

## DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

### approving the revised Europe's Rail Multi-Annual Work Programme

N° 08/2024

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

Having regard to 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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular point (k) of Article 17(2), point (b) of Article 94 and point (a) of Article 98 thereof,

Having regard EU-RAIL Governing Board decision n°02/2022 approving the EU-RAIL Multi-Annual Work Programme (hereafter "MAWP")<sup>2</sup>.

Whereas:

- 1) The MAWP defines how EU-RAIL has designed its activities and structure to achieve the general and specific objectives set out in Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085.
- 2) At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 23 June 2023, the Governing Board authorised the Executive Director *ad interim* to proceed with the planning for the update of the MAWP. As announced in the EU-RAIL Governing Board on 5 December 2023, a dedicated Task Force, within the ED System and Innovation Programme Board (ED-SIPB), was setup to look into the MAWP's update that will be presented to the EU-RAIL Governing Board on 21 June 2024.
- 3) Following the preparatory work conducted in particular by the ED-SIPB Task Force, the Task Force concluded, subject to the Governing Board decision, that the MAWP should be revised in order to take into consideration the gap identification performed in the implementation of the EU-RAIL Flagship Projects and address additional R&I elements of relevance to the JU objectives, including where new EU-RAIL members could bring additional value, in particular as regards artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, the next EU-RAIL communication system, climate adaptation and regional solutions.
- 4) An extraordinary ED-SIPB meeting was organised on 29 April 2024 to review and address some open aspects of the draft versions of the revised MAWP distributed to the

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 427 of 30/11/2021, p. 17, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1782 of 25 July 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe, as regards the Chips Joint Undertaking.

<sup>2</sup> <https://rail-research.europa.eu/about-europes-rail/europes-rail-structure-of-governance/europes-rail-governing-board/>

members of ED-SIPB on 16 January 2024 and on 19 April 2024, which was then re-circulated amended on 3 May 2024.

- 5) The States Representatives Group and the Scientific Steering Group were consulted on the draft revised MAWP on 14 May 2024 and on 15 May 2024 respectively. Input from the European Union Agency for Railways has been also taken into account.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The revised EU-RAIL Multi-Annual Work Programme (Version 3.0) set out in the Annex to this decision is adopted. The EU-RAIL Governing Board decision n°02/2022 approving EU-RAIL Multi-Annual Work Programme (version 2.0) is thereby repealed.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall make this decision publicly available on the EU-RAIL website.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, on 21 June 2024.

For the Governing Board



Magda KOPCZYNSKA  
*The Chairperson*

**Annex:** Revised Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking Multi-Annual Work Programme (Version 3.0)