

DECISION

ADB(D)08-2020

Adopting the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2019

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'),
- Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012⁴, and in particular Articles 6, 70 and 110,
- Communication from the Commission C(2020)2297 of 20 April 2020 defining the guidelines for the programming document for decentralised agencies and the template for the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for decentralised agencies,
- The Administrative Board decision ADB(D)21-2019 adopting the SESAR JU Financial Rules and in particular Article 47,
- The Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the SESAR JU, and in particular Article 9,

Whereas:

- 1) The Draft 2019 Consolidated Annual Activity Report ("CAAR 2019") was submitted to the Administrative Board for analysis between 19 May 2020 and 28 May 2020.

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

⁴ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

- 2) The comments and recommendations resulting from the Administrative Board's analysis have been integrated in the final edition of the CAAR 2019, edition 00.05.
- 3) A Written Procedure for the adoption of the CAAR 2019 was launched on 5 June 2020 and concluded on 25 June 2020 with positive results.
- 4) The Administrative Board has assessed the SESAR Joint Undertaking's CAAR 2019 and notes that:
 - The SESAR JU met all its key policy and operational objectives for 2019 as outlined in the Single Programming Document for the period 2019-2021;
 - The SESAR JU's key achievements in 2019 were the following:
 - The finalisation of the Airspace Architecture study, launched in 2018, and the development of its Transition Plan on request from the Commission,
 - The finalisation of the European Master Plan edition 2020 and its adoption by the Administrative Board of the SESAR JU,
 - The completion of the SESAR 2020 Programme Wave 1, resulting in the delivery of 21 SESAR Solutions ready for industrialisation, and the preparation for the delivery of 9 additional Solutions in early 2020,
 - The grant agreement preparation and signature for the Wave 2 grants for industrial research and validation and for demonstrations, and the launch of the first 13 Wave 2 projects,
 - The preparation, launch and follow-up of the fourth exploratory research call,
 - The supervision of 70 projects covering all phases of research and innovation of the SESAR 2020 programme (17 projects related to exploratory research, 32 to industrial research and validation, and 21 to very large-scale demonstrations),
 - The organisation of and/or participation at major European and global events related to air traffic management and aviation, including the World ATM Congress, SESAR Innovation Days, the Paris Air Show and several ICAO events,
 - The communication of programme results and the promotion of scientific excellence through dedicated initiatives (the update of the Solution Catalogue 3rd Edition, the SESAR Digital Academy, the Young Scientist Awards, the SESAR Digital Sky Challenge),
 - The legal, financial and administrative support to the SESAR JU operations in compliance with the regulatory requirements applicable to the SESAR JU,
 - The delivery of corporate tools and initiatives to secure the efficiency of the SESAR JU operations;
 - 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 throughout the year 2019;
 - 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.
- 5) Consequently, the Administrative Board concludes that the CAAR 2019 accurately and adequately describes the work performed by the SESAR JU in 2019,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The SESAR JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2019, annexed to this decision, provides a true, fair and detailed view of the activities realised during the year 2019 and is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The SESAR JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2019 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, 25 June 2020.

For the Administrative Board

The Chairperson

Henrik Hololei



Annex: SESAR JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2019 (edition 01.00).