

Governing Board

**DECISION
GB(D)14-2023**

Approving of the Call for Expression of Interests with a view to selecting Associated Members with the potential to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the SESAR 3 JU

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SESAR 3 JOINT UNDERTAKING (“SESAR 3 JU”),

Having regard to:

- Council Regulation (EU) 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 642/2014¹ (“Single Basic Act”), as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1782 of 25 July 2023, and in particular Articles 6, 7, 28 and 144 therein,
- Governing Board’s decision ref. GB(D)10-2022, on the approval of the Membership Agreement between the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking members other than the Union,
- Executive Director’s decision ref. S3JU/ED/15 on the establishment of a Programme Committee as advisory body to the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking Executive Director,

Whereas:

- (1) According to the Article 7(1) of the Single Basic Act, the SESAR 3 JU Joint undertaking may launch open and transparent calls for expression of interest with a view to selecting associated members with the potential to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the joint undertaking.
- (2) According to the Article 7(2) of the Single Basic Act, the Executive Director of the SESAR 3 JU shall assess the applications for membership with the assistance of independent experts on the basis of documented knowledge, experience and added value of the applicant in achieving the objectives of the joint undertaking, the applicant’s financial soundness and long-term commitment for financial and in-kind contributions to the joint undertaking, and taking into account potential conflicts of interest.
- (3) During the meeting GB(M)09-2023 of 26 June 2023, the SESAR 3 JU presented to the Governing Board the process leading to the selection of associated members.

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17

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- (4) At this occasion, considering the role entrusted to the Governing Board in the selection of associated members, the Governing Board requested to approve the content of the call for expression of interests for selection of SESAR 3 JU Associated Members before its publication.
- (5) The Programme Committee was consulted on the content of the call for expression of interests in October 2023.
- (6) All the Members other than the Union have adhered to the SESAR 3 JU Membership Agreement that defines the principles and the conditions of the contributions of the Members to the SESAR 3 JU,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The documentation in Annex I related to the call for expression of interests for Associated Members is approved for publication on the SESAR 3 JU website.

Article 2

Selected Associated Members shall adhere to the Membership Agreement.

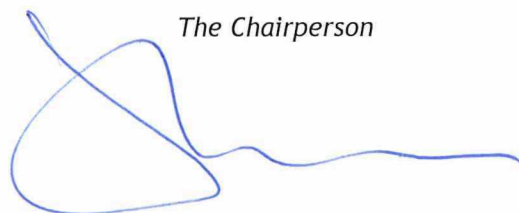
Article 3

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

Done in Brussels, 14 December 2023.

For the SESAR 3 JU Governing Board

The Chairperson



Annex I: Call for expression of interests for Associated Members documentation