

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

N°2/2023

### **Appointing the Executive Director ad interim of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL)**

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 642/2014<sup>1</sup>, and in particular points (h) and (i) of Article 17(2);

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union ('Staff Regulations') and to the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Union ('CEOS'), laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/681, and in particular Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations and Article 10 of the CEOS;

Having regard to GB decision GB-05/2018 of 23 March 2018 laying down implementing rules on temporary occupation of management posts and GB decision GB-02/2021 of 21 December 2021 approving the lists of decisions adopted by the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking that will continue to apply for the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking in accordance with Article 174(12) of Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085<sup>2</sup>;

Having regard to the timeline of the procedure for the selection and appointment of the new Executive Director in accordance with Article 18 of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 which it is estimated to last around nine months from the date of the publication of the vacancy notice.

Whereas:

- 1) Article 37(1) of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 states that the Staff Regulations and the CEOS and the rules adopted jointly by the institutions of the Union for the purpose of applying the Staff Regulations and the CEOS shall apply to the staff of the joint undertaking;

---

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> [https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GB-Decision\\_02-21\\_Omnibus.pdf](https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GB-Decision_02-21_Omnibus.pdf)

- 2) At its meeting of 30 January 2023, the EU-RAIL Governing Board took note of Mr Borghini's end of service with effect from 1 March 2023, following his informal communication to the Governing Board at its meeting of 30 November;
- 3) In order to ensure continuity of operations of EU-RAIL during the transition period between 1 March 2023 and the date of the appointment of the new Executive Director, there is the need to appoint an Executive Director ad interim;
- 4) The Executive Director ad interim should ensure the stability and the continuity of EU-RAIL activities and a continued smooth connection between EU-RAIL, its Governing Board and its Founding Members;
- 5) The Executive Director ad interim should perform the tasks defined in Article 19 of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 and should report to the EU-RAIL Governing Board on the implementation of these tasks;
- 6) On 30 January 2023, the Chairman of the Governing Board, in agreement with the Co-Chair, after having considered different alternatives and profiles, has decided to propose to the Governing Board Members the candidature of Mr Giorgio Travaini as Executive Director ad interim taking into consideration: that he is an established temporary EU-RAIL staff member; his experience as EU-RAIL Head of Programme and his independence from any EU-RAIL Founding Member;
- 7) The Executive Director ad interim shall be appointed by the Governing Board and shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Joint Undertaking in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Board. Considering the nature of the appointment, the Executive Director ad interim may abstain to take strategic decisions with a longer-term impact.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS

*Article 1*

The Governing Board appoints Mr Giorgio Travaini, as the EU-RAIL Executive Director ad interim as from 1 March 2023 until the appointment of the new Executive Director to perform the tasks defined in Article 19 of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085. In accordance with Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, such appointment shall not exceed one year. In the performance of these tasks, the Executive Director ad interim may exercise the powers conferred on the Executive Director within the limits required by ensuring business continuity in the operation and the day-to-day management of EU-RAIL, refraining from taking strategic decisions with a longer-term impact.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the Governing Board.

Done at Brussels, on 30 January 2023.

For the Governing Board,



Henrik HOLEI  
*The Chairperson*