# Draft Agenda

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8. **10’** Planning for the next GBs
   - a) 20 November: Selection of new Associated Members and Adoption of the Communication Policy

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A. Opening of the meeting

The Chair, Rosalinde van der Vlies (Commission), welcomes the participants, and acknowledges the existence of the quorum. The Chair welcomes to the Board Mr. Ray Kingcombe, Independent Observer for the second call for proposals evaluation.

As a follow-up from the Fireside Dialogues of 6 September with DG CLIMA, Director General Kurt Vandenberghne, the Board members address the importance of connecting Clean Aviation with other parts of the EU regulatory framework and available financial support, such as the Innovation Fund, in order to ensure a successful deployment of aviation solutions.

The Board members discuss the possibility of reviewing blind spots, particularly in terms of infrastructure requirements. The need to explore whether existing funding instruments could support necessary infrastructure developments, such as test facilities for alternative fuels like hydrogen. The Board members agree the following actions:

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<td>1) Setting up a follow-up meeting with representatives from DG CLIMA to discuss aviation interests and get more information about how aviation projects can align with the Innovation Fund.</td>
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<td>2) Creation of a GB members volunteer group to support these discussions and to identify potential projects that could be eligible for funding from the Innovation Fund. These projects could include areas like test facilities, prototypes for certification, and manufacturing facilities for fast ramp-up. Sabine Klauke (Airbus) volunteers to coordinate this effort.</td>
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<td>3) Review the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and identify the needs of Clean Aviation beyond the current Horizon Europe programme. This would involve identifying different funding opportunities at both European and national levels to support the aviation ecosystem and the development and deployment of Clean Aviation solutions.</td>
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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 provides guidance to the GB members on the specific Conflict of interest (CoI) protocol to be followed for item 4 of the agenda ‘Approval of the reserve list of proposal selected for funding under call 2’. In accordance with the applicable rules, the Chair advises the private members directly involved as applicants and potential beneficiaries of the proposal ‘HEROPS’ (in reserve list) to abstain from voting on this specific decision item and to avoid any possible conflict of interest. The Chair clarifies that this is a mitigating measure and that for the sake of safeguarding the openness and collegiality of the discussion, the members abstaining are allowed to take part in the discussions on this item on the technical complementarities of this proposal and expected benefits.

By a show of hands, the GB Members of MTU, Safran and Collins declare their conflict of interest with regards to item 4. The Board members of Fraunhofer, and NLR representing the RTOs inform that they will be replaced by their alternates members CIRA and DLR at the moment of the vote for item 4, while still allowing RTOs community to participate to the vote.

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.

| Outcome: The agenda is adopted, and the declared conflict of interest are registered. |
2. Approval of the minutes of the 22 March 2023 meeting and implementation status of the action points

The Chair informs that the minutes of the last Governing Board have been circulated and that no comments were received. The Executive Director (ED) informs about the status of implementation of the action points from the previous meeting.

**Outcome:** The minutes of 22 March 2023 meeting are adopted.

B. Items for decision

3. Approval of the top ranked list of proposals selected for funding under call 2

The JU presents the top-ranked projects for the second call for proposals, which include eight projects spanning various topics, such as hybrid electric, hydrogen powered aircraft, short medium range aircraft and impact monitoring. The total funding request for these projects is €122,22 million. The JU explains that two topics did not receive any proposals due to various reasons, including inadequate project descriptions (bottom-up approach instead of top-down) and relevance vs the topics requirements set in the call. It was suggested that these topics could be addressed through other funding mechanisms or initiatives.

The JU points out that one project on the reserve list "HEROPS", has significant technical merit and could provide a competitive advantage to European entities in the global market, based on the independent observers’ recommendations. The proposed financing of this proposal is subject to a separate decision item.

**Outcome:** The decision on the approval of the top ranked list of proposals selected for funding under call 2 is adopted.

4. Approval of the reserve list of proposal selected for funding under call 2

The JU presents the reserve project "HEROPS", with significant technical merit and strategic importance. The independent observers recommend approving this project for funding.

The Board is asked to approve for funding the proposal in the reserve list and authorise a top-up of €14.48 million to the call budget (€137,75 million) in order to finance this additional proposal.

**Outcome:** The decision on the approval of the reserve list of proposal selected for funding under call 2 is adopted.

The Independent Observer of call 2, Ray Kingcombe, presents a summary of the conclusions from the evaluation of call 2 drawing particular attention to the fact that the quality of the proposals was below that in previous calls and below the expectation of the experts. The
applicants should work to ensure increased quality of proposals with closer alignment to the stated topics’ requirements.

**Action:**

The Board tasks the Technical Committee to perform with the JU an analysis on the lessons learned from call 1 and 2 that could be considered for phase 2 of the programme and report on the conclusions at the next Governing Board meeting.

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## C. Items for information

### 5. Board Report

**a) Clean Sky 2 progress**

The JU presents the progress overview for the CS2 Programme regarding participant’s progress on the on-going activities. Overall, the progress on CS2 demonstrators shows that 45% of demonstrators are completed and 55% of them are still to be achieved at the right TRL level; 34 demos (31%) currently identified as contributing to one or several Clean Aviation projects. It is emphasised that the delivery of Clean Sky 2 results requires constant effort until the end of the programme.

The JU informs on the CS2 programme requests for additional funding in some demonstrators’ areas where additional funding is needed to secure the articulation with the Clean Aviation programme. As a result, a top-up of ~€12 million mainly resulting from savings in the administrative budget (EC contribution only) will be allocated to the 9 out of 16 proposals evaluated by the experts and based on a priority list of Leaders and Core Partners activities.

**b) Clean Aviation updates**

The JU informs that technical activities were successfully initiated across the 20 projects funded in the first call for proposals and will start their first reporting (technical and financial). The Periodic Reviews are planned to take place from 28 September until 13 October 2023 across 9 projects while ad-hoc reviews could be organised for the other 11 projects. It is highlighted that the JU programme office and the Scientific Advisory Body are currently assessing the Impact Monitoring deliverables and Cooperation Plan. The JU points out that at the next Programme Coordination Committee on 13 September the request for contributions to the Work Programme 2024-2025 covering project objectives and major milestones expected in the next two years will be launched.

The JU also informs on the preliminary outcome of the Call for Expression of Interest (CEI) for Associated Members 2023, with a preliminary analysis of the results and highlighting the large number of successful applications from SMEs. In total 25 applications were assessed by the JU with support of a panel of experts (26 received of which one was inadmissible), 20 were retained and 5 were below the threshold. One redress from an HU applicant was received. The JU explains that the next steps include a negotiation step with the shortlisted entities before the Letters of Commitments will be signed, with the aim to have the new organisations approved as Associated Members at the next Governing Board in November 2023 to be followed by their accession to the Membership agreements.

**Action:**

The Board acknowledge the positive outcome of the CEI and with the importance to integrate new future new members. The Board acknowledges also the good outcome in terms of SMEs becoming Members and agrees on the action to set up a SMEs Governance Group.
from the new Associates being SMEs and request them to nominate a Board member representative as set out in the Regulation.

c) Corporate updates

Concerning the communication updates, the JU presents the High Five awards follow-up actions with the winners and informs regarding 2024 events. The JU informs that preparations are already underway for the Clean Aviation Annual Forum foreseen in March, as well as participation at the TRA Dublin (in April) and the ILA Berlin Air show (in June).

The JU informs that at the Governing Board meeting of 20 November, the Communications Policy will be presented for adoption. The process of preparing the policy will include consultation with the Communications Network to gather their feedback and comments.

d) Planning of upcoming written procedures

The JU briefs the Board regarding the upcoming written procedure decisions, including the foreseen launch period:

- Budget 2022-2023 amendment no. 5 (to be launched on 8 September)
- HR Decision on working time and hybrid working (to be launched on 8 September)
- HR Decision on deputisation of hierarchical roles (to be launched on 8 September)
- Adoption of the Work Programme 2024-2025 (to be launched on 21 November)

6. Update from the Commission (standing item)

The Chair welcomes the news regarding the political agreement between the EU and the UK on the Horizon Europe (HE) Association Agreement and confirms that until 1 January 2024 the transitional arrangements with the UK will continue to apply for what concerns budget appropriations from 2023. The Association Agreement will apply from 1 January 2024 for what concerns eligibility for HE funding of entities established in the UK.

The Commission services representative from the “CIC” of DG R&I raise awareness and recalls the legal framework applicable to the admin costs of the JUs and the rule that only Members should be asked to contribute to the 50% of the admin costs. She underlines that breaching Article 32(3) of the JU Financial Rules will not be tolerated, as well as any practice that puts into question the principle of openness of calls launched by the JUs as set out in Article 5(2)(a) SBA.

The Commission representatives informs the Board on the Economic Security Strategy, especially regarding the list of critical dual use technologies (such as artificial intelligence, quantum technology, advanced materials, propulsion and space technology), for which an elaborated risk assessment will be put in place by the end of the year along with protection and promotion measures by first quarter of 2024.

7. Update on synergies (standing item)

The JU informs the Board on the actions ongoing aiming at an alignment of strategic priorities at Work Programme and topics level with Clean Hydrogen JU and on the efforts to align the Regions ERDF and Cohesion Funds to the Clean Aviation SRIA and objectives as indicated in the SBA.
For this purpose, invitation letters were sent by the Chair and the ED to engage on cooperations to the Regions and Members States who signed Memorandum of Understanding under the CS2 programme. It is highlighted that some preliminary interest was expressed so far by Andalucia, Piemonte, Hamburg, Puglia and that further feedback are expected by Poland and Czech Republic (where ERDF is managed at National level).

The Board is also informed on the enhanced coordination between Commission and CAJU for the definition of the aviation topics in the Work Programme 2025-27 Cluster 5 also looking at the planned revision of the Clean Aviation SRIA. Regarding synergies with National Programmes, the JU informs on the action launched with States Representatives Group to request inputs on National Programmes via the “country fiches” exercise and launch a “coordinated roadmap” exercise with Members States, i.e., to identify a group of countries willing to engage on cooperation and technical co-roadmapping with CAJU in order to ensure technical alignment and maximise impact for phase 2 of the programme.

**Action:**

1) The Technical Committee is required to identify a list of priorities and topics for possible consideration under national and regional calls.

2) The Technical Committee is required to get involved with the JU Programme Office in defining the next steps in establishing synergies with Collaborative Research and with the Clean Hydrogen JU.

**8. Planning for the next GBs**

The JU presents the schedule for the upcoming Governing Board meetings, with a focus on the agenda for these meetings.

The next meeting will take place on 20 November 2023, when the Communication Policy, as well as the list of new Associated Members and the “phase-out” plan of the Joint Undertaking from Horizon Europe funding upon recommendation of the Executive Director should be adopted.

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

The JU informs on the new appointment of Maria Calvo as Head of the Project Management Unit following a vacancy procedure, and of the departure of Maria-Silvia Giannoni, the Head of Administration and Finance, moving to another EU executive agency, as well as the departure of Slobodan Dimitrovski, appointed recently as the JU’s Internal Auditor and taking up duties with the European Court of Auditors as of 1 of November.

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

The meeting is closed.

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