

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

of 25 October 2024

adopting the second amended Work Programme for 2024

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CIRCULAR BIO-BASED EUROPE

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085¹ of 19 November 2021 establishing the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (the CBE JU), and in particular Article 17(2) (k) and Article 25;

Having regard to the CBE JU Financial Rules, and in particular Article 12 and Article 17(1) thereof,

Having regard to Governing Board decision CBE-GB-10/23, of 14 December 2023, approving the Annual Work Programme and Budget for year 2024, as amended by the Governing Board decision CBE-GB-2/24, of 15 February 2024,

Having regard to the CBE JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

WHEREAS

- (1) The CBE JU Governing Board Decision 10/23, of 14 December 2024, adopted the CBE JU Work Programme for 2024, which was subsequently amended by the Governing Board Decision 2/24, of 15 February 2024.
- (2) This budget amendment does not involve an increase in the overall 2024 budget. It is a technical amendment aimed primarily at re-allocating administrative payment appropriations (PA) between Titles 1 and 2 in the expenditure statement, in line with most recently assessed needs.
- (3) To ensure the salary payments for November and December 2024 a transfer of EUR 650 000 payment appropriations (PA) is requested from BBI and CBE Title 2 (T2) to Title 1 (T1). As the budget execution has evolved over time, the total PA necessary to cover salaries are now higher than foreseen. The main reasons for the need for additional PA in T1 are: i) a significant transfer to from T1 to T2 in early 2024 (from BBI reactivated appropriations) needed to cover large amounts of invoices on 2023 IT and communication costs received for payment in 2024, and ii) a higher than anticipated execution in T1 compared to that forecasted in 2022, including an extra 4% salary indexation.
- (4) This reinforcement of T1 from T2 will originate from two sources:
 - EUR 180 850 of unused BBI C2 PA (and matching CA) from T2, part of a much larger amount reactivated by an amendment in early 2024 and subsequently allocated between T1 and T2 in line with the evaluated needs at that time.

¹ 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 642/2014, OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17–119

- EUR 469 150 CBE PA available on CBE C1 lines. This amount is available because BBI and CBE reactivated (C2) PA were already consumed in priority to C1 (in compliance with CBE JU Financial Rules). As the planned transfer is more than 10% of the voted amounts, a Governing Board Decision is necessary, as provided for in the article 12 of the CBE JU Financial Rules.

(5) Also, a new Framework Contract for thematic communication services will be reflected in the public procurement table, this procurement will support the events and campaigns planed for the next two years to support the industrial uptake of bio-based innovations and the deployment of the initiative.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The amended CBE JU Work Programme for 2024 adopted by the Governing Board on 15 February 2024 (Decision 2/24), is replaced by the amended Work Programme for 2024 as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall make publicly available the second amended CBE JU Work Programme for 2024 on the CBE JU website.

Article 3

The present decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 25 October 2024,

For the Governing Board

*Rob Beekers
Chairperson of the Governing Board*

