



**Minutes of the 15th meeting of the
Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking Governing Board
Monday 16 June 2025**

Executive summary

The 15th extraordinary meeting of the SNS JU Governing Board (GB) was held online, with the agenda formally approved by the members. The meeting featured presentations and discussions with participation from observers representing the States Representatives Group (SRG), 6G-IA, the SNS JU, and the European Commission.

The main points presented and discussed were:

- An update from the Executive Director on operational, administrative, and financial matters, including the successful launch of Calls 4 and 5 under AWP 2025 and the expected operational peak in the second half of the year.
- Progress in the preparation of AWP 2026 and the indicative planning for Calls 6 (2026) and 7 (2027), aimed at ensuring continuity and timely implementation.
- The presentation of the 2024 final accounts and the CAAR, outlining performance achievements, internal control developments, and communication efforts.
- The proposed Memorandum of Intent (MoI) with the European Space Agency (ESA), along with comments from 6G-IA concerning governance structure and implementation aspects.
- The proposed renewal of the SNS Stakeholders Group, with the objective of ensuring transparent, inclusive, and balanced representation.
- Information shared by DG RTD on the IKAA tool and its potential relevance for planning and internal control, pending further clarification.
- An update on recent exchanges with the CHIPS Joint Undertaking, identifying potential cooperation in R&I priority mapping, enabling technologies for 6G (e.g. microchips, energy-efficient processors, RF components), and joint initiatives on standardisation or co-designed calls. The GB welcomed the initiative and requested the Programme Office to propose concrete coordination steps ahead of the AWP 2026–2027.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board of SNS JU, the GB members confirmed the following decisions:

- Endorsement of the planning for AWP 2026–2027 and the structure of Calls 6 and 7. 6G-IA was invited to confirm the proposed topics for Call 6 within one week.

- Positive opinion on the 2024 final accounts and adoption of the CAAR 2024, following the favourable opinion of the SRG.
- Approval of the launch of a formal procedure to renew the Stakeholders Group via an open Call for Expression of Interest, and establishment of a dedicated Task Force (TF) to assist the Executive Director in preparing selection criteria to be submitted for GB approval.
- Agreement on the establishment of a dedicated TF to revise the draft MoI with ESA and submit a final version for GB endorsement by mid-July 2025.

Next Steps:

- Finalisation of the MoI with ESA by the dedicated TF and submission to the GB for endorsement.
- Preparation of the Stakeholders Group selection criteria and process by the TF, followed by GB approval and launch of the Call for Expression of Interest.
- Follow-up by the Programme Office with CHIPS JU to define concrete coordination actions and explore synergies for AWP 2026–2027.
- Organisation of a dedicated presentation on the IKAA reporting tool by DG RTD for 6G-IA and the Programme Office, prior to any decision on its adoption.
- Launch of a written procedure for the adoption of decisions on the Programme Office structure, traineeship rules, public access policy, mission guide, and internal working arrangements.
- Next GB meeting tentatively scheduled for **Friday, 12 December 2025**.