



**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING  
DECISION N° GB/09/2023**

**on the appointment of the Accounting Officer**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING, (hereafter “the GH EDCTP3 JU”)

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014, and in particular Article 13(1)(d) thereof;

Having regard to the GH EDCTP3 JU Financial Rules adopted by the Governing Board on 3 May 2022, Governing Board Decision N° GB/22/2022 (hereafter the “Financial Rules”) and in particular Article 25 (“Accounting officer”);

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board of the GH EDCTP3 JU, in particular Article 10.

Whereas:

- (1) Article 25(1) of the GH EDCTP3 JU 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 GH EDCTP3 JU Financial Rules provides that two or more joint undertakings may appoint the same accounting officer,
- (3) Article 13(1) of the SBA provides that to gain synergies and efficiencies joint undertakings shall operate back-office arrangements (hereafter “BOA”), including as to accounting (excluding treasury),
- (4) The European Commission (Directorate-General for Budget) has informed joint undertakings in its note ARES(2021)6560472 of 25 November 2021 of the termination of DG Budget’s accounting services to joint undertakings, and the necessity for the joint undertakings to take over the accounting services as part of the BOA. The provision of the accounting officer services for the joint undertakings has been stopped as from 1 December 2022,

- (5) Following a formal request with note Ares(2022)5976078 sent to all executive directors of the joint undertakings, the Executive Director of Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (hereafter "EU-Rail") received the confirmation on 6 September 2022 that all joint undertakings accept the proposal that EU-Rail takes the coordinating role of the BOA for accounting services, supported by the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (hereafter "CAJU") and the Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking (hereafter "SESAR 3 JU") accounting officers,
- (6) The outcome of this process allows the governing boards of the joint undertakings to adopt the necessary decisions to entrust the accounting officer function to an accounting officer working for a joint undertaking providing accounting services, in compliance with the GH EDCTP3 JU's Financial Rules (Article 25).
- (7) The accounting officer skills and competences ensure the fulfilment of the duties established in the Financial Rules and the necessary handover with the former accounting officer.
- (8) The GH EDCTP3 JU should made the necessary arrangements to avoid any conflict of interests as regards the nominated accounting officer and deputy accounting officer.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*  
*Accounting officer of the GH EDCTP3 JU*

Mr Andrei Hretu (EU-Rail) is hereby appointed as the accounting officer of the GH EDCTP3 JU.

*Article 2*  
*Deputy accounting officer of the GH EDCTP3 JU*

Ms Andrea Toth (CAJU) and Ms Katty Hancq (SESAR 3 JU) are hereby appointed as the deputy accounting officers of the GH EDCTP3 JU.

The deputisation will occur in case of impossibility of the accounting officer appointed in Article 1 of this decision, to perform his task in accordance with article 25(1) of the GH EDCTP3 JU Financial Rules. This role shall only be activated after the Governing Board is informed in writing. The information shall clarify the reason for the deputising activation, the name of the deputy accounting officer and the expected duration of the deputisation.

Once the deputisation 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 GH EDCTP3 JU Financial Rules.

*Article 3*

The Interim Executive Director shall make this decision publicly available on the GH EDCTP3 JU's website.

*Article 4*

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, on 03.08.2023

*For the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board*



Dr. Henning Gädeke

*Chairperson of the Governing Board*