



## DECISION

N° SSG 01/2026

### Amending the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Steering Group of Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-RAIL)

THE SCIENTIFIC STEERING GROUP OF EUROPE'S RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING (EU-RAIL),

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021<sup>1</sup> establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe ("Single Basic Act"), and in particular its Article 91(2) regarding the setting up of a Scientific Steering Group by Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking,

Having regard to the Decision n° 07/2018 of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking adopting the rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests applicable to the bodies of Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, which applies to EU-Rail in accordance with EU-Rail Governing Board Decision N° 2/2021,

Having regard to Article 21(6) of the Single Basic Act, stating that the scientific advisory body shall adopt its own rules of procedure,

Having regard to the adoption by the Scientific Steering Group of their Rules of Procedure on 15 November 2023,

Whereas in accordance with Article 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Steering Group, the Rules of Procedure may be amended following the approval by at least two thirds of the Scientific Steering Group's members.

**In its meeting of 18 February 2026, has adopted the following decision:**

#### **Article 1**

Article 11, points 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure are replaced by the following text:

- In line with the EU-RAIL Governing Board Decision No 02/2021, SSG members shall sign confidentiality and non-conflict of interest declarations after being nominate and shall submit the same declaration every year by using the template in Annex 1 of these Rules of Procedure.*

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<sup>1</sup> [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe](#)

*In case of change within every annual period, SSG members must immediately follow the procedure foreseen in Article 5.5 of the rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interests applicable to the bodies of Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking adopted by Governing Board [Decision n° 07/2018](#)<sup>2</sup> by using the template in Annex 2 of these Rules of Procedure.*

3. *Any other participants in meetings of the SSG shall sign declarations of confidentiality and non-conflict of interest prior to each meeting by using the template in Annex 1 of these Rules of Procedure.*

## **Article 2**

Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the Rules of Procedure are replaced by the Annex 1 attached to this Decision.

## **Article 3**

Annex 3 of the Rules of Procedure becomes Annex 2 of the amended Rules of Procedure.

## **Article 4**

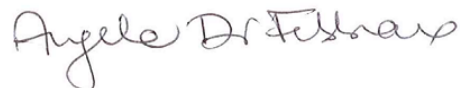
All the other provisions of the Rules of Procedure shall remain unchanged.

## **Article 5**

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

Done in Brussels, 18 February 2026.

The EU-Rail Scientific Steering Group Chairperson



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<sup>2</sup> This GB Decision continues to apply to Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking in accordance with Article 174(12) of Council Regulation (EU) N° 2021/2085.