



**Subject: Joint RTD - CA JU workshop in cooperation with the Committee of the Regions on 27 September 2023:  
Synergies between European and national/regional research programmes in the aviation sector**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The [Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking](#) (CAJU) established under the Horizon Europe Framework Programme is the largest ever European Public-Private Partnership to support R&I for transforming aviation towards a sustainable and climate-neutral future in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal.

CAJU, together with the EC DG RTD “Clean Planet” Directorate, has re-launched an ambitious action plan to maximize strategic cooperation on synergies with the European *Aeronautics Regions/MS* in order to accelerate the maturation and demonstration of low-emission disruptive aircraft technologies for an Entry-Into-Service in the 2030-2035 timeframe, thus contributing to the digital/circular and green transformation of the EU aviation industry.

The Horizon Europe impact assessment for partnerships already stated the significant potential of synergies. The Council Regulation <sup>(1)</sup> establishing JUs enables to use all the tools made available under the Horizon Europe Regulation ((EU) 2021/695), to establish cooperation on synergies with other European, national and regional programmes.

The synergies mechanisms <sup>(2)</sup> materialise into the following categories: alternative funding following the awarding of a ‘Seal of Excellence’ foreseen for calls for proposals in the work programme; co-funded actions between different Programmes; and Transfer of Resources from Member States to the Programme.

The current action plan builds on the success of Clean Sky 2 JU which established and exploited synergies with regional and players, in combination with ESIF funding, leading to a number of Memoranda of Understanding, the introduction of seals of

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on the applicable Regulations, the Commission adopted an Interpretative Notice (Notice "Synergies between ERDF programmes and Horizon Europe", Official Journal C 421 of 4 November 2022, ref. attachment) providing practical tools for the implementation of the new possibilities and legal certainty as to the interpretation of these new or updated provisions

excellence, and a series of regional projects for a total value of around EUR 50 million <sup>(3)</sup>.

## 2. APPROACH

Taking into account the key mission of CAJU, the level of ambition of its strategic and technical objectives and the policy objective to strengthen the synergies between the EU and regions/MSs in order to maximise and accelerate the impact of the EU R&I funding, the joint goal of the EC and the CAJU is to establish a cooperation on synergies with Aeronautics Region/MSs which goes beyond what has been achieved under Clean Sky 2

The ambition is to govern the cooperation on synergies between CAJU and relevant regional/national authorities through Memoranda of Cooperation defining strategic technical areas and modalities of cooperation contributing to the achievement of the Clean Aviation objectives. The 18 countries/regions which signed the MoU with Clean Sky 2 JU, as well as any interested regions willing to contribute to the Clean Aviation objectives will be offered to sign a MoC with CAJU.

A dedicated workshop is being organised, on 27 September 2023, in cooperation with the EC DG RTD “Clean Planet” Directorate unit C3, the Clean Aviation JU and the Committee of the Regions, in order to present the approach and results of this cooperation between EU and national/regional initiatives in aviation to all regions, in particular those which identified aviation as priority area in the Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3).

## 3. WORKSHOP IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

The overall objective of the workshop is to explore and promote novel possibilities for exploiting synergies between CAJU and national/regional aviation research programmes, also involving ERDF funding.

**Target audience:** Public authorities and industries, including SME, of all regions and in particular regions that have selected “aviation” in the S3 process, and relevant smart specialisation strategies.

### **Theme:**

- Presentation on Aviation research in Europe (short introduction) making the distinction between Collaborative research and the Green Deal oriented Clean Aviation research programme.
- Identification of reasons for cooperation (synergies/impact assessment/SBA) and presentation by regions of success stories (using the achievements of Clean Sky 2 for regional cooperation).
- Presentation and discussion of new initiatives under the Horizon Europe Clean Aviation JU for establishing synergies with the regional/national level

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<sup>(3)</sup> Results achieved in this collaboration under Clean Sky 2 are briefly summarised in [Deep dive into synergies with Member States and Regions](#).

## **DRAFT Agenda:**

### **WORKSHOP ON SYNERGIES BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL/REGIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN THE AVIATION SECTOR**

**27 SEPTEMBER 2023**

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

9.30	Welcome
9.40	Opening address
10.00	Aviation research in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Collaborative research and clean aviation: different roles, compatibility</li><li>• Benefits of cooperation (synergies/impact assessment/SBA)</li></ul>
11.00	Coffee break
11.15	Clean Sky 2 achievements with regard to national/regional cooperation
12.30	Lunch break
14.00	Clean Aviation approach towards synergies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MoU/MoC options</li><li>• Break-out projects</li></ul>
15.00	Success stories: presentation by regions (Regions to be confirmed)
16h30	MoCs Signing ceremony of some regions
17.00	Wrap up and closure of the meeting