



EuroHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING
DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EuroHPC JOINT
UNDERTAKING No 38/2022

Appointing the common Accounting Officer for the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking
and repealing Governing Board Decision N° 12/2020

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROHPC JOINT UNDERTAKING, (hereafter referred as “EuroHPC JU”)

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 of 13 July 2021 on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1488, and in particular Articles 1(n), 3(q) and 7(1) of the Annex on the Statutes¹;
Having regard to the EuroHPC JU’s Financial Rules adopted by the Governing Board on 20 February 2020 (hereafter the “Financial Rules”), and in particular Article 25 (“Accounting officer”);

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision n° 12/2020 appointing the Accounting Officer of the European Commission as Accounting Officer of the.

Whereas:

- (1) Article 25(1) of Financial Rules provides that the Governing Board must appoint an Accounting Officer who should be totally independent in the performance of his or her duties, and be responsible for the tasks set out in that article.
- (2) Article 25(2) of the Financial Rules states that Joint Undertakings may appoint the same accounting officer.
- (3) The Accounting Officer of the European Commission has been appointed as the Accounting Officer of the EuroHPC JU since 17 June 2020.
- (4) The European Commission (Directorate-General for Budget) has informed in its note ARES(2021)6560472 of 25 November 2021 about the termination of DG Budget’s accounting services to Joint Undertakings as from 1st December 2022.
- (5) Following a formal request (ARES(2022)5976078) sent by the EU-Rail JU¹ to all the Executive Directors of the Joint Undertakings², the EuroHPC JU expressed an interest in the BOA for Accounting Services proposed by the EU-Rail JU.
- (6) In respect of Article 25 of the Financial Rules, it is up to the Governing Board of each Joint Undertaking to adopt the necessary decision to entrust the Accounting Officer function to an Accounting Officer working for a “JU Accounting Provider”.

¹EU-Rail JU - the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking

² Article 3 SBA: (a) the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking; (b) the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking; (c) the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking; (d); (e) the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking; (f) the Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking; (g) the Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking; (h) the Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking; (i) the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking. And in addition, also including the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking.

- (7) The Accounting Officer skills and competences allows fulfilling the duties established in the Financial Rules and the necessary handover with the former Accounting Officer duly ensured.
- (8) The EuroHPC JU made the necessary arrangements in order to avoid any conflict of interests as regards the nominated Accounting Officers and deputy Accounting Officers,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Accounting Officer for the EuroHPC JU

Mr Andrei Hretu (EU-Rail JU) is hereby appointed as the Accounting Officer for the EuroHPC JU.

Article 2
Deputy Accounting Officers for the EuroHPC JU

Ms Andrea Toth (CAJU³) and Ms Katty Hancq (SESAR 3 JU⁴) are hereby appointed as the Deputy Accounting Officers of the EuroHPC JU.

The deputization will occur in case of the impossibility of the Accounting Officer appointed in Article 1 of this Decision, to perform her/his task in accordance with Article 25(1) of the Financial Rules. This role will only be activated after the Governing Board is informed in writing. The information should clarify the reason for the deputizing activation, the name of the Deputy Accounting Officer and the expected duration of the deputization.

Once the deputization is activated, the Deputy Accounting Officer is considered appointed with the same responsibility and at the same conditions as set out in Article 25(1) of the Financial Rules.

Article 3

The Governing Board Decision n° 12/2020 appointing the Accounting Officer of the European Commission as Accounting Officer of the EuroHPC JU is thereby repealed.

Article 4

The Executive Director of EU-Rail JU shall make this decision publicly available on the

³ CAJU - the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking

⁴ SESAR 3 JU - the Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking

EuroHPC JU's website.

Article 5

This decision shall enter into force on 1st December 2022.

Done at Luxembourg, on 25 November 2022

For the Governing Board

[e-signed]

Herbert Zeisel

The Chair

ⁱ OJ L 256, 19.7.2021, p. 3–51