



## **DECISION OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES BOARD OF THE ECSEL JOINT UNDERTAKING**

### **Amending its Rules of Procedure**

**THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES BOARD OF THE ECSEL JOINT UNDERTAKING,**

**Having regard to the Statutes annexed to Council Regulation (EU) 561/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the ECSEL Joint Undertaking<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 12;**

**Having regard to decision ECSEL PAB 2014.01 adopting the Public Authorities Board rules of procedure, as last amended by decision ECSEL PAB 2018.37 (the “Rules of Procedure”);**

**WHEREAS:**

- 1) Conflict of interest provisions need to be clarified in order to guarantee confidentiality and absence of conflict of interest of delegates in particular during the approval process of project proposals;**
- 2) The Public Authorities Board shall adopt amendments to its Rules of Procedure.**

**HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING:**

#### *Article 1*

**Article 12- Conflicts of interests of the Rules of Procedure is modified to read as follows:**

- 1) When they are nominated, delegates and other attendees in the Public Authorities Board meetings shall make a personal declaration of confidentiality and absence of conflict of interests based on the template in Annex 1 to the present rules. These declarations shall be updated by the individual concerned whenever a change occurs.***
- 2) The Executive Director shall monitor declarations and make a preliminary assessment of compatibility of interests declared with the tasks of the individuals concerned and shall inform the chairperson of the Public Authorities Board.***

- 3) *During a meeting, any attendee whose participation in the work of the Public Authorities Board may lead to a conflict of interest with regard to a particular agenda item shall without delay inform the chairperson who shall decide on any specific measure in this respect.*
- 4) *Four weeks ahead of the meeting addressing Project Outlines, the Executive Director shall ask delegates and other attendees in the Public Authorities Board to fill a declaration based on the template in Annex 2 to the present rules. The Executive Director shall assess if the declaration leads to a conflict of interest and shall inform the chairperson who shall decide on any specific measure in this respect and inform the Public Authorities Board.*

*Article 2*

The other provisions of the Rules of Procedure shall remain unchanged.

*Article 3*

For sake of clarity, Decision ECSEL PAB 2018.37 is repealed and replaced by this Decision.

An updated version of the Rules of Procedure is annexed to this decision – of which it forms an integral part.

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

Done in Brussels on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

For the Public Authorities Board



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Chairperson of the Public Authorities Board

Annex: Updated PAB rules of procedure