

**FUSION FOR ENERGY**

The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy

THE GOVERNING BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Barcelona, 10-11 December 2013

The Governing Board (GB) of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (Fusion for Energy – "F4E") has:

Approval of the Agenda

1. Approved the agenda of its 28th meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

2. Approved the minutes of its 27th meeting.

Reports from the Committees

3. Taken note of information provided by the Chairs of the GB and Bureau, the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC), the Executive Committee (ExCo), the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and the Audit Committee (AC).

Report from Euratom

4. Taken note of information from Euratom concerning the:
 - a) Outcome of the ministerial ITER Council meeting of 6 September 2013 and the 13th ITER Council meeting of 20-21 November 2013;
 - b) Adoption of the amendments to the Council Decision establishing F4E and financing for the period 2014-2020;
 - c) Status of the accompanying fusion programme, in particular the establishment of the EUROFUSION consortium.

Report from the F4E Director

5. Taken note of a report from the F4E Director.

Staffing Matters

6. Taken note of a paper on F4E's staffing needs and:
 - a) Encouraged the F4E Director to fill all the vacant positions as soon as possible in order to utilise the available resources in the best possible fashion;
 - b) Recognised that, even once all the vacancies have been filled, the ceiling on the number of posts at F4E is creating risks for the costs and schedule;
 - c) Reiterates its support for a modest increase to the number of temporary and contract agents to reduce the schedule and cost risks facing F4E.

Staffing Matters (continued)

7. Taken note of a report explaining the implications of the new Staff Regulations applying to the F4E staff and entering into force on 1 January 2014 (new Staff Regulations) and adopted a decision to empower the F4E Director to:
 - a) Apply on transitional basis and by analogy the necessary European Commission implementing rules to the new Staff Regulations if there are suitable to F4E needs;
 - b) Take as an appointing authority ad hoc decisions on the individual rights and obligations of the staff members to be consistent in particular with the common approach defined for EU agencies/joint undertakings, in case the European Commission implementing rules are not suitable to be applied by analogy;
 - c) Repeal on transitional basis any F4E implementing rules to the current Staff Regulations that are incompatible with the new Staff Regulations.

F4E Activities in 2013

8. Taken note of the status of the main contracts in 2013.
9. Adopted the 2nd amended 2013 Work Programme.
10. Taken note of the status of the implementation of the 2013 budget.
11. Adopted the 2nd amendment 2013 Budget.

Revision of the F4E Statutes

12. Taken note of a report from the Ad-Hoc Group on the amendment to the F4E statutes.
13. Considered, upon proposal of Euratom, amendments to the F4E statutes.
14. Approved the amended statutes and invited Euratom to:
 - a) Finalise the text of the amended statutes on the understanding that Euratom shall resubmit it to the GB should there be any modifications of substance;
 - b) Make a proposal to the Council of the European Union for the approval of the amendments in accordance with Article 50 of the Euratom Treaty.

Broader Approach

15. Taken note of a report on the status of the Broader Approach projects.
16. Taken note of the proposed Agreement of Collaboration between F4E and CEA for the Pre-assembly of the Toroidal Field Coils for JT-60SA, and decided to delegate the approval of this Agreement to the ExCo.

Project Management Systems and Reporting

17. Taken note of a paper on F4E's project management reporting system and related processes.
18. Taken note of a paper on project controls data and processes at F4E.
19. Agreed that F4E provides four progress reports per year, two of which would be more detailed and submitted in advance of the June and December GB meetings.

Cost Containment and Reduction Measures

20. Taken note of two papers concerning the Test Blanket Modules (TBM).
21. Taken note of an update on the strategy for the procurement of the gyrotrons.

F4E Activities in 2014

22. Adopted the 2014 Work Programme.
23. Adopted the 2014 Budget.
24. Endorsed the two Arrangements between F4E and the ITER Organisation for the delivery of the Test Blanket Module Systems (HCLL and HCPB) to the ITER Site, and in accordance with Article 7(1) of the statutes of F4E delegated the decision for the approval of these Arrangements, based on detailed templates endorsed by the ITER Council, to the ExCo.

F4E Activities in the Longer Term

25. Adopted the Project Plan (Edition 2013).
26. Adopted the Resource Estimates Plan (Edition 2013).

Industrial Policy Matters

27. Taken note of a report from F4E on the implementation of F4E's industrial policy.
28. Taken note of information on the geographical distribution of funding from contracts and grants.

Renewal and Appointment of Committee Members

29. Concerning the membership of ExCo, decided to:
 - a) Extend the mandate of Itziar Echeverria, Fabrizio Felici, Pilar Ramiro Susa, Herrko Plit, Herman ten Kate and Pierre Vandoorslaer until 30 June 2015;
 - b) Approve the nomination of Michel Bedoucha, Federica Porcellana, Simone Grunhoff and László Ábel as members until 30 June 2015;
 - c) Place David Emmery, Julio Monreal Hajar and Paolo Bonifazi on the reserve list.
30. Decided to extend the mandate of Paul Webb as a member of the Audit Committee until 20 February 2016.

Relationship with European Fusion Laboratories (EFLs)

31. Taken note of a report from F4E on the implementation of the recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Group on Partnerships with EFLs as endorsed by the GB in June 2013.
32. Adopted amendments to the Implementing Rules of F4E's Financial Regulation to improve and simplify the implementation of grants.

Corporate Matters

33. Taken note of a report on the implementation of the F4E Director's 2013 Corporate Objectives.
34. Taken note of the F4E Director's 2014 Corporate Objectives.
35. Taken note of the implementation of the GB's 2013 Corporate Objectives.
36. Adopted the GB's 2014 Corporate Objectives.
37. Taken note of information on F4E's Corporate Risk Register.

Audit Matters

38. Taken note of Internal Audit Service Review of the competitive dialogue procedure for the procurement of the Tender Batch (TB03) Tokamak Buildings.
39. Invited the AC to review F4E's action plan in response to the TB03 internal audit.
40. Endorsed the Annual Audit Plan of the Internal Audit Capability for 2014.

F4E Permanent and Temporary Premises

41. Acknowledged the difficult situation faced by F4E and its staff in the current temporary premises, and the importance for the development and smooth functioning of F4E to dispose of an exclusive permanent building.
42. Urged Spain to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Host Agreement to provide a permanent premises for F4E as soon as possible and resolved to ask the GB Chair to write to the Spanish authorities to express the concerns of the GB.
43. Urged Spain to provide free of charge additional temporary office space for F4E commensurate with the agreed staff complement of F4E until such time as the permanent premises are available.

Closing

44. Decided that the next two meetings of the GB would take place in Barcelona on 10-11 June and provisionally 10-11 December 2014.
45. Approved this summary of decisions.

Done at Barcelona, 11 December 2013

For the Governing Board



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Chair of the Governing Board

For the Secretariat

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