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Tender Noise from Parked Trains: Estimating Affected Population and Informing Limit Values

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N°	Question	Answer
Q1	The duration of the project is not fully clear. The documents indicate completion within four months. Is this a mandatory requirement?	Yes. The overall duration of the study is strictly limited to four months.
Q2	The timeline for submitting an offer and completing the work appears too tight. Could this be reconsidered?	The timeline reflects the broader regulatory process. The European Commission is preparing limit values for noise from parked trains in response to increasing concerns from lineside residents. This study will support discussions within the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA), which is expected to establish the limit values by the end of 2027. The assignment is therefore aligned with this schedule. The scope is intentionally limited and proportionate, focusing on an order-of-magnitude estimate of exposure levels based on desk-based research rather than comprehensive EU-wide mapping.