

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE CLEAN HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING
OF 30/01/2023
ADOPTING THE 1st AMENDMENT TO THE
“CLEAN HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING 2023 ANNUAL WORK
PROGRAMME AND BUDGET”**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CLEAN HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING,

HAVING REGARD TO

- COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 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 642/2014¹, and in particular Article 17(2)(k);
- The Financial Rules of the Clean Hydrogen JU, adopted on 17 December 2021 through Governing Board decision reference CleanHydrogen-GB-2021-03 (hereafter referred to as “the Financial Rules”)², and in particular Articles 17(1) and 33(4);
- Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012³, and in particular article 110(1), and 111(1),
- The Clean Hydrogen JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure⁴, and in particular Article 10 thereof;

WHEREAS:

- 1) The “Clean Hydrogen JU 2023 Annual Work Programme and Budget” was adopted by Governing Board through its Decision of 16/12/2022 - reference number CleanHydrogen-GB-2022-14;

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17–119

² FCH-GB-2019-16 <https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/system/files/2020-01/GB%2520decision%2520and%2520Financial%2520Rules.pdf>

³ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222

⁴ https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/about-us/key-documents/governing-board-decisions_en

- 2) In accordance with the applicable legislation, the commitment of any expenditure shall be preceded by the adoption of a financing decision, which must contain *the global budgetary envelope reserved for grants*;
- 3) The possibility to increase the call budget is explicitly announced in the Call for proposals 2022, where the final budgets awarded to actions implemented through the Call for Proposals may vary by up to 20% of the total value of the indicative budget for each action;
- 4) An annual work programme may be reinforced by appropriations from the following year through a complementary financing decision;
- 5) The Call for proposals 2022 can thus be reinforced with appropriations from the year 2023;
- 6) The Budget should be amended to include an additional EUR 60.000.000,00 to be attributed to actions implemented through the Call for Proposals 2022, more specifically to funding proposals in the reserve list of two topics: topic CLEANH2-2022-06-01 'Hydrogen Valleys (large scale)', and topic CLEANH2-2022-06-02 'Hydrogen Valleys (small scale)';
- 7) The Staff Establishment Plan for the year 2023 shall need to be modified for the addition of one SNE position, to be funded with unused appropriations from the year 2023;

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

Section 3 “BUDGET 2023” of the “Clean Hydrogen JU 2023 Annual Work Programme and Budget” is replaced by section 3 in Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Section 2.3.4.3 “*Staff Establishment Plan*” of the Clean Hydrogen JU 2023 Annual Work Programme and Budget” is replaced by section 2.3.4.3 in Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall be made publicly available by the Executive Director on the Clean Hydrogen JU website.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption by the Clean Hydrogen JU Governing Board.

Done in Brussels, on 30 January 2023

For the Governing Board of the CLEAN HYDROGEN JU,
Melissa Verykios,
Chair of the Governing Board
[signature]



Encl: Annex 1 - Section 3 “*BUDGET 2023*”
 Annex 2 - Section 2.3.4.3 “*Staff Establishment Plan*” of the “Clean Hydrogen JU 2023
 Annual Work Programme and Budget”

ANNEX 1

[...]3 BUDGET 2023

The 2023 budget covers all administrative and operational needs for the year.

It is noted that the budget of the JU shall be adapted to consider the amount of the Union contribution as laid down in the budget of the Union. The following tables present revenues and expenditure in 2023 and a comparison with 2022 budget (as after 2nd amendment).

[...]

Expenditure

Title 3 - Operational costs

2023 budget includes:

[...]

Horizon Europe: commitment appropriations will cover for the call of 2023, JRC collaboration as announced in section 2.2.5.3, procurement activities as described in section 2.2.5.1 (for the creation of 2 panels for sustainability and circularity as well as safety, and the European Hydrogen Knowledge hub), and experts (evaluators and reviewers), the latter estimated for an amount of EUR 700,000. Appropriations also include a EUR 60,000,000 provision to be attributed to actions implemented through the Call for Proposals 2022, more specifically to funding proposals in the reserve list of two topics: topic CLEANH2-2022-06-01 'Hydrogen Valleys (large scale)', and topic CLEANH2-2022-06-02 'Hydrogen Valleys (small scale)'. Payment appropriations will cover for the remaining pre-financing to grants expected to be signed in the beginning of 2023 (relating to the 1st deadline of call 2022), as well as the entire pre-financings to the grants from the 2nd deadline of the call 2022 and call 2023. In addition, there is a provision for pre-financing to grants expected to be signed under hydrogen valleys.

As a result, the final budgets awarded to actions implemented through the Call for Proposals 2022 is increased within the margin of up to 20% of the total value of the indicative budget for each action. These appropriations are complemented by reactivations of appropriations that became available in previous years and are introduced in the initial budget.

The table below provides an overview of the statement of revenues for 2023.

[...]

ANNEX 2

[...].3 Staff Establishment Plan

The JU team consists of 29 positions (27 TAs and 2 CAs). In addition, staff resources include 3 Seconded National Experts (SNE). The 2023 Staff Establishment Plan is shown below:

<i>Function group and grade</i>	2022				2023	
	<i>Authorised budget</i>		<i>Actually filled as of 31/12</i>		<i>Authorised budget</i>	
	<i>Permanent posts</i>	<i>Temporary posts</i>	<i>Permanent posts</i>	<i>Temporary posts</i>	<i>Permanent posts</i>	<i>Temporary posts</i>
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12		2		2		2
AD 11						
AD 10						2
AD 9		5		5		3
AD 8		4		4		2
AD 7		2		2		5
AD 6		3		3		2
AD 5						
TOTAL AD		17		17		17
AST 11						
AST10						
AST 9		1		1		2
AST 8		1		1		1
AST 7		1		1		1
AST 6		1		1		
AST 5		2		2		5
AST 4		3		3		
AST 3		1		1		1
AST 2						
AST 1						
TOTAL AST		10		10		10
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						

AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
TOTAL AST/SC		10		10		10
TOTAL AD+AST+AST/SC		27		27		27
GRAND TOTAL	27				27	

Contract Agents	FTE corresponding to the authorised budget 2022	Executed FTE as of 31/12/2022	Headcount as of 31/12/2022	FTE corresponding to the authorised budget 2023
Function Group I-IV	2	1	1	2
TOTAL	2	1	1	2

Seconded National Experts	FTE corresponding to the authorised budget 2022	Executed FTE as of 31/12/2022	Headcount as of 31/12/2022	FTE corresponding to the authorised budget 2023
	2	1	1	3
TOTAL	2	1	1	3

Recruitment forecasts 2023 following retirement/mobility or new requested posts					
Job title in the JU	Type of contract (Official, CA, TA)		TA/Official		CA
			Function group/grade of recruitment internal (Brackets) and external (single grade) foreseen for publication		Recruitment Function Group (I, II, III and IV)
	Due to foreseen retirement/mobility	New post requested due to additional tasks	Internal (brackets)	External (brackets)	
Budget Officer	1			AD5	
Contract Agent FGIV	1				FGIV
SNE	2				