

## COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



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## Council extends SESAR joint undertaking's mandate until end of 2024

The Council today adopted a regulation which extends the duration of the SESAR joint undertaking until 31 December 2024 (9391/14; statement: 9452/14).

Set up in 2007, the SESAR joint undertaking is a public-private partnership which manages the development of the Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research (SESAR) project. It involves the active participation of the European Commission, Eurocontrol and European industries.

The new mandate to continue the development of SESAR reflects the time-frame of the Union's 2014-2020 financial framework and allows an extra four years to close down ongoing projects.

The EU's share of the funding, which will come from the Horizon 2020 programme, will amount to EUR 585 million over the period 2014 to 2020.

The purpose of the SESAR project is to modernise air traffic management in Europe, putting an end to the current fragmentation. It should provide the Union, by 2030, with a high-performance air traffic control infrastructure that will support the development of safe and environmentally-friendly air transport. SESAR is the technological pillar of the Single European Sky (SES) initiative.

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