

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

N°13/2022

on the amendment of the Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPE'S RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014¹, and in particular points (f), (k), and (n) of Article 17(2) and point (b) of Article 94 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) n° 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination²,

Whereas:

- 1) By Decision n° 08/2021 dated 25 November 2021³, the Governing Board of Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking adopted the Annual Work Plan and budget for 2022 in order to mitigate the risks associated with potential delay of the establishment of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking.
- 2) By decision n° 02/2021 dated 21 December 2021⁴, in order to ensure the continuity of operations and in accordance with Article 174(12) of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085, the Governing Board of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking decided that the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking Annual Work Plan and budget for 2022 will continue to apply to the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking.
- 3) By decision n°3/2022 dated 1 March 2022⁵, the Governing Board adopted the amended Europe's Rail Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 (here after "WP 2022-2024") in order to launch the first call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-01, which was published on the Horizon Europe Funding and Tenders Portal on 10 March 2022 with a deadline of 23 June 2022.

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17.

² OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1

³ <https://shift2rail.org/about-shift2rail/structure-of-shift2rail-initiative/governing-board-2/>

⁴ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GB-Decision_02-21_Omnibus.pdf

⁵ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/GB-Decision_03_22_AWP_2022-2024.pdf.

- 4) By decision n°10/2022 dated 8 September 2022⁶, the Governing Board adopted the second amendment to the Europe's Rail Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 in order to launch the second call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02, which was published on the Horizon Europe Funding and Tenders Portal on 13 September 2022 with a deadline of 14 December 2022.
- 5) The third amendment to the WP 2022-2024 includes the budget transfers from Title 1 to Title 2 in particular, to ensure the functioning of the JU while the recruitment process of the staff is finalized. In addition, a revision of the procurement procedures to be launched in the next months has been included.
- 6) In addition, the third amendment to the WP 2022-2024 includes the plans of in-kind contributions to additional activities (here and after "IKAA plans") declared by the Private Founding Members of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking, in accordance with the obligation imposed on them in Article 11 of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 and the individual letters of commitment to become a Founding Member of the Joint Undertaking. The provision of the IKAA plans was requested in the conditions of call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-01. In light of the GB Decision n°11/2022⁷ dated 3 August 2022, approving the ranked lists of innovation actions selected for funding and the list of rejected proposals under the Europe's Rail JU call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-01, the Governing Board should approve the IKAA plans 2022-2024 on the basis of proposals by the Founding Members awarded with grants.
- 7) The Private Founding Members already started contributing to the rail research and innovation activities of the JU as from the adoption of the Amendment 2 to the Work Programme 2022 – 2024, once the scope of the Call 2022-1 was decided by the Governing Board on 1 March 2022; as a consequence, there is a need to consider the costs in relation to the IKAA performed as from such date accountable as Private Founding Members in-kind contributions for additional activities to the JU, if such activities are included in the IKAA Plan.
- 8) The consultations on the amendment to the Work Programme 2022-2024 were conducted with the Scientific Committee and with the States' Representatives Group on 4 November 2022, with a positive outcome.

⁶ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/GB-Decision_10_22_Amended_AWP_22-24_signed.pdf

⁷ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/GB-Decision_11_22_Call-2022.pdf

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The ICAA plan included in the present Work Programme and Budget 2022 – 2024 is hereby adopted and the contributions of the Private Founding Members in relation to the Additional Activities will be accounted for as from 1 March 2022.

Article 2

Amendment no 3 to the Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking set out in the Annex to this decision is adopted.

The Annex attached to this decision replaces the Europe's Rail Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 adopted by the Governing Board Decision no°3/2022 dated 1 March 2022 and amended by the Governing Board Decision no°10/2022 dated 8 September 2022.

Article 3

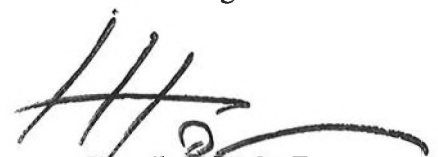
The Executive Director shall make this decision publicly available on the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking 's website.

Article 4

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, on 30 November 2022.

For the Governing Board



Henrik HOLOLEI
The Chairperson

Annex: Work Programme and budget 2022-2024 of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking