

Governing Board

**DECISION
GB(D)05-2024**

Approving the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for the year 2023

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

Having regard to:

- The 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 Article 17.2(p), Article 19(e), Article 20.7(g) and Article 26,
- 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 966/2012², and in particular Articles 6, 71 and 11,
- The Governing Board decision GB(D)01-2021 adopting the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules and in particular Article 23,

Whereas:

- 1) As per Article 23 of the Financial Rules of the SESAR 3 JU, the authorising officer shall report annually to the Governing Board on the performance of his or her duties for year N-1 in the form of a consolidated annual activity report.
- 2) The SESAR 3 JU has prepared a first draft version of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2023 (“2023 CAAR”) that was submitted to the Governing Board for analysis over the period from 18 March to 12 April 2024.

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17

² OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

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- 3) The comments and recommendations resulting from the Governing Board's analysis have been integrated in the final edition of the 2023 CAAR.
- 4) The SESAR 3 JU consulted the States' Representative Group (SRG) between 8 and 24 May 2024. The SRG delivered a positive opinion on the 2024 CAAR.
- 5) The SESAR 3 JU consulted the Scientific Committee (SC) between 8 and 24 May 2024 and provided some editorial suggestions.
- 6) The Governing Board assessed the 2023 CAAR at its meeting on 25 June 2024 and highlighted the following features:

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Welcomes the successful closure of the SESAR 2020 programme and the acceleration of the implementation of the Digital European Sky programme.

Welcomes the launch into execution and effective monitoring of the projects awarded under the ER1 and IR1 calls, complemented by the DSD projects, as well as the launch of the ER2 call and the synergy call with EU-Rail JU.

Commends the substantial efforts put into the update of the European ATM Master Plan and the role of the JU in orchestrating the collective commitment of the European aviation community to this ambitious ATM modernization roadmap.

Appreciates the JU's active engagement with stakeholders, notably through its annual event, the SESAR Innovation Days, and its active participation in major events at EU and global levels, and recognises its efforts to engage the international community in collaborating towards a more harmonised ATM system.

Encourages the JU to continue its efforts to facilitate the swift deployment across the EU of the SESAR solutions that have reached the adequate maturity level.

Encourages members to uphold their commitments by continuing to provide in-kind contributions as per the initial agreements and ensuring timely reporting for the Digital European Sky programme.

Express satisfaction with the significant reduction of late payments.

Acknowledges that the corporate and back-end services to support the operations were carried out efficiently and effectively in line with best practices, standards, and applicable regulatory frameworks.

Welcomes the absence of critical audit recommendations and of critical risks that could jeopardize the delivery of the SESAR 3 JU's key objectives, underscoring the robustness of the JU's risk management, quality assurance processes and the strength of its internal control environment.

- 7) Consequently, based on the information provided, the Governing Board concluded that the 2023 CAAR accurately and adequately reflects the implementation of the 2023 activities from both an operational and administrative point of view, and that the objectives for 2023 as outlined in the 2022-2023 BAWP have been met in compliance with the principles of legality and regularity of operations,

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2023, annexed to this decision, provides a true, fair and detailed view of the activities of the SESAR 3 JU realised during the year 2023 and is hereby approved.

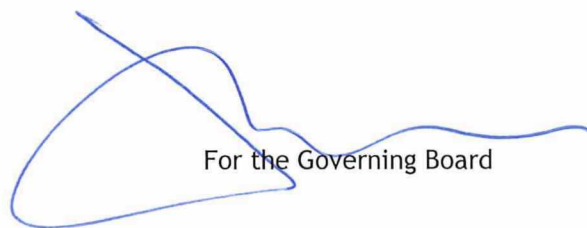
Article 2

The Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2023 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 Governing Board, in accordance with the provisions of the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules.

Article 3

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

Done in Brussels, 25 June 2024.



For the Governing Board

*The Chairperson
Filip Cornelis*

Annexes: SESAR 3 JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2023