

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

### On the appointment of the members of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group and on the adoption of a reserve list

N° 13/2023

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPE'S RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING, (hereafter referred as "EU-RAIL")

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 (hereafter referred as "Single Basic Act"), and in particular articles 19, 21(4) and 91(2) thereof,

Having regard to EU-Rail Governing Board Decision n° 06/2023<sup>1</sup> of 15 March 2023 on the launch of the call for expression of interest for the selection of the members of the EU-Rail Scientific Steering Group,

Having regard to the Decision of the EU-Rail Executive Director *a.i.* on the appointment of the Evaluation Panel for the Call for Expression of Interest for the selection of the members of the EU-Rail Scientific Steering Group.

Whereas:

- (1) The EU-Rail published on its website<sup>2</sup> the "Call for Expressions of Interest the for the selection of the Members of the Scientific Steering Group of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking" on 31 March 2023, which closed on 30 June 2023.
- (2) The selection process has been carried out in conformity with the rules established in the Governing Board Decision n° 06/2023 and in its Annex hereof.
- (3) An Evaluation panel chaired by the Executive Director *a.i.* and composed of two members of the Governing Board of EU-Rail, one statutory staff representative of EU-Rail, two representatives of the European Commission, one representative of the European Union Agency for Railways and two representatives of research associations, carried out the assessment of the eligible applications received.
- (4) On 19/09/2023 (Ares(2023)6330303) out of 21 applications received, the evaluation panel shortlisted eighteen (18) candidates. Four (4) candidates did not pass either the total or the individual minimum thresholds for the selection criteria. The remaining three (3) candidates were not shortlisted due to a Conflict of Interest. Therefore, the panel decided to propose fourteen (14) candidates considered best suited in alphabetical order with a

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<sup>1</sup><https://rail-research.europa.eu/about-europes-rail/europes-rail-structure-of-governance/europes-rail-governing-board/>

<sup>2</sup><https://rail-research.europa.eu/about-europes-rail/europes-rail-structure-of-governance/scientific-steering-group/>

distinction between twelve (12) candidates proposed as members and two (2) members for the reserve list.

- (5) In accordance with article 21(4) of the Single Basic Act, the Governing Board shall take into consideration the potential candidates proposed by the EU-Rail States' Representative Group (SRG). The SRG proposed eight candidates to the Scientific Steering Group and presented them in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU-Rail Governing Board. One candidate proposed by the SRG was not shortlisted due to a Conflict of Interest identified by the evaluation panel.
- (6) Based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel (Ares(2023)6583536), the Executive Director *a.i.* proposes the list of the best suited candidates, which includes seven candidates proposed by the SRG, to be appointed as members of the EU-Rail Scientific Steering Group, and the reserve list of candidates in Article 1 of the present Decision.
- (7) In accordance with Governing Board Decision n° 06/2023, upon finalisation of the selection process, the EU-Rail Governing Board shall terminate the mandate of the current EU-Rail Scientific Committee's members<sup>3</sup>.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The candidates in Table I are appointed as members of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group and those in Table II constitute the reserve list of candidates.

**Table I-Appointed members of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group (in alphabetical order)**

Last name	First name	Candidate proposed by the EU-Rail States' Representative Group
BARON	Nacima	
CARBONI	Michele	
DE WEERDT	Mathijs	x
DI FEBBRARO	Angela	x
FANTECHI	Alessandro	
FERREIRA	Luis	x
LANDGRAF	Matthias	x
MOESSNER	Klaus	
ROUTIL	Ladislav	x

<sup>3</sup> <https://rail-research.europa.eu/about-shift2rail/structure-of-shift2rail-initiative/scientific-committee/>

SAEEDNIA	Mahnam	
SANZ BOBI	Juan de Dios	x
STOELINGA	Marielle	x

**Table II- Candidates in the reserve list of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group (in alphabetical order)**

Last name	First name	Candidate proposed by the EU-Rail States' Representative Group
D'ARIANO	Andrea	
LEITNER	Martin	

#### **Article 2**

1. The term of the appointed members listed in table I of Article 1 shall be four years. Upon recommendation by the EU-Rail Executive Director, the Governing Board may decide to renew the appointment for an additional term of up to 4 years.
2. The reserve list of candidates listed in table II of Article 1 shall be valid for the duration of the term of the appointed members indicated in (1).
3. The Executive Director shall inform all applicants about the outcome of the selection process and shall publish on the EU-Rail's web site the list of the appointed members of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group and the candidates on the reserve list.

#### **Article 3**

The mandate of the EU-Rail the Scientific Committee members appointed as per Governing Board Decisions n° 03/2015, n°15/2026, n°10/2017 and n° 06/2019 of the preceding Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking<sup>4</sup> is terminated as from the date of entry into force of this Decision.

#### **Article 4**

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

Done at Brussels, on 19 October 2023



For the Governing Board  
Magda KOPCZYNSKA  
The Chairperson

<sup>4</sup> As per EU-Rail Governing Board decision n°02/2021 decisions n° 03/2015, n°15/2026, n°10/2017 and 06/2019 continue to apply for the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking in accordance with Article 174(12) of Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085