

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

N°16/2023

### on the adoption of the Work Programme 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 642/2014<sup>1</sup>, and in particular points (f) and (k) 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 dissemination<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion from the EU-Rail States Representatives Group dated 16/11/2023 and advice from the EU-Rail Scientific Steering Group dated 15/11/2023, with positive outcome.

Whereas:

- 1) The Governing Board should adopt the Work Programme of the Joint Undertaking and the corresponding expenditure estimates as proposed by the Executive Director after having consulted the Scientific Steering Group, the States' Representatives Group and the System Pillar Steering Group.
- 2) The Governing Board should also adopt the annual budget of the Joint Undertaking, as proposed by the Executive Director, including the staff establishment plan.
- 3) The Governing Board shall approve the annual additional activities plan, set out in an annex to the main part of the work programme, on the basis of a proposal from the members other than the Union and after having consulted the scientific advisory body or such body as set out in Part Two and after taking into consideration the States' Representatives Group's opinion. The IKAA plans is proposed for amendment;
- 4) The System Pillar Steering Group provided the recommendations on the budget and implementation plan with regard to the System Pillar dated 30/11/2023 which were duly considered by the Executive Director *a.i.*

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1

- 5) The comments received in the consultation process from the Members of the Joint Undertaking, by the Scientific Steering Group, the States' Representatives Group, the System Pillar Steering Group and the European Union Agency for Railways were duly considered by the Executive Director *a.i* and, when appropriate and possible, included in the final version.
- 6) The necessary appropriations for the implementation of the Work Programme for 2024 are provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2024, which has not yet been adopted.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Work Programme 2024 set out in the Annex of this Decision is hereby adopted.

*Article 2*

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2024.

*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 5 December 2023.

For the Governing Board



Magda KOPCZYNSKA  
*The Chairperson*

**Annex:** Work Programme 2024 of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking