

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

### approving the revised phasing-out plan

N°18/2024

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 Europe<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 17.2 point (a1) and 19(4) point (v),

Having regard to European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) N° 1290/2013 and (EU) N° 1291/2013<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 10(2)(c) and Annex III on the European partnerships,

Having regard to Governing Board Decision N°14/2023<sup>3</sup> dated 5 December 2023 approving the phasing-out plan,

Having regard to the consultation for opinion from the EU-Rail States Representatives Group (SRG) dated 9 October 2024 and for advice from the EU-Rail Scientific Steering Group (SSG) dated 26 September 2024, with positive outcome,

Whereas:

- (1) The joint undertakings are set up as Union bodies for a period ending on 31 December 2031 and financed under the EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027;
- (2) According to Article 10 of the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) N° 2021/695, the European partnerships should have a clear life-cycle approach, be limited in time and include conditions for phasing-out the Programme funding;
- (3) According to Article 17(2) point (a1) of the Council Regulation (EU) N° 2021/2085, the EU-Rail Governing Board adopted on 5 December 2023 a plan for the phasing-out of the joint undertaking from Horizon Europe funding upon recommendation of the Executive Director;
- (4) EU-Rail phasing-out plan includes the administrative and operational adaptations needed for a 'winding-up procedure', and the necessary steps, including procedural and process aspects, to complete the phasing-out of the Joint Undertaking from Horizon Europe funding.
- (5) In accordance with Governing Board Decision N°14/2023, the other elements of the phasing-out plan related to short and long-term targets, strategic alignment, and the future financial stability should be further completed during 2024. The revised plan,

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1–68

<sup>3</sup> <https://rail-research.europa.eu/about-europes-rail/europes-rail-structure-of-governance/europes-rail-governing-board/>

after consultation of the relevant advisory bodies, should be submitted to the Governing Board for adoption by the end of 2024.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Governing Board of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking hereby approves the revised phasing-out plan enclosed in Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, on 21 November 2024.

For the Governing Board



Magda KOPCZYNSKA  
*The Chairperson*

**Annex:** Revised phasing-out plan of Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking