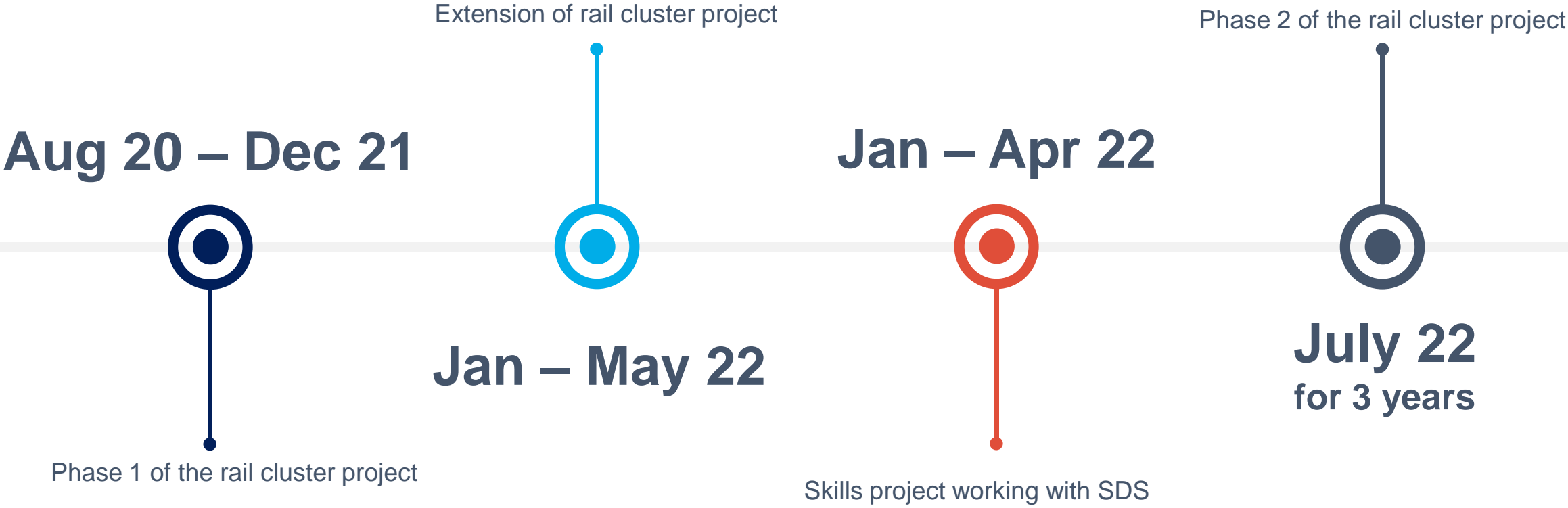
Rail Cluster Project

Rail Scotland Conference

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Rail Cluster Scotland Timeline





Key project outcomes - Phase 1

- > 942 Individuals attending 18 events, including 284 from SMEs
- > 170 SMEs receiving support through 1-2-1s and events attended
- > 687.5 hours of SME support through 1-2-1s and events attended
- > 7 SMEs active in the rail sector through RCB intervention
- > 2 SMEs successful in the Innovate UK First of a Kind (FOAK) programme
- > 7 SMEs cooperating with academic research institutions

Rail Cluster Builder Phase 2



- > Awarded by Scottish Enterprise in July 2022 for a period of three years
- > Supported by Transport Scotland and Skills Development Scotland
- > Creating stronger relationships and wider network – for diversity of thought, approach and innovation
- > Support Scotland's ambitious net zero targets for rail
- > Key Rail Sector Skills Leadership element



Rail Cluster Project Phase 2 - in numbers



739

**Total individuals registered
with the rail cluster project**



550

**Total number of registered
organisations**



252

**Total SMEs registered
with the rail cluster project**

Aims of the Rail Cluster project



The overall purpose is to facilitate connections between SMEs with the existing rail supply chain and to communicate and raise awareness of the opportunities in the rail sector in Scotland

To support the recently issued Rail Decarbonisation Action Plan in which the aim is to make Scotland a world leader in creating net zero emission railways

To link Scottish SMEs with rail manufacturers, contractors, academics and research centres across the country to identify more environmentally friendly track and train solutions

To create a proactive, sustainable group of organisations that collaborate to bring new solutions and tangible benefits to the rail sector in Scotland and the wider UK market

To stimulate innovation that will support the creation of sustainable employment in Scotland – upskilling the workforce, more apprenticeships, the development of talent and long-term employment security.

Step up in ambition – how?



- > Closer relationships with existing rail businesses to understand their supply chain needs better
- > Supply chain events where the rail cluster will facilitate 1-2-1 connections for SMEs with rail businesses seeking specific skillsets/products
- > Development of an online hub to allow exchange of information between stakeholders
- > Active participation/membership of the European Railway Clusters Initiative to learn from best practice and share information





Skills Leadership Group



- > Established an industry steering group with key sector leaders
- > Evaluate and action the Rail Skills for Scotland Report recommendations
- > Determine response to National skills information; e.g NSAR Rail Workforce survey



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