

**DECISION**

ADB(D)11-2015

**Adoption of  
the “SESAR Joint Undertaking Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n.1”**

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

**Having regard to:**

- The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 187 thereof;
- Council Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 of 27 February 2007 on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR), (“SJU Regulation”) in particular Article 1.5, and articles 1.3, 1.4, 5.1.b) and 9.1 of Annex I (“the Statutes”), as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008 and by Council Regulation (EU) No 721/2014 of 16 June 2014, under the powers delegated<sup>1</sup> by the Commission;
- Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC, (“H2020”);
- Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in “Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)” and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006, (“the Rules for Participation”);
- Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC;
- SJU Administrative Board Decision ADB (D) 14-2014 adopting the SJU Annual Work Programme 2015;
- SJU Administrative Board Decision ADB (D) 08-2015 adopting the SJU Financial Rules, in particular Article 68(2) thereof;
- SJU Administrative Board Decision ADB (D) 05-2015 adopting the SESAR 2020 Multi-Annual Work Programme, which covers the period 2016 - 2019 with an outlook to 2019-2021 and sets the content, objectives, budget and high-level description of the SESAR 2020 Research and Innovation Programme;

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<sup>1</sup> General Agreement between the European Commission (on behalf of the European Union) and the SJU (“the Delegation Agreement”), and in particular Article 6 thereof; and Annual Financial Implementation Agreement. Both signed on 19 December 2014.

**Whereas:**

- On 8 May 2015, the SJU launched a Written Procedure, in accordance with Article 9 of the SJU Administrative Board Rules of Procedure, to seek the Administrative Board's opinion on the "*Ad-Hoc Financing Decision related to the Call for Proposals for SESAR 2020 Transversal Activities, Industrial Research & Validation and Very Large Scale Demonstrations*";
- Due to the existence of a potential conflict of interest, this Written Procedure was addressed to the representative of the European Commission only;
- As a result of the iterative consultation process conducted since 8 May 2015, the SJU has been requested to integrate the proposed Ad-Hoc Financing Decision to its Annual Work Programme 2015, to follow the structure of other Joint Undertakings' Annual Work Programme and to reconsider the requested deviations from the H2020 Model Documentation;
- As a result of Administrative Board decision ref. ADB (D) 13-2014, the "*Call for Proposals for SESAR 2020 Transversal Activities, Industrial Research & Validation and Very Large Scale Demonstrations*" shall be restricted to:
  - the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (Eurocontrol), as defined in Article 1 of the Statutes of the SJU, and
  - the 19 (nineteen) entities pre-selected as SJU Candidate Members ("candidate members") as a result of Call for Expression of Interests ref. SJU/LC/0110-CEI constituting the first phase of the SJU Membership Accession Process published on 9 July 2014.
- Detailed conditions for participation to the "*Call for Proposals for SESAR 2020 Transversal Activities, Industrial Research & Validation and Very Large Scale Demonstrations*" as well as their due justification are detailed in Section 3.5 of the Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n.1;
- Such detailed conditions for participation include *inter alia* specific provisions regarding the single reimbursement rate, conditions for access rights to background and results and the SJU approach to multiannual budgeting and the amendment process of the grant agreements;
- On this basis and in order to fully update its Annual Work Programme 2015, the SJU decided to also integrate the Ad-Hoc Financing Decision covering Exploratory Research 2020 Call for Proposals (ref. ADB (D) 02-2015 adopted on 20 March 2015) to its Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n.1;
- The Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n.1 was made available to the ADB Members on 9 October 2015;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The SJU Annual Work Programme 2015 adopted by the SJU Administrative Board under Decision ADB (D) 14-2014 on 11 December 2014 is repealed.

The SJU Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n.1 annexed to this decision is adopted.

*Article 2*

The Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n. 1 constitutes a financing decision, in the sense of Article 68(2) of the SJU Financial Rules, for the activities the Work Programme covers.

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

Done in Brussels, 23 October 2015.

For the Administrative Board



*The Chairperson*

Henrik Hololei

## ANNEX 1

**SJU Annual Work Programme 2015 Amendment n. 1**