



**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**(Hybrid Meeting - physical + remote connection)**  
**24 June 2022, 09:30 – 12:30, Fraunhofer Forum, Berlin**

Draft Agenda		
A. Opening of the meeting		
1.	10'	Adoption of the agenda
2.		Approval of the minutes of the 16 March 2022 meeting
B. Items for decision		
3.	1h	Opinion on the Annual Accounts 2021
4.		Opinion on In-Kind Contribution from Additional Activities 2014-2021
5.		Approval of the Annual activity report 2021, including roundtable discussion
6.		Budget 2022-2023 Amendment no. 2
C. Items for information		
7.	1h 30'	Board Report <sup>i</sup> including round table discussion
8.		Update from the Commission (standing item) • Information concerning the status of Horizon Europe associations
9.		Update on synergies (standing item) • Synergies between CA and Cluster 5 Collaborative research • Update on the Call for Expression of Interest for MS/AC and Regions
10.		Back Office Arrangements - Expectations and Guiding Principles - European Commission Services common position
D. Topics for discussion		
11.	15'	Planning for the next GBs a. Approval of ranking lists / projects selected for funding of Call #1 b. Adoption procedure for the second amended Work Programme 2022-2023 to include budget, call 2 topics and Call for Expression of Interest for Associated Membership
E. Any other business & closure of meeting		
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## **A. Opening of the meeting**

The Chair, Rosalinde van der Vlies (Commission), welcomes all participants to the Governing Board meeting of Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking. The Chair acknowledges the existence of the quorum.

## **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Chair asks the Board members to review the agenda and to declare any conflict or conflict of interest, which may influence or bias the judgment, and to declare any potential conflict that may arise during Governing Board discussions. The Chair reminds that the members are required to act in the general interest of the Joint Undertaking and to respect the confidentiality of the proceedings. No such declarations are raised.

**Outcome:** The agenda is adopted and no (potential) conflict of interest is declared.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the 16 March 2022 meeting**

The Chair informs that the minutes of the last Governing Board have been circulated and that the comments received from Airbus, Safran and Leonardo have been included.

**Outcome:** The minutes of 16 March 2022 meeting are adopted.

## **B. Items for decision**

### **3. Opinion on the Annual Accounts 2021**

The JU presents in accordance with Art. 19 of the SBA the main features of the Annual Accounts for the Joint Undertaking, drawn up by the Accounting Officer in accordance with the Financial Rules provisions:

- The economic outturn accounts shows €-321 million including administrative expenses (2020: €-394 million) which is due to the lower amount of operational expenses in 2021 (2021: €315 million; 2020: €388 million).
- The total assets decreased from €242 million (2020) to €127 million (2021) which derives mainly from the decrease of the outstanding pre-financing (2021: €43 million, 2020: €162 million).
- The Net Assets shows negative €-147 million balance (2020: €+85 million), due to the non-validated IKOP for the 2020-2021 H2020 GAMs, which is booked as expenditure, but will be recognised in the net assets as private member contribution only after the reports and the related certificates are verified.

The JU informs that the IKOP validation will be launched for GB decision in September/October. The negative Net Assets do not indicate any risk of solvency but is the consequence of the time difference between the recognition of the in-kind expenditure (already booked in the accounts based on the received reports) and the validation by the GB, which triggers the recognition of the contribution in the net assets.

The Accounting Officer informs that Annual Accounts 2021 shall be made public and shall be sent to the Council, Commission, Parliament and Court of Auditors by 1 July together with the GB's opinion.

The Accounting Officer mentions that a paragraph was added by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) to the 2020 Audit Report opinion [Other Matters] regarding the potential legal obligation of CAJU to pay to the Commission a share of the pension contributions for the JU

staff for 2016 to 2021, and therefore this is reflected in JU accounts as contingent liability, but not in the balance sheet. No qualification of the opinion from ECA, but a comment from the JUs is required depending on the decision of DG Budget regarding the calculation method. No reservation is required in the Executive Director's assurance declaration of the Annual Activity Report 2021.

**Outcome:** The Governing Board provides a positive opinion on the Annual Accounts 2021.

#### 4. Opinion on In-Kind Contribution from Additional Activities 2014-2021

The JU presents the updated IKAA opinion for the period 2014-2021 with the latest certified in-kind contributions from additional activities for the CS2 programme, informing that the newly certified additional activities amount to ~€86 million, leading to a total of €1.030 billion certified IKAA (representing 107% of overall IKAA minimum target of €965.25 million as set by CS2 Council Regulation).

The JU stresses that the target to reach being 127% (including the IKOP gap), leading to ~195 million euro in IKAA still to be certified by end of the programme and that there are clear indications that this target will be reached.

**Outcome:** The Governing Board provides a positive opinion on the In-Kind Contribution from Additional Activities 2014-2021.

#### 5. Approval of the Annual Activity Report 2021

The JU describes the process via which the consolidated AAR 2021 has been prepared and highlights that the consultation process with the advisory bodies (SRG and SAB) was completed in the period between 8 and 29 April. The SRG and SAB positive opinions were submitted at the end of the consultation period.

The interim Chair of the SAB informs the Board that a table of detailed comments on the 2021 AAR was prepared with minor points or suggestions for improvement, which have been recorded and considered by the JU in the update.

The consolidated version of the AAR 2021 includes the final accounts information, finalised EPA results, assessment of the GB, updated in kind contribution section, KPIs (EPA results, IKC).

The JU informs that following its approval at the Governing Board, the consolidated AAR 2021 together with its assessment by the Governing Board will be transmitted to the Court, Commission, European Parliament and Council no later than 1 July 2022.

The Board commends the good quality of the annual activity report and of the JU's activities described therein.

The Chair reminds the Board members about the importance of the AAR document and of its external communication. The JU reminds that a shorter version of this report was produced under the title of 'Highlights 2021', a booklet type report with compelling illustrations and graphics which has been already published on the Clean Aviation website.

**Outcome:** The Governing Board approves the Consolidate Annual Activity Report 2021 and congratulates the JU for the quality of the report.

## 6. Budget 2022-2023 Amendment no. 2

The JU presents for adoption the proposed amendment no 2 of the Budget 2022-2023 highlighting the main reasons for the update. The Board is informed that on the administrative budget (Title 1 and 2), a split at budget line level between the two programmes CA and CS2 was made according to the JU's costs allocation policy (1/3 for CA and 2/3 for CS2). However, the JU clarifies that the budget transfers remain within each programme, and therefore there is no change of the total annual envelope for each programme. For the CS2 programme, the JU informs that it was able to identify some savings in administrative expenditures (€2.7 million) and transfer it to Title 5 - unused for future needs.

The JU also explains that on the operational budget on (CA Title 3) transfers between budget lines (according to the split of CA call 1 budget) were done per *thrust* as set out in the SRIA and WP, and the allocation of budget for the evaluation experts' costs, whereas for (CS2 Title 4) the transfers between budget lines were based on last reported GAMs/GAP costs.

**Outcome:** The Board adopts the Budget 2022-2023 Amendment no. 2.

## C. Items for information

### 7. Board Report, including round table discussion

The JU presents an overview of the last progress in the Clean Sky 2 programme by end of the first quarter of 2022 based on the Grant Agreements for Members, highlighting that one third of the main achievements are planned in the first semester and two thirds in the second one. To be noted that the programme execution is at 91% of the total programme effort in terms of resources and at 81% in terms of deliverables.

The Board members are also informed about the main achievements in 2022, such as the Regional Flight Test Bed 2 campaign first flight; the Scaled Flight demonstrator in LPA; the Concept Design Review for Green 19 seats (SAT) and the MFFD upper fuselage semi-barrel shell delivery (LPA), as well as the Partners' activities in the Grant Agreement for Partners.

The JU presents informally the initial and preliminary data on the submission of proposals to Call # 1 (no. of proposals received, countries, unique entities, coverage of the topics) and the timeline for the call evaluation phase and the grant phase, highlighting that the critical dates. The JU proposes to work with all coordinators to fine tune the hearings schedule and alleviate the potential issues related to the holiday period, noting that a maximum margin of flexibility exists of a few days; a longer delay of the hearings would put at risk the objective of grant signatures before the end of the year.

The private Board members request to bring the GB approval of the call results forward in order to avoid the risk of significant effort being put into grant preparation prior to the formal GB adoption of the list of proposals/projects to be funded. After a short discussion it is agreed to reschedule the GB planned for 27 October to ~20 September.

**Outcome:** *The Board agrees to an "Exceptional Governing Board meeting" around ~20 September\* and agrees that the JU will provide the list to be "approved" max. 2-3 days before the meeting, instead of 20 days as foreseen by the GB rules of procedure.*

*\* [in the meantime, the SAVE the DATE for this extraordinary GB has been sent for 27 September]*

The JU takes the action to provide clear guidance on what the Governing Board decision on the "approval of the list of actions selected for funding" (ref. Art 17.2 u) of the SBA will encompass, based on the rules laid down in the Work Programme and the procedural steps laid down in the Rules for submission, evaluation and selection adopted by the GB.

Concerning communications, the JU presents the progress made to increase the visibility of Clean Aviation (press partnerships, new corporate video and first call video, new info-graphic, the publishing of the Highlights 2021 report and preparation of Clean Aviation Forum). The Board members are also informed regarding the forthcoming events, highlighted the upcoming European Parliament event. The Head of Communication also informs the Board on her upcoming parental leave.

Concerning the legal updates, the JU reminds the Board of the obligation to timely inform the JU of any merger, acquisition by another Member or take-over by another entity or of any significant changes in the ownership, control or composition.

Concerning the Independent Study on the Socioeconomic Impact of Clean Sky 2, the JU presents the main tasks undertaken under this study and the main conclusions.

The Board members show strong support for the 'rear view mirror' element linked to CS2 programme and the Chair recommends to actively promote and communicate the findings of the independent study which align very well with the ATAG findings.

The Board members comment positively on the clear endorsement of the SRIA as exemplified through this external review. The Chair suggests to consider if the upcoming SRIA update would also benefit from an independent review as well.

The Board members comment concerning the 'forward looking emission scenarios' with adoption rates of new technology coupled with different Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) uptake and potential uptake of Hydrogen, and in particular, the non-CO<sub>2</sub> effects and the overall Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHG) predictions. The level of uncertainties related to the relative impact of non-CO<sub>2</sub> emission on climate forcing is considered by some Board members to require caution in external communications. It is agreed that the report's findings will be contextualised with these uncertainties highlighted (as the report's final recommendations state), i.e., including a recommendation to advance the scientific understanding of non-CO<sub>2</sub> effects and in particular to advance the knowledge of potential mitigation and avoidance strategies.

DLR comments that the key conclusions from the Independent Study on the Socioeconomic Impact of Clean Sky 2 should be included into the SRIA update.

The Chair comments that the SRIA update should take the new ACARE vision as a starting point.

The Board members strongly endorse the six complementing strategies to open path to "net zero" as described in the study (see slide 30 action areas).

The Board agrees that the study should be sent directly to Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DEFIS) for the Alliance for Zero Emission Aviation (AZE).

The Chair thanks the Board members for the rich and frank exchange of ideas and standpoints.

## **8. Update from the Commission (standing item) - Information concerning the status of Horizon Europe associations**

The Chair informs the Board members regarding the Renewable and Low-Carbon Fuels Value Chain Industrial Alliance (RLCF Alliance) highlighting that it is the key measure to the FuelEU Maritime and RefuelEU Aviation initiatives, with stakeholders from across the transport fuels and other relevant value chains (including civil society and public organisations), representing both the fuels supply and demand sides and which so far has received 106 membership applications. The Chair informs that the Work Plan of the Renewable and Low-Carbon Fuels Value Chain Industrial Alliance for 2022-2023 has been published for consultation and that the alliance members have been requested to provide feedback.

The Chair informs the Board members regarding the Alliance for Zero-Emission Aviation (AZE) highlighting that for its launch, Commissioner T. Breton will make the announcement at the aviation trade show ILA in Berlin today 24 June.

## **9. Update on synergies (standing item) - Synergies between CA and Cluster 5 Collaborative research and Update on the Call for Expression of Interest for MS/AC and Regions**

The JU informs the Board concerning the synergies between Clean Aviation and Cluster 5 Collaborative research and the progress developing an open call for expression of interest in identifying the Member States (MS), associated countries, and regions interested in developing a structured, strategic cooperation with the Clean Aviation JU.

The aim of the call is to establish a round-table approach with other funding bodies who have an innovation policy relevant to Clean Aviation's goals and who are willing to share roadmaps and research agendas in order to ensure complementarities and synergies. It is highlighted that the proposals to be submitted by a national/regional authority or a funding agency and the expression of interest should indicate resources and funding mechanisms and sources that may be relevant for developing synergies. The scope is to support a timeline and prioritisation of discussions aiming to establish cooperation agreements and modalities. The JU informs that the current aim is to launch the MS call for expression of interest in the last quarter of 2022.

The Board agrees to address the Clean Hydrogen JU and Cluster 5 synergies via the Technical Committee.

## **10. Back Office Arrangements - Expectations and Guiding Principles - European Commission Services common position**

The Chair informs the Board regarding the Back Office Arrangements (BOA), which is a requirement of the Single Basic Act (Art. 13), based on which the Joint Undertakings should within one year since their establishment, operate back-office arrangements by concluding service-level agreements. The BOA is to be provided by one or more selected joint undertakings to all others via the transfer of appropriations or the recovery of costs for the provision of the common services between the JUs.

The Chair explains that the aim of the BOA is to increase the level of efficiency of the JUs and enable better service delivery in the areas of human resources, legal support, information and

communication technologies, accounting, logistics and support for audit and anti-fraud strategy.

The JU highlights that the BOA arrangements are starting already to take shape, mainly in the area of IT and procurement services. The JU informs the Board about the need to introduce a "technical correction" to the Work Programme 2022-2023 due to the joint procurement of IT, explaining that at the time of preparing the last amended Work Programme, the total amount of the tender to be published that will cover all participating JUs was not known. The technical amendment providing the agreed joint procurement amount will be formalised via an Executive Director decision and will be published on the Clean Aviation website.

**Outcome:** The Chair proposes that the JU reports back in the September Governing Board meeting with an analysis with respect to the back-office arrangements.

## **D. Topics for discussion**

### **10. Planning for the next GBs**

- a. Approval of ranking lists / projects selected for funding of Call #1**
- b. Adoption procedure for the second amended Work Programme 2022-2023 to include budget, call 2 topics and Call for Expression of Interest for Associated Membership**

The JU informs the Board regarding the upcoming decision for 2022, including the approval of ranking lists and projects selected for funding of Call 1 and the adoption of second amended Work Programme and Budget 2022-2023 including the Call 2 topics and the Call for Expression of Interest for Associated Membership.

## **E. Any other business & closure of meeting**

The Chair thanks the Board members for their active and efficient participation at the meeting.

The meeting is closed.

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