

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
on the amendment n° 2 of the Work Programme 2024
N° 16/2024

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe¹, in particular points (f), (k), and (n) of Article 17(2) and point (b) of Article 94 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 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 dissemination²,

Having regard to the EU-Rail Financial Rules adopted by the Governing Board Decision N°11/2019 of 20 December 2019 (hereafter the "Financial Rules")³ and in particular Article 6(5),

Having regard to the Europe's Rail Work Programme 2024 adopted by EU-Rail Governing Board Decision N° 16/2023⁴ on 5 December 2023 and amended by Governing Board Decision N° 01/2024 on 14 February 2024 (amendment n°1)⁵,

Whereas:

- 1) In the Statement of Revenue, due to a clerical error in the JU's 2023 request for cash flow from the EC that was integrated at the operational and not administrative appropriations, with this amendment, EUR 35.083 is added to the administrative unused payments to rectify the situation.
- 2) In the Statement of Expenditure, the amount of unused commitment appropriations as increased to a total of EUR 34.510.157, out of which EUR 31.613.344 concern the operational EU-Rail budget to finance the 2nd wave call of the Flagship Projects under the AWP 2025-2026. The amount of unused payment appropriations increased to a total of EUR 32.396.611, out of which EUR 28.496.845 from the operational budget are transferred to the unused appropriations to cover future operational needs of the JU, as per multi-annual planning.
- 3) Adaptation of the commitment and payment appropriations per budget line is proposed considering the evolution of budget needs identified for the last quarter of 2024 to maximise the consumption of the budget, with the most important one being the transfer between the salaries and allowances from staff of the establishment plan to external personnel due to different turnover in 2024.
- 4) The amendment n° 2 of the Work Programme 2024 also includes the amendment of the in-kind contributions to additional activities plans (here and after "IKAA plans")

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17–119. This act has been changed. Current consolidated version: [21/09/2023](#).

² OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1

³ <https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/S2R-JU-Financial-Rules.pdf>

⁴ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/GB-Decision_16_Annex_WP2024.pdf

⁵ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/GB-DECISION_01-24-ANNEX_WP2024_Amendment1.pdf

declared by the Private Founding Members of EU-Rail, in accordance with the obligation imposed on them in Article 11 of the Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 and the individual letters of commitment to become a Founding Member of the Joint Undertaking. The provision of the IKAA plans was requested in the conditions of call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2023-01. Considering the GB Decision N°06/2024 dated 9 April 2024 approving the ranked lists of innovation actions selected for funding and the list of rejected proposals under the Europe's Rail JU call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2023-01⁶, the Governing Board should approve the amended IKAA plans 2023-2024 based on proposals by the Private Founding Members awarded with grants. The EU-Rail States' Representatives Group (SRG) was duly informed on the update of the IKAA plans in its last meeting held on 9 October 2024 and with the distribution of the latest draft on 24 October 2024, in accordance with Article 20.12 of the Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 and consulted with a positive outcome expressed during the Governing Board meeting.

- 5) In addition, the addition of new tender procedures to be launched in the coming months, the inclusion of the indicative budget for implementation of current tenders and the cancellation of previous tenders has been included.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The amendment n°2 of the Work Programme 2024 set out in the Annex to this Decision is adopted.

The Annex attached to this Decision replaces the above referred Work Programme adopted by EU-Rail Governing Board Decision N° 16/2023 on 5 December 2023 and amended by Governing Board Decision N° 01/2024 on 14 February 2024 (amendment n°1).

Article 2

The Executive Director shall make this decision publicly available on the EU-Rail's website.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, on 21 November 2024.

For the Governing Board



Magda KOPCZYNSKA
The Chairperson

Annex: Amendment n° 2 to the Work Programme 2024 of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking

⁶ <https://rail-research.europa.eu/about-europes-rail/europes-rail-structure-of-governance/europes-rail-governing-board>