

DECISION
N° SRG 1/2023

THE STATES REPRESENTATIVES GROUP OF THE EUROPE'S RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (hereinafter SBA), in particular Article 20;

Having regard to Article 20(13) of the SBA, stating that the States Representatives Group shall adopt its own rules of procedure;

Having regard to the adoption by the States Representatives Group of their Rules of Procedure on 3 June 2022;

Having regard to Article 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the States Representatives Group, by which the Rules of Procedure may be amended following the approval by at least two thirds of all nominated representatives;

Having regard to the appointment of representatives to the EU-RAIL States Representative Group by the Member States and the countries associated to the Horizon Europe Framework Programme (hereinafter the "States");

On 27/03/2023, has adopted the following decision:

Article I

Article 4 of the rules of procedure of the States Representatives Group of the EU-RAIL Joint Undertaking annexed to this decision is amended.

Article 2

This amendment to Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the States Representatives Group

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2023

The SRG Acting Chair

ANNEX TO DECISION N° SRG 01/2023

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATES REPRESENTATIVES GROUP OF THE EU-RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING

Article 4

Specific Procedure for the Election of the Chair/Vice-Chair

1. **First Term:** The Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking's Executive Director shall contact all SRG Representatives, asking for proposed candidates for each of the two positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Candidates to the positions of Chair and/or Vice Chair can put forward their candidacy themselves, or be proposed as candidates by other representatives. All candidacies, accepted by the candidates themselves following a verification by the EU-Rail JU, will be put to a vote among SRG members.

The Executive Director shall coordinate the vote. The Executive Director shall present the list of proposed candidates for each of the two positions to the SRG Representatives, along with their statements of motivation and of impartiality. All supporting documents, including a short curriculum vitae, must be sent by EU-Rail JU to the SRG Representatives before the vote. This procedure should be completed within one month.

The Chair and Vice Chair shall each be elected in principle by consensus, as a common opinion reached by the SRG Members represented at the election meeting, or, failing that, on the basis of a simple majority of the SRG Members represented at the meeting or through electronic voting. If no candidate pools over 50% of the votes, a second round of voting is initiated with the two candidates garnering the highest number of votes in the first round running again. The successful candidate shall be the one with the highest number of votes. A vote must be held even if one candidate stands for election.

If there is no candidate for the position of Vice Chair, the second most successful candidate for the position of Chair shall be elected Vice Chair, subject to his/her agreement.

2. **Following Terms:** Up to six months before the end of the term of office of the Chair or Vice Chair, the incumbent may request the extension of his or her term. A decision to extend the term will be taken by consensus, as a common opinion reached by the SRG Members represented at the meeting or through electronic voting, or failing that on the basis of a simple majority of the SRG Members.