

**DECISION**  
**ADB(D)05-2015**

**Adoption of**  
**the “SESAR 2020 Multi-Annual Work Programme”**

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

Having regard to:

- 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 5(1)(b), 5(1)(c), 7(5)(d), 16(1)(a) 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;
- 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”);
- 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 Financial Rules ref. SJU-AB-033-15-DOC-01 as adopted by the SJU Administrative Board on 25 June 2015, in particular Articles 7(3)(b) and 31(1);
- EC-SJU General Agreement of 19 December 2014 (“the General Agreement”).

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 Board’s opinion on:
  - the “Ad Hoc Call for Final membership Applications” and
  - the “Ad-Hoc Financing Decision related to the Call for Proposals for SESAR 2020 Transversal Activities, Industrial Research & Validation and Very Large Scale Demonstrations” and “SESAR 2020 R&I Programme”,which, due to the existence of a potential conflict of interest, was addressed to the representative of the European Commission only.
- In its reply to the above mentioned procedure, the Commission indicated that the SJU’s proposed rules for participation and model agreements required further assessment before they could be adopted by the European Commission and that the above mentioned *ad hoc* call could not be published until the said documents are adopted by the European Commission.
- By letter ref. ARES 2015)2851905 dated 7 July 2015 the European Commission agreed that, in view of launching the above mentioned *ad hoc* call, the content, objectives, budget and

high-level description of the SESAR 2020 Research and Innovation Programme for the periods 2016-2019 and 2019-2021 could be fixed on the basis of the “SESAR 2020 R&I Programme-Action Plan” and the “Actions’ descriptions” submitted under the Written Procedure referred above.

- In this context, the SJU Executive Director decided to draw up the “SESAR 2020 Multi-Annual Work Programme” for the period 2016-2019 with an outlook to 2019-2021 by combining the “SESAR 2020 R&I Programme-Action Plan” and “Actions’ descriptions”.
- The “SESAR 2020 Multi-Annual Work Programme”:
  - sets the content, objectives, budget and high-level description of the SESAR 2020 Research and Innovation Programme;
  - constitutes the basis for the Call for Proposals for SESAR 2020 Transversal Activities, Industrial Research & Validation and Very Large Scale Demonstrations; and
  - complies with the tasks entrusted to the SJU by the European Commission under the General Agreement;
  - complies with the provisions of Article 16(1)(a) of the Statutes relating to the SJU global work programme.

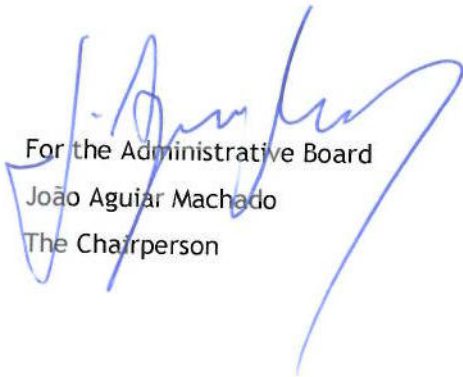
**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

***Sole Article***

The “SESAR 2020 Multi-Annual Work Programme” annexed to this decision is adopted and constitutes the global work programme of the SESAR Joint Undertaking for the period 2016-2019 with an outlook to 2019-2021 in accordance with Article 16(1)(a) of the Statutes.

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

Done in Brussels on 7 July 2015.

  
For the Administrative Board  
João Aguiar Machado  
The Chairperson