

**DECISION**  
**ADB(D)-10-2012**

**Proposal to the European Commission on the extension of the SESAR Joint Undertaking**

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE SESAR JOINT UNDERTAKING (SJU),**

**Having regard to:**

- Article 1.4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 of 27 February 2007 on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation of the European air traffic management system (SESAR) as modified by Council Regulation No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008<sup>1</sup>, hereinafter the “SJU Regulation”;
- Article 5.1(k) of the SJU Statutes annexed to the SJU Regulation;
- Its mandate of 1 May 2012 to the SJU to carry a consultation of its Administrative Board’s members and an impact assessment on the possible extension of the SJU’s operations beyond 31 December 2016, including an evolution of its current scope;

**Whereas:**

- In fulfilment of the mandate received from the Administrative Board on 1 May 2012, the SJU contracted Ernst and Young to perform an impact assessment including an extensive consultation of its Administrative Board’s members and stakeholders in line with the aforementioned mandate;
- the impact assessment study indicates an almost unanimous support from amongst the stakeholders consulted for an extension in time of the SJU as well as a large support for the extension of its scope and areas of activities;
- the European Commission, having sought the opinion of the SJU on the possible extension of the duration and scope of the SJU and being the recipient of the results of the consultation and of the impact assessment, abstained from expressing an opinion on the present proposal;
- some members of the Administrative Board, in response to the written procedure for the adoption of this decision, highlighted the need to prepare an outline of major activities to be performed in the period 2014 - 2024, to assess the management approach, to carefully address the areas of activities in the scope, to maintain and enhance adequate management of the conflict of interest and to ensure the effective contribution to the achievement of the SES;

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) n° 219/2007 of 27 February 2007, OJ L 64, 02/09/2007, p.1 - 11, modified by Council Regulation (EC) n° 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008, OJ L 352, 31/12/2008, p.12.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

The Administrative Board takes note of the Impact Assessment study performed independently by Ernst and Young and delivered to the SJU on 31 July 2012.

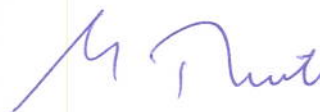
**Article 2**

The Administrative Board proposes to the European Commission to consider extending the duration and activities of the SJU beyond 31 December 2016. Moreover, it proposes to consider the possibility to enlarge the scope of its activities and areas of intervention to the domains identified in the aforementioned Impact Assessment Study and any additional domain which may contribute to the achievement of the European ATM Master Plan. In order to ensure the efficient use of the resources that will be available in the next multi-annual financial framework, and in accordance with the current Horizon 2020 proposals, the SJU should be extended until 31 December 2024.

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

Done in Brussels, 17 September 2012

For the Administrative Board



Matthias Ruete  
*The Chairperson*