DECISION (EU) 2020/1856 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 13 May 2020

on the closure of the accounts of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2018

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2018,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report on the EU Joint Undertakings for the financial year 2018, together with the Joint Undertaking's reply ([1]),

— having regard to the statement of assurance ([2]) as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2018, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 18 February 2020 on discharge to be given to the Joint Undertaking in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2018 (05763/2019 – C9-0071/2019),

— having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ([3]), and in particular Article 209 thereof,

— having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ([4]), and in particular Article 71 thereof,

— having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 of 16 June 2014 establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking ([5]), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

— having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 110/2014 of 30 September 2013 on the model financial regulation for public-private partnership bodies referred to in Article 209 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([6]),

— Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/887 of 13 March 2019 on the model financial regulation for public-private partnership bodies referred to in Article 71 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([7]),

— having regard to Rule 100 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A9-0055/2020).

([1]) OJ C 426, 18.12.2019, p. 1.
([2]) OJ C 426, 18.12.2019, p. 57.
([3]) OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.
([4]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([5]) OJ L 177, 17.6.2014, p. 9.
([6]) OJ L 38, 7.2.2014, p. 2.
([7]) OJ L 142, 29.5.2019, p. 16.

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2018.

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
David Maria SASSOLI

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE