

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

### Amending the Decision of the Governing Board No 13/2023 on the appointment of the members of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group and on the adoption of a reserve list

N° 18/2023

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) 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 No 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 EU-Rail Governing Board Decision No 13/2023<sup>2</sup> of 19 October 2023 on the appointment of the members of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group and on the adoption of a reserve list,

Having regard to Decision n° 01/2023<sup>3</sup> of the Scientific Steering Group of the EU-RAIL (hereafter the "SSG") adopting the Rules of Procedure of the SSG.

#### WHEREAS

- (1) Ms Mahnam SAEEDNIA, appointed member of the SSG, declared herself in a conflict of interest situation and informed the Executive Director *a.i.*;
- (2) In accordance with section 2 (g) of the above referred call for expression of interest, the Executive Director *a.i.*, after having examined the situation, proposes to the Governing Board, for decision, the dismissal of Ms Mahnam SAEEDNIA from the SSG;

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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/europes-rail-governing-board/>

<sup>3</sup><https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/RoP-SSG-signed.pdf>

- (3) In case of a vacancy, the Governing Board shall appoint a new member from the reserve list for the rest of the duration of the term of the appointed SSG members indicated in Article 2 of the above referred Governing Board Decision No 13/2023;
- (4) The Executive Director *a.i.*, after having considered the geographical balance of the SSG members, proposes to the Governing Board, for decision, the appointment of Mr Martin LEITNER as member of the SSG;
- (5) In accordance with section 2 (g) of the above referred call for expression of interest and Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the SSG above referred, maximum two representatives of different European research associations, not beneficiaries of Europe's Rail grants or contracts, are invited to participate to the SSG as observers;
- (6) The Executive Director *a.i.* proposes to the Governing Board, for decision, the appointment of the European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI) and the European Transport Research Alliance (ETRA) as SSG's observers.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Ms Mahnam SAEEDNIA is dismissed as member of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group and Mr Martin LEITNER is appointed as member of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group. The Table I and the Table II are thereby amended as follows:

**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
LEITNER	Martin	
MOESSNER	Klaus	
ROUTIL	Ladislav	x
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	

*Article 2*

The European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI) and the European Transport Research Alliance (ETRA) are appointed as observers of the Europe's Rail Scientific Steering Group.

*Article 3*

All other provisions of the EU-Rail Governing Board Decision No 13/2023 shall remain unchanged.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, on 23 JAN 2024

For the Governing Board



Magda KOPCZYNSKA  
*The Chairperson*