

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**of 19 September 2025**  
**adopting the third amended Work Programme for 2025**

**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CIRCULAR BIO-BASED EUROPE**

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085<sup>1</sup> 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 thereof,

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-7/24, of 12 December 2024, approving the Annual Work Programme and Budget for year 2025, as amended by CBE-GB-3/25 of 14 February 2025, and as further amended by CBE-GB-4/25 of 26 March 2025,

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

**WHEREAS**

(1) This amendment reflects technical budgetary adjustments at different levels of commitment appropriations (CA) and payment appropriations (PA) as follows:

- a. Transfer of an amount of EUR 50,000, in CA and PA, from Title 1 to Title 3 of the budget. This amount originates from the additional United Kingdom (UK) contribution amounting to EUR 100,000 which was fully allocated to the administrative budget while only half is necessary as the other half (EUR 50,000) will be contributed by the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC), see below under b.
- b. Increase by EUR 50,000, in CA and PA, of the BIC administrative contribution to CBE JU, to match the additional EUR 50,000 from the UK contribution.

(2) The amendment also reflects:

- a. A technical adjustment rendered necessary by a clerical error. To that end, an amount of EUR 14,047,428.58 of unused operational H2020 PA was paid back to the Commission in June 2025. The CBE JU will request this amount in year 2026 or subsequent years (for Horizon Europe project-related payments) depending on the needs.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

- b. The reactivation of Horizon Europe unused administrative appropriations from 2024 in line with 2025 budget needs as follows: CA for an amount of EUR 220,668 and PA for an amount of EUR 203,178.
  - c. The reactivation of EUR 281,435 in CA and PA of Horizon Europe unused operational appropriations from 2024, as this constitutes the unexecuted budget for expert-evaluators as notified by the REA.
  - d. The reactivation of EUR 275,317 in CA and PA corresponding to the remaining unused H2020 administrative appropriations from 2023 and 2024 that was not used before 31 December 2024. The reactivation is necessary to allow for the reimbursement of the amount to the benefit of the European Commission and the Biobased Industries Consortium, in equal parts, in the course of 2025.
- (3) There is a need to approve a transfer of voted C2 reactivated CA and PA of up to EUR 400,000 from Title 1 to Title 2 in line with revised budget requirements.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

The CBE JU Work Programme for 2025 adopted by the Governing Board on 12 December 2024 (Decision CBE-GB-7/24), as amended by the Governing Board on 14 February (Decision CBE-GB-4/25), and as further amended by CBE-GB-4/25 of 26 March 2025, is replaced by the amended Work Programme for 2025 as set out in the Annex.

#### *Article 2*

The Executive Director shall make publicly available the third amended CBE JU Work Programme for 2025 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, 19 September 2025

*For the Governing Board*

*Rob Beekers  
Chairperson of the Governing Board*

Annex: Third amended Work Programme for 2025 of the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking