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JOINT UNDERTAKING

Governing Board

DECISION

GB(D)12-2026

On the appointment of the SESAR 3 JU Accounting Officer

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 642/2014[1] ("Single Basic Act"), as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1782 of 25 July 2023, in particular, Articles 13(1) (d), 26(3), 157 and 158,
- SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules adopted by the Governing Board on 13 December 2021, GB(D)01-2021, (hereafter the "Financial Rules") and in particular Article 25 ("Accounting officer"),
- Service Level Agreement between the services of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking and the SESAR Joint Undertaking with ref. Ares(2022)8761674, 16/12/2022, regarding provision of Back Office Arrangement for Accounting Services ('BOA Accounting) to SESAR 3 JU,
- Governing Board decision GB(D)19-2022 appointing the SESAR 3 JU Accounting Officer, adopted on 25 November 2022,

Whereas:

1. Article 25(1) of the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules provides that the Governing Board must appoint an accounting officer who should be totally independent in the performance of his or her duties, and be responsible for the tasks set out in that article.
2. Article 25(2) of the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules states that two or more joint undertakings may appoint the same accounting officer.
3. Article 13(1) of the Single Basic Act states that to gain synergies and efficiencies Joint undertakings shall, within one year following the date of entry into force of the Single Basic Act, operate back-office arrangements (hereafter "BOA"), amongst other areas, in accounting (excluding treasury).
4. The current Accounting Officer of the SESAR 3 JU will no longer be able to fulfill its duties as of 1 October 2026.
5. Without prejudice to Article 158 of the Single Basic Act, which sets forth that back-office arrangement shall be provided by EUROCONTROL, accounting is not covered by the SESAR 3 JU Agreement with EUROCONTROL.
6. The Accounting Officer's skills and competences shall allow fulfilling the duties established in the Financial Rules.
7. SESAR 3 JU made the necessary arrangements in order to avoid any conflict of interests as regards the nominated Accounting Officer and the Deputy Accounting Officer.
8. The Written Procedure, launched on 14 September 2026 to adopt decision GB(D)12-2026 on the appointment of the SESAR 3 JU Accounting Officer closed on 28 September 2026 with positive results.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

[1] OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p.54, p.100; p.102.

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Article 1

Accounting Officer for the SESAR 3 JU

Mr Antonio Requena Fernandez (Clean Hydrogen JU) is hereby appointed as the Accounting Officer of the SESAR 3 JU.

Article 2

Deputy Accounting Officer of the SESAR 3 JU

Mr Andrei Hretu (EU-Rail JU), appointed as the Deputy Accounting Officer of SESAR 3 JU by the Governing Board on 25 November 2022, remains the Deputy Accounting Officer.

The deputation will occur in case of the impossibility of the Accounting Officer appointed in Article 1 of this Decision, to perform their task in accordance with article 25(1) of the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules. This role shall be activated only following the written information from the Executive Director to the Governing Board. The information shall clarify the reason for deputizing activation, the name of a new Deputy Accounting Officer and the expected duration of the deputation.

Once the deputation is activated, the Deputy Accounting Officer shall be appointed with the same responsibility and at the same conditions as set out in Article 25(1) of the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules.

Article 3

The Executive Director shall make this decision publicly available on the SESAR 3 JU website.

Article 4

This decision shall enter into force on 1 October 2026. It shall replace and supersede Decision GB(D)19-2022.

Done in Brussels, 28 September 2026.

For the Governing Board

The Chairperson

Magda Kopczynska