



DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SMART NETWORKS AND SERVICES JOINT UNDERTAKING

No 02/2026

on the non-selection of proposals under Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05, the cancellation of this topic and the preparation of a revised topic under the SNS JU Work Programme 2026–2027

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 the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of 23 September 2024 (“EU Financial Regulation”), and in particular article 33 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (hereafter “Single Basic Act-SBA”)¹ and in particular Article 17 thereof;

Having regard to the SNS JU Annual Work Programme and Budget for 2025, as adopted by Governing Board Decision No 14/2024 on 22 November 2024 and amended by Governing Board Decision No 02/2025, No 04/2025, No 08/2025 and No 16/2025;

Having regard to the Financial Rules of the SNS JU, and in particular Articles 4 and 13 thereof;

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

WHEREAS

(1) The proposals submitted under the SNS JU Calls 2025, including Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05, were evaluated in accordance with the applicable Horizon Europe legal framework and procedures, resulting in ranked lists and funding scenarios;

(2) At its meeting of 18 December 2025, the Governing Board approved the ranked lists and the selection of actions for funding for the SNS JU Calls 2025 except for topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05, in view of recent policy and technology developments with high relevance to the objectives and scope of this topic, which were not reflected in the SNS Work

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17.

Programme 2025. These developments notably include recent spectrum policy orientations (RSPG recommendation² on the upper 6 GHz band), the need to support the EU Apply AI strategy and edge AI capacities³. and a dedicated semiconductor and pilot-line initiatives at Union level (in Chips JU WP2026⁴), which may significantly affect the technological and industrial framework of 6G research and market prospects, thereby modifying the conditions under which the original topic was defined.

(3) The Governing Board considered that the objectives initially pursued under topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05 were no longer adequately addressed in the current draft of SNS JU R&I Work Programme 2025⁵ and therefore decided the cancellation of that Topic and publication of a revised topic in SNS JU Work Programme 2026–2027, in light of material developments that took place after the publication of the original topic, notably relating to the Chips JU WP26 and the RSPG recommendation on the upper 6 GHz band. Such cancellation constitutes a programming and policy decision reflecting the evolution of the relevant technological and industrial context and does not call into question the evaluation results established under the applicable Horizon Europe procedures. The corresponding budgetary arrangements shall be made, in accordance with the procedural requirements applicable to substantial modifications of a work programme.

(4) In accordance with the principles of sound financial management, transparency, equal treatment and legal certainty, unused commitment appropriations resulting from the non-selection of a topic should be addressed through formal programming and budgetary decisions.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

The Governing Board decides not to select any proposal for funding under Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05 of the HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01 Call and to cancel this topic.

This decision is adopted as a programming and policy decision, reflecting the evolution of the relevant policy and technological context, with no connection to the correctness and results of the evaluation process for that topic.

Article 2

The Governing Board instructs the SNS JU Programme Office to prepare an amendment to the SNS JU Work Programme 2026–2027, and in particular to its annex, the R&I Work Programme 2026, in view of including a revised call addressing the new policy objectives of former Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05.

Article 3

The Governing Board decides that the budget initially foreseen for Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05 under the HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01 Call shall be reprogrammed in accordance with:

- the amendment of the SNS JU Work Programme 2026–2027 referred to in Article 2; and
- the applicable budgetary procedures and principles under the EU Financial Regulation.

² [75f0d0e2-9c82-469c-859d-0f48eedf082c_en](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/apply-ai)

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/apply-ai>

⁴ [GB 2026.127 Annex Appendix7 2026 ECSv3 \(1\).pdf](#)

⁵ [sns-ju-ri-wp-2025.pdf](#)

No ad-hoc reallocation of funds shall be made outside the formal programming and budgetary framework.

Article 4

The Executive Director is entrusted with the implementation of this Decision and with ensuring:

- appropriate communication to applicants concerned, in line with Horizon Europe procedures;
- consistency with Time-to-Grant objectives; and
- compliance with the applicable legal and financial framework.

Article 5

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

Done at Brussels, on 10 March 2026.

For the Governing Board

Colin Willcock
The Chair