



Minutes of the 8th Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking
Governing Board meeting
Wednesday, 04 October 2023

Executive summary

The minutes of the 7th Governing Board meeting had been approved by email.

Colin WILLCOCK, the Chair, opened the 8th Governing Board meeting and welcomed the new Executive Director, Erzsébet FITORI, the new Head of programme, Javier ALBARES BUENO, and the designation of Pavlos FOURNOGERAKIS as Deputy Head of Programme. The Governing Board members approved the agenda of the meeting and proceeded with the presentations and exchange of views on the agenda points, in presence of the observers of the States Representatives Group, 6G-IA, SNS JU and the Commission.

The main points presented and discussed were:

- The Readiness of SNS JU for its financial autonomy (Draft Readiness Assessment Report)
- The EC rules and evolution of the private contributions to the administrative costs (article 163(2) of the SBA and article 32(3) of the SNS financial rule)
- The preparation of the draft Annual Work Programme for 2024 (and especially the R&I Work Programme)
- The state of play of the portfolio of SNS JU Working Groups

As regards the GB decisions, based on the state of play presented in the draft Readiness Assessment Report, the Governing Board approved the date for the financial autonomy of SNS JU, 24 October 2023, as proposed by the Interim Director with the agreement of the incoming Executive Director.

Provided the Commission (DG BUDG) confirms the readiness of SNS JU, from 24/10/2023 the SNS JU will be capable to implement its own budget.