

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING**

of 10 April 2018

amending the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2018

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING ('BBI JU'),

Having regard to the Statutes annexed to the Council Regulation (EC) No 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 setting up the BBI JU¹ ('the Statutes'), and in particular Article 7(3)(d) and (h);

Having regard to the Financial Rules of the BBI JU, and in particular Articles 6, 15 and 31(4),

Having regard to the opinion from the States Representatives Group of 6 June 2017 on the topics of the Annual Work Plan 2018 and of 26 October 2017 on its full version,

Having regard to the opinion of the Scientific Committee of 2 June 2017 on the topics of the Annual Work Plan 2018 and of 26 October 2017 on its full version

Having regard to the BBI JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 8,

WHEREAS

- (1) The Governing Board of the BBI JU ('Governing Board') has the power to adopt the annual budget of the BBI JU and its annual work plan respectively;
- (2) On 13 December 2017 the Governing Board adopted the BBI JU Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2018 ('AWP') by decision no. BBI-GB-18/17;
- (3) Certain call topics in the AWP set out as an additional condition for participation that there is at least one member of the Bio-based Industry Consortium ('BIC') among the participants by the call deadline that is not eligible for JU funding in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 623/2014². The call topics BBI 2018. SO2.R4, BBI 2018. SO2.R5, BBI 2018. SO2.R6, BBI 2018. SO2.R7, BBI 2018. SO2.R8 and BBI 2018. SO3.R11 in section 2.2.5 "The 2018 Call for proposals", as well as point 3 of section 2.3.3 "Eligibility conditions" need to be redrafted in order to clarify that this additional condition for participation applies;
- (4) The Budget should be amended in accordance with article 6(5) of BBI JU Financial Rules to enter the unused appropriations in the estimate of revenue and expenditure of up to the following three financial years;

¹ OJ L 169, 7.6.2014 p.130

² OJ L174, 13.6.2014 p.12



- (5) The unused appropriations arise, on the one hand, from unused commitment appropriations for operational expenditure related to the call for proposals of 2016 and on the other hand, from unused commitment and payment appropriations of administrative expenditure;
- (6) An estimate of unused appropriations from 2017, to be reactivated in 2018, was included in the adopted Annual Budget for 2018 under Titles 2 and 3, in line with perceived needs for 2018 on two specific budget lines. The adopted budget also provided that any remaining unused surplus would be carried over to 2019 (and future years) for reactivation, but that small amounts may be reactivated in 2018 as perceived necessary. Now that the actual budget surpluses (and their year of origin) are known with accuracy, the current amendment seeks to request the reactivation of certain specific unused amounts in addition to the amounts already reactivated.
- (7) The AWP needs to be amended to correctly reflect changes made in the text and footnotes.
- (8) In accordance with article 15(5) of the Statutes, the amended BBI JU budget shall take into account the amount of the Union contribution as laid down in the budget of the Union;
- (9) In accordance with Article 15(1) of the BBI JU Financial Rules, any amending budget of the BBI JU shall be adopted by the same procedure as the initial budget of the BBI JU;
- (10) Article 11 of the Governing Board Rules of Procedure allows the opinion of Governing Board members to be obtained by written procedure.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annual Work Plan and Budget 2018 for the BBI JU adopted by Decision no. BBI-GB-18/17 of 13 December 2017 is replaced with the Amended Annual Work Plan and Budget 2018 set out in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall make the amended Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2018 publicly available on the BBI JU website.

Article 3

The unused commitment appropriations (CA) for operational expenditure from year 2016 ('C8' credits in 2017), which amount to €825 798, shall be reactivated in Title 3 as 'C2' credits. These reactivated commitment appropriations shall be used to cover operational expenditure in 2018

Article 4

The decommitment in 2017 of C8 administrative credits (from commitments raised in 2016), resulted in unused CA at end 2017 amounting to €74 795 (€36 835 in Title 1 and €37 960 in Title 2), which shall be reactivated as C2 credits, at the level of the chapter from which they originated. These reactivated commitment appropriations shall be used to cover administrative expenditure in 2018.

Article 5



The unused commitment and payment appropriations for administrative expenditure of year 2016, already reactivated as 'C2' in 2017 but not fully consumed by the end of that year, which amount to €97 702 in CA (€9 451 in Title 1 and €88 251 in Title 2) and to €28 744 in PA (€738 in Title 1 and €28 006 in Title 2), shall again be reactivated as 'C2' credits in 2018. For both CA and PA the total Title 2 reactivation includes €27 260 for the expert-evaluators managed by REA. The reactivations will be made at the level of the budget chapter from where they originated.

These reactivated commitment and payment appropriations shall be used to cover administrative expenditure in 2017.

Article 6

An estimated amount of €250 000 of unused PA from 2017 (€50 000 from Title 1 and €200,000 from Title 2) will be reactivated (€50 000 for Title 1 and €200,000 for Title 2) to cover payments made in 2018 of 2017 year-end expenditure invoiced in 2018.

Article 7

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

Done at Brussels, 10 April 2018,

For the Governing Board

Signe Ratso

Chairperson of the Governing Board

Annex I: BBI JU 2018 Amended Annual Work Plan and Budget.