

DECISION
GB(D)05-2026

Approving the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for the year 2025

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.
- 3) The SESAR 3 JU consulted the Scientific Committee (SC), which provided a positive opinion with some editorial suggestions.

¹ OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, p. 1

² OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17

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- 4) The Governing Board assessed the 2025 CAAR at its meeting on 29 June 2026 and highlighted the following features:

The Governing Board

welcomes the overall progress achieved in implementing the 2024-2025 Bi-Annual Work Programme, confirming the SESAR 3 JU's capacity to deliver on the ambitions of the European ATM Master Plan 2025 and to advance the Digital European Sky programme in a coherent and coordinated manner;

commends the efforts undertaken to prepare the next phase of ATM modernisation in Europe, in particular through the initiation of the Common Project 2 (CP2) proposal and the development of the Aviation Research and Innovation Strategy (ARIS), as key building blocks for the future of the partnership under the next Multiannual Financial Framework;

recognises the JU's role in mobilising the European aviation community, as reflected in the strong participation in the ER3 and IR2 calls and the continued engagement of stakeholders across the full ATM value chain;

welcomes the continued delivery of results from the Digital European Sky programme, supporting the maturation of SESAR solutions and their transition towards operational deployment;

notes that the foreseen Digital Sky Demonstrator call (DSD4) did not materialise, and highlights the importance of ensuring sustained EU support to demonstration and deployment activities, which are essential to advancing the operational implementation of SESAR solutions;

acknowledges the continued efforts to develop synergies with EU, national and regional initiatives to enhance coordination and alignment across the European ATM ecosystem;

acknowledges the JU's contribution to international cooperation and global interoperability, notably through its active engagement with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and welcomes the alignment between the European ATM Master Plan and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP);

welcomes the positive outcome of the Horizon Europe interim evaluation, confirming the SESAR 3 JU's performance, added value and cost-effectiveness, including its capacity to leverage significant public and private investment;

encourages its members to uphold their commitments by ensuring the timely declaration and certification of in-kind contributions in line with the Single Basic Act;

expresses satisfaction with the effective management of operations, including compliance with Horizon Europe targets, sound financial management, and the absence of critical audit recommendations or major risks, confirming the robustness of the internal control and assurance framework;

welcomes the efficiency gains achieved through the use of back-office arrangements (BOA) and the continued digitalisation of internal processes, contributing to streamlined and effective operations;

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invites the SESAR 3 JU to continue advancing its environmental sustainability objectives, including progress towards the implementation of the eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), in cooperation with EUROCONTROL.

- 5) Consequently, based on the information provided, the Governing Board concluded that the 2025 CAAR accurately and adequately reflects the implementation of the 2025 activities from both an operational and administrative point of view, and that the objectives for 2025 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 2025, annexed to this decision, provides a true, fair and detailed view of the activities of the SESAR 3 JU realised during the year 2025 and is hereby approved.

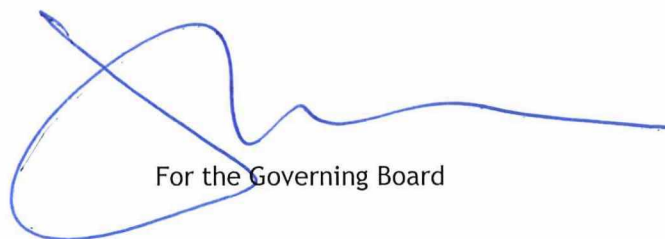
Article 2

The Executive Director, on behalf of the Governing Board, shall transmit the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2025 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, 29 June 2026.



For the Governing Board

*The Chairperson
Filip Cornelis*

Annexe: SESAR 3 JU Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2025