



BBI-GB-3/19

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

of 19 March 2019

**on the amended Annual Work Plan and Budget 2019 for the Bio-based Industries Joint
Undertaking**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING,

Having regard to the Statutes annexed to the Council Regulation (EC) No 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 setting up the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU)¹ ('the Statutes'), and in particular Article 7(3)(d) and (h),

Having regard to the Financial Rules of the Bio-based industries Joint Undertaking, and in particular to articles 6, 15 and 31(4),

Having regard to the opinion from the States Representatives Group of 20 February 2019,

Having regard to the opinion of the Scientific Committee of 20 February 2019,

WHEREAS

- (1) Article 7 paragraph 3, letter (d) and (h) of the Statutes annexed to Council Regulation 560/2014 ('Statutes') confers on the Governing Board of BBI JU ('Governing Board') the powers to adopt the annual budget of the BBI JU.
- (2) The Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2019 was adopted by the BBI JU Governing Board decision no. BBI-GB-14/18 of 14 December 2018.
- (3) In accordance with Article 6(5) of BBI JU Financial Rules the unused appropriations may be entered in the estimate of revenue and expenditure of up to the following three financial years.

¹ OJ L 169, 7.6.2014 p.130



- (4) The unused appropriations arise, on the one hand, from unused commitment appropriations for operational expenditure related to the Calls for Proposals of 2016 and 2017 and on the other hand, from unused commitment and payment appropriations of administrative expenditure from 2017 and 2018. An estimate of unused appropriations from 2017, to be reactivated in 2019, was included in the adopted Annual Budget for 2019 under Titles 2 and 3, in line with perceived needs for 2019 on two specific budget lines. The adopted budget also provided that any remaining unused surplus would be carried over to 2020 (and future years) for reactivation, but that small amounts may be reactivated in 2019 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.
- (5) Furthermore, as BBI JU's voted 2019 budget contains the reactivation of €25 million of unused operational payment appropriations from 2018, the voted EU contribution to the BBI operational expenditure for 2019 will be revised in accordance with the total operational payment appropriations needed by the JU for 2019 grants-related payments. An amount of €18 million will therefore be deducted from the 2019 contribution.
- (6) After the outcome of the Call 2018 evaluation, the members of the BBI JU have reached the conclusion that it will be better to have dedicated budget lines in some innovation actions topics (Flagships) to ensure a better coverage. As a consequence there is a new distribution of the operational budget per type of action.
- (7) A new public procurement needs to be introduced in the dedicated indicative table to reflect the potential public procurement to be launched in 2019 focusing on the valorisation of the BBI JU portfolio.
- (8) In accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Rules of the BBI JU, its Work plan provides the authorisation by the Governing Board for the operational expenditure on the activities covered and contains a description of the activities to be financed and an indication of the amount allocated to each activity.
- (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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annual Work Plan and Budget 2019 for the BBI JU adopted by Decision no. BBI-GB-14/18 of 14 December 2018 is replaced with the Amended Annual Work Plan and Budget 2019 set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2



The Executive Director shall make the amended Annual Work Plan and Budget 2019 publicly available on the BBI JU website.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels on 19 March 2019,

For the Governing Board

Chairperson of the Governing Board

Annex: AMENDED ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2019 FOR THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING