

DECISION

ADB(D)12-2019

Adopting the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2018

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

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 of the European Air Traffic Management system (SESAR)¹ as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008² and by Council Regulation (EU) No 721/2014 of 16 June 2014³ ('SESAR JU Regulation'), and in particular Article 5.1(j) and Article 16.2 of the Annex to the SESAR JU Regulation, "Statutes of the joint undertaking" ('SESAR JU Statutes'),
- The Administrative Board decision ADB(D)08-2015 adopting the SESAR JU Financial Rules and in particular Article 46,
- The Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the SESAR JU, and in particular Article 9,

Whereas:

- 1) The Communication from the Commission C(2014)9641 of 16 December 2014 defined the guidelines for the programming document for decentralised agencies and the template for the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for decentralised agencies.
- 2) The Draft 2018 Consolidated Annual Activity ("CAAR 2018") Report was submitted to the Administrative Board analysis between the 27 April 2019 and the 19 May 2019.
- 3) The comments and recommendations resulting from the Administrative Board's analysis have been integrated in the final edition of the CAAR 2018, edition 00.05.
- 4) A Written Procedure for the adoption of the CAAR 2018 was launched on 4 June 2019 and concluded on 27 June 2019 with positive results.
- 5) The Administrative Board has assessed the SESAR Joint Undertaking's CAAR 2018 and notes that:
 - o The SESAR JU met its key policy and operational objectives as outlined in the Single Programming Document for the period 2018-2020;
 - o The SESAR JU's key achievements in 2018 were the following:

¹ OJ L 64, 2.3.2007, p. 1

² OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 12

³ OJ L 192, 1.7.2014, p. 1

- The continuation of seventy-three Exploratory Research, Industrial Research and Validation and Very Large-Scale Demonstration projects and the supervision of the delivery of project results, including further matured (candidate) SESAR Solutions under Releases 7 and 8, and the preparation of the next phase of Solution delivery (Release 9 to be delivered in 2019),
 - The launch in execution of twelve new projects as an outcome to three calls for proposals, under three different legal frameworks (the Horizon 2020 Programme, the Connecting Europe Facility Programme and assigned revenue); this included the management of a new dedicated call for proposals on U-space funded through the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Programme, and the subsequent evaluation, award and grant agreement preparation phases,
 - The preparation of two new calls for proposals to be launched in 2019: the second restricted call for Industrial Research and Validation and Very Large-Scale Demonstration 'Wave 2', and the fourth open call for Exploratory Research,
 - The execution of the European ATM Master Plan update campaign, with a view to deliver the updated Master Plan in Q1 2019,
 - The realisation of a study on the future architecture of European airspace, under a specific mandate from the European Commission,
 - The amendment of grant agreements for Wave 1 Industrial Research and Validation and Very Large-Scale Demonstration projects with SESAR JU Members,
 - Payments in accordance with the financial circuit for the grant agreements,
 - Procurement activities in full compliance with the applicable regulation,
 - The fulfilment of all obligations related to planning and reporting,
 - Active cooperation with European and global stakeholders on matters relevant to the development of European Aviation,
 - Final financial and operational closure activities on the SESAR 1 programme;
 - The SESAR JU used its resources in line with the activities, as described in the work plan;
 - The performance indicators show that overall the targets were met;
 - Internal control and management systems were in place and working adequately;
 - The required building blocks of assurance (management assessment, exception register, audits etc.) have been in place all along the year 2018;
 - The main risks for the delivery of the SESAR JU's key objectives were identified and the relevant mitigating measures taken, keeping overall risks under control and at an acceptable level of criticality.
- 6) Consequently, the Administrative Board concludes that the CAAR 2018 accurately and adequately describes the work performed by the SESAR JU in 2018,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The SESAR JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2018, annexed to this decision, which provides a true, fair and detailed view of the activities realised during the year 2018, is adopted.

Article 2

The SESAR JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2018 shall be transmitted to the Court of Auditors, to the Commission, to the European Parliament and to the Council by the Executive Director on behalf of the Administrative Board, in accordance with the provisions of the SESAR JU Financial Rules.

Article 3

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

Done in Brussels, 27 June 2019.

For the Administrative Board

The Chairperson

Henrik Hololei

