



**Minutes of the 17th meeting of the
Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking Governing Board
Thursday 18 December 2025**

The 17th meeting of the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU) Governing Board (GB) was held on 18 December 2025 by videoconference, 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 Office, and the European Commission.

The main points presented and discussed were:

- An update from the Executive Director on operational, financial, administrative and audit-related matters, including the completion of five calls for proposals by the end of 2025 (around EUR 630 million in Horizon Europe commitments), the recovery of delays linked to the application of security provisions under Article 22(5) of the Horizon Europe Regulation through the adoption of a Bi-Annual Work Programme, and progress on In-Kind Additional Activities (approximately 45% of the overall objective achieved).
- An overview of the evaluation results of the SNS JU Calls 2025, including the very high level of oversubscription, confirmation by the Independent Observer of a high-quality, fair, transparent and confidential evaluation process, and the presentation of the proposed ranked list and funding scenario.
- A focused discussion on Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05, leading the Governing Board to defer the decision on this topic pending further analysis, in accordance with its prerogatives.
- Information on staffing constraints and related structural risks for business continuity and staff well-being, as well as updates on audit and control activities, including the discharge granted for the 2023 budget year, a clean opinion from the European Court of Auditors for 2024 with one observation, and ongoing audit activities for the 2025 budget year.
- The presentation of the SNS JU Bi-Annual Work Programme 2026–2027, including the targeted Research and Innovation (R&I) Work Programme 2026, covering budgetary orientations, eligibility and security conditions, and strategic priorities.
- The presentation of the Road Chapter of the 5G Strategic Deployment Agenda for Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM).

- The presentation of the proposed Call for Expression of Interest for the renewal of the SNS JU Stakeholders Group, including the selection criteria, process and indicative timeline.

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

- GB Decision No 12/2025: Adoption of the SNS JU Bi-Annual Work Programme 2026–2027, including the R&I Work Programme 2026.
- GB Decision No 13/2025: Approval of the ranked list and selection of actions for funding under the SNS JU Calls 2025, with the exception of Topic HORIZON-JU-SNS-2025-01-STREAM-B-05, for which the decision was deferred pending further analysis.
- GB Decision No 14/2025: Approval of the Road Chapter of the 5G Strategic Deployment Agenda for Connected and Automated Mobility.
- GB Decision No 15/2025: Approval of the launch of the Call for Expression of Interest for the renewal of the SNS JU Stakeholders Group, and appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for the new mandate.
- The GB also decided that strategic discussions and coordination activities among SNS JU projects about standardisation priorities and activities will be performed exclusively under the SNS JU Policy WG for Standardisation.