



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SMART NETWORKS AND SERVICES
JOINT UNDERTAKING No 19/2023**

on 13 November 2023

On the amendment N°1 of the Work Programme and Budget 2023

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe¹, and notably the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (hereinafter “the SNS JU”), and in particular Articles 17(2)(k), 19(4)(c) and 25(1) thereof,

Having regard to the prior consultation of the States Representatives Group and its positive opinion on 06 November 2023;

Having regard to the Financial Rules of the SNS JU adopted by the Governing Board, SNS JU GB Decision 02-2021, on 15 December 2021, and in particular Article 17 thereof;

Having regard to the Governing Board Rules of Procedure of the SNS JU, and in particular Article 10,

WHEREAS

- 1) The Work Programme and Budget 2023 adopted by Governing Board Decision on 14 December 2022 (SNS JU GB Decision 03-2022) needs to be amended.
- 2) Due to the still ongoing staff recruitment process in 2023, the actual expenditure in Title 1 is lower than initially planned.
- 3) Therefore, the Executive Director proposes to transfer the unused amount from Title 1 to Title 3 (Operational expenditure) in order to finance one additional project in 2023, according to the ranking list from SNS Call 2 (HORIZON-JU-SNS-2023) approved by the Governing Board during its meeting on 14 July 2023.

¹ This Regulation is also equally named “Single Basic Act (SBA)” or “Founding Regulation” in SNS JU documents; OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17.

- 4) This transfer is made possible according to the SNS financial rules, and in particular Article 12(3), as the amount in question does not exceed 10% of the appropriations for the year shown on the line from which the transfer is made;
- 5) Due to the lack of experienced candidates interested in FGIII positions combined with the importance and urgency of recruiting the relevant staff, and with the positive opinion of DG BUDG in written in July 2023 to this change, the Staff Establishment of SNS JU has to be amended, to switch two positions of Contractual Agents FGIII to Contract Agents FGIV.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Amendment No 1 to the Work Programme and Budget 2023 of SNS JU set out in the Annex to this decision is adopted.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, on 13 November 2023.

For the Governing Board

Colin Willcock

The Chair