



GOVERNING BOARD OF CLEAN SKY JU ASSESSMENT OF THE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2013

The Governing Board of Clean Sky JU took note of the Annual Activity Report 2013 (Authorising Officer's report), the provisional version of which was made available on 20th February 2014, and the final version on 29 May 2014.

The Board is of the opinion that this document sets out the relevant highlights of the implementation of the 2013 activities of the Joint Undertaking from both an operational and administrative point of view.

The progress of technical activities is in line with the Clean Sky objectives. The achievement of milestones in 2013 has largely been achieved and adequate measures have been implemented to monitor the remaining open issues. The Board takes note that a constant monitoring of the final achievement of deliverables needs reinforcement involving both the Executive team and the private members of the JU. In 2013, the JU processed the highest number of reports, (which in turn led to the closure of the highest number of GAP projects) compared to previous years.

A relevant risk management has been implemented, for technical and financial risks, and reported to the Board. The Board takes note of the schedule risks identified for some demonstrators and supports the JU's management to confirm and follow a detailed roadmap defined with the industry.

As regards the Technology Evaluator, the Board repeats its support for this periodic assessment welcomes the results achieved and confirms its commitment in taking all necessary steps to make the relevant process successful.

The JU has fulfilled its monitoring tasks through the implementation and usage of dedicated key performance indicators for the achievement of strategic research and management objectives.

Regarding the financial implementation of grant agreements, the Board acknowledges the further progress made by the JU to improve the effectiveness of all beneficiaries' reporting. The further developments of the GMT application for Grant Agreement for Members reporting have proven to assist the JU and the ITD coordinators to more efficiently manage their resources.

Ex-post audits have been duly implemented and processed. The Board takes note of the stabilised positive trend visible in the achieved error rate levels assessed in the ex-post audit exercise 2013 (the 2013 residual error rate being well below the targeted 2%). Although the audit results concerning cost claims for Grant Agreements execution 2008 to 2012 still indicate control weaknesses, the target of reducing the accumulated errors for



the entire Clean Sky programme to 2% is considered as achievable. Mitigating actions to enhance preventive and remedial measures will be supported by the Board.

The Board takes note of the overall improvement of budget execution and in particular relating to payment appropriations and supports a continuing trend in this direction.

Done in Brussels, 1 July 2014

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Clean Sky JU