



DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SMART NETWORKS AND SERVICES JOINT UNDERTAKING No 14/2024

Adopting the Joint Undertaking's Annual Work Programme and Budget for the year 2025

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe (hereinafter “Horizon Europe”),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (hereinafter “Single Basic Act”)¹ and in particular to Articles 2 (13), 17 (2) (f) (k) (l) (n), 19 (4), 20 (7), and 25 thereof,

Having regard to the positive opinion of the Members States in the States’ Representatives Group’ as regards the provision related to the application of Article 22(5) of Horizon Europe,

Having regard to the States’ Representatives Group’s opinion on the Work Programme,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Executive Director prepared a draft 2025 Work Programme and corresponding expenditure estimates to implement the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, including the administrative activities, the content of the call for proposals and the related rules and conditions, and research areas subject to cooperation and synergies;
- (2) The “Research and Innovation Work Programme 2025”, annexed to the Work Programme and aims at detailing the operational activities to perform during the year 2025 refers to the application of limitations of the participation according to article 22(5) Horizon Europe that required an agreed position on a case-by-case basis between the Commission and the Member States in the States’ Representatives Group;
- (3) This agreed position between the Commission and the Member States in the States ‘Representatives’ Group was reached on 21 November 2024;

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17.

- (4) The Executive Director sent the final draft Work Programme and corresponding expenditure estimates to the States' Representatives Group's opinion, for an opinion on 04 November 2024;
- (5) The Governing Board should adopt the Work Programme after taking into consideration the States' Representatives Group's opinion;
- (6) The Work Programme should be adopted by the Governing Board the end of the year prior to its implementation;
- (7) The Governing Board was informed about the upcoming amendment to the Work Programme, specifically Annex 2 (Research and Innovation Work Programme), which will be made once the Commission finalizes the details regarding the application of Article 22(5) of the Horizon Europe Regulation. This amendment will follow the same procedure as the current one, including a new consultation with the Member States of the States' Representatives Group.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

The SNS JU Annual Work Programme for 2025, including the Annual Budget and the Research and Innovation Work Programme, as annexed to this decision, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, on 22 November 2024.

For the Governing Board

Pearse O'DONOHUE
The Chair

Annexes:

- SNS Annual Work Programme 2025 (AWP25) and its annexes 1 and 3
- The specific Annex 2 of the AWP25: The Research and Innovation Work Programme 2025