

**DECISION
GB(D)09-2025**

**Approving of the Call for Expression of Interests with a view to selecting
Associated Members with the potential to extend the geographical
coverage of the current SESAR 3 JU membership**

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,
- Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013², as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/795 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 February 2024³,
- 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,
- Governing Board's decision ref. GB(D)05-2025, on the approval of the Membership Agreement, amendment 1 between the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking members other than the Union and delegation of power of signature of the amendment forms to the ED,
- 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 in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the interest of achieving the objectives of the Joint Undertaking.

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17

² OJ L 170/1, 12.5.2021, p. 1

³ OJ L 795, 29.2.2024, p.1

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- (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)14-2025 of 23 June 2025, the SESAR 3 JU presented to the Governing Board the process and timeline leading to the selection of a limited number of entities as associated members, with the main objective to extend the geographical coverage of the current SESAR 3 JU membership.
- (4) At this occasion, considering the role entrusted to the Governing Board in the selection of associated members, the Executive Director informed the Governing Board that its approval to the content of the new call for expression of interests for selection of SESAR 3 JU Associated Members would be required before its publication.
- (5) The Programme Committee was informed of the initiative and main objective of the call for expression of interests at the occasion of the meeting PC13 held on 22 October 2025.
- (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.

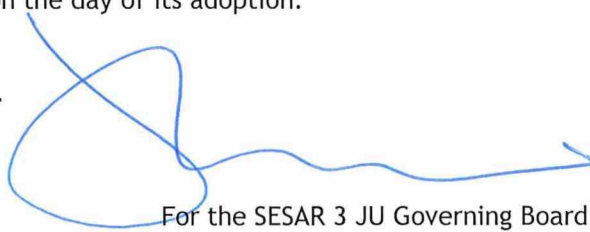
Article 2

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, 11 December 2025.



For the SESAR 3 JU Governing Board

*The Chairperson
Filip Cornelis*

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