

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

of 22 April 2026

adopting the first amended Work Programme for 2026

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 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-12/25, of 9 December 2025, approving the Annual Work Programme and Budget for year 2026,

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

WHEREAS

(1) This amendment reflects:

- a. The reactivation of Horizon Europe unused administrative appropriations from 2025 in line with 2026 budget needs as follows: CA for an amount of EUR 724,282 and PA for an amount of EUR 1,194,061 (pages 89, 91).
- b. The reactivation of EUR 1,023,783 in CA and PA of Horizon Europe unused operational appropriations from 2023, as this constitutes the unexecuted budget for expert-evaluators as notified by REA (pages 90, 92).
- c. Change in the presentation of the expenditure statement where all reactivated values (for CA and PA) are now presented at chapter level. The source of reactivation is reflected in the revenue statement.

(2) This amendment also reflects the outcome of the Horizon Europe IKAA catch-up exercise recently performed whereby the planned multiannual additional activities related to the calls 2022-2024 are detailed. Those data replace the data provided for in the previous CBE JU annual work programmes regarding the planned Horizon Europe IKAA (page 94).

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

- (3) Also, this amendment specifies that the right to object, as set out in Annex V of Horizon Europe Grant Agreement, applies in all the RIAs, and DEMO topics, including Flagships.
- (4) Finally, this amendment corrects an inconsistency in topics IA-01, IA-03 and IA-04 between the table that summaries the links among CBE JU specific objectives and strategic priorities and the AWP2026 topics..

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The CBE JU Work Programme for 2026 adopted by the Governing Board on 9 December 2025 (Decision CBE-GB-12/25), is replaced by the amended Work Programme for 2026 as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall make publicly available the first amended CBE JU Work Programme for 2026 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, 22 April 2026

For the Governing Board

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