

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

approving the Back Office Arrangements – Human resources and Procurement

N° 12/2023

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPE'S RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING, (hereafter referred as "EU-RAIL")

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014, and in particular Articles 13, 17(1) and 19(4)(w) thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 13(1) of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085, in order to gain synergies and efficiencies, Joint Undertaking established by this Regulation should operate back office arrangements (hereafter "BOAs") in several areas listed in this article,
- (2) Those BOAs should be operated by one or more Joint Undertaking established under Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085, within one year following the date of entry into force of this Regulation,
- (3) The establishment of those BOAs should take the form of service level agreements, subject to the need to guarantee an equivalent level of protection of the Union's financial interest when entrusting budgetary implementation tasks to joint undertakings,
- (4) To ensure an effective and efficient implementation of the BOAs, during its 5th meeting held on 30 November 2022¹ the Governing Board of EU-Rail empowered the EU-Rail Executive Director to negotiate and sign the Service Level Agreements linked to the Back Office Arrangements.
- (5) Following the formal proposal for BOA for human resources sent by the Circular Bio-Based Europe Joint Undertaking and for BOA procurement sent by the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking, represented by its Executive Directors, to all the Executive Directors of the Horizon Europe Joint Undertakings, the EU-Rail expressed an interest in joining these BOAs.
- (6) During the 8th Governing Board meeting, the EU-Rail Executive Director a.i communicated to the Governing Board the two concept notes for BOA's human resources and procurement, together with an action plan for their implementation.

¹ https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/GB-Minutes_5th_GB_Meeting_30Nov_HH-signed.pdf

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board of EU-Rail hereby approves the Back Office Arrangement for human resources and procurement proposed respectively by the Circular Bio-Based Europe Joint Undertaking and the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, on 28 July 2023.

For the Governing Board



Maja BAKRAN MARCICH
The Chairperson