

Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR): legal status

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The Council agreed on a **general approach** to the Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 on the establishment of a joint undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR), pending delivery of the European Parliament's opinion.

The Regulation is being amended in order to clarify the legal status of the SESAR joint undertaking and to align its statutes with those of other joint undertakings created recently in the framework of joint technological initiatives such as Clean Sky or Artemis. To this end, provisions on the following have been included in the Regulation:

- recognition of the SESAR joint undertaking as a Community body;
- application of the status of European Community temporary staff to its personnel;
- application of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities to the joint undertaking, its staff and its executive director, etc.