

Governing Board

DECISION GB(D)02-2025

Approving the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for the year 2024

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

Having regard to:

- Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast)¹ ("the Financial Regulation), in particular Articles 6(1), 11 and 71 thereof,
- 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 642/2014² ("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,
- 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 consulted the States' Representatives Group (SRG), which delivered a positive opinion on the draft report.

¹ OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, p. 1

² OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17

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- 3) The SESAR 3 JU consulted the Scientific Committee (SC), which provided some editorial suggestions.
- 4) The Governing Board assessed the 2024 CAAR at its meeting on 23 June 2025 and highlighted the following features:

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commends the adoption of the 2025 edition of the European ATM Master Plan, a major milestone which sets a shared strategic vision and common roadmap for the modernisation of Europe's ATM system by 2045;

recognises the SESAR 3 JU's central role in coordinating the elaboration and update process across all stakeholders, including EU institutions, Member States, and the full aviation community;

welcomes the collective commitment expressed by the aviation sector to deliver in a timely manner on the development priorities and strategic deployment objectives defined in the Master Plan, and encourages all actors from industry, operational stakeholders, and Member States to uphold this commitment through coordinated action and sustained investment;

welcomes the continued and effective implementation of the Digital European Sky programme, including the successful execution and monitoring of the first wave of ER1 and IR1 projects, as well as the launch of 19 new projects under the ER2 call and the joint call with the EU-Rail JU;

welcomes the successful conclusion of the membership expansion process, with the addition of NATS and Lilium to the partnership, strengthening its geographic and operational coverage;

recognises the JU's reinforced coordination with institutional and international partners, and welcomes its continued visibility and outreach efforts through key events and strategic engagements;

acknowledges the activities of the States' Representatives Group, notably the survey on national research activities, as a positive step toward seeking synergies and alignment of efforts;

encourages the SESAR 3 JU to maintain its efforts to ensure that mature SESAR Solutions find their way into operational deployment and make a measurable impact on ATM performance;

acknowledges the progress made toward preparing calls (ER3 and IR2) launched in 2025, ensuring continuity and strategic alignment with the new Master Plan;

expresses satisfaction with the effective management of operations, continued compliance with Horizon Europe targets, and the absence of critical audit issues and major risks, confirming the robustness of the JU's internal control environment, quality assurance, and risk management systems;

invites the SESAR 3 JU to pursue further efforts to advance its digital transformation and environmental sustainability ambitions, building on the achievements of its digitalisation action plan and reinforcing its commitment to EMAS and EU green objectives.

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- 5) Consequently, based on the information provided, the Governing Board concluded that the 2024 CAAR accurately and adequately reflects the implementation of the 2024 activities from both an operational and administrative point of view, and that the objectives for 2024 as outlined in the 2024-2025 BAWP have been met in compliance with the principles of legality and regularity of operations,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2024, annexed to this decision, provides a true, fair and detailed view of the activities of the SESAR 3 JU realised during the year 2024 and is hereby approved.

Article 2

The Executive Director, on behalf of the Governing Board, shall transmit the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2024 to the Court of Auditors, to the Commission, to the European Parliament and to the Council in accordance with the provisions of the SESAR 3 JU Financial Rules.

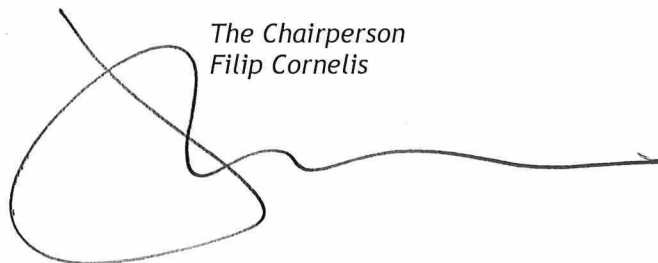
Article 3

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

Done in Brussels, 23 June 2025.

For the Governing Board

*The Chairperson
Filip Cornelis*



Annexes: SESAR 3 JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2024