

# FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

#### THE GOVERNING BOARD

# SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Cadarache, 9-10 July 2019

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

# Approval of the Agenda

1. The GB approved the agenda of its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Written Procedures

2. The GB noted the written procedures since the last GB (43).

#### Approval of the Minutes

3. The GB approved the minutes of its 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **Reports from the Chairs**

- 4. The GB noted the report from the Chair of the GB including the summary of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup>.1 Bureau meetings.
- 5. The GB noted the report from the Chair of the Administration and Management Committee (AMC) including the summary of the 9<sup>th</sup> AMC meeting of 13-14 June 2019 and:
  - a) Noted the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Group (AHG) on the MAP and commended the members of the AHG for the work done.
  - b) Requested F4E in consultation with the Bureau to further develop the recommendations into an action plan.
- 6. The GB noted the report from the Chair of the Procurement and Contracts Committee (PCC) including the summary of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the PCC.
- 7. The GB noted the report from the Chair of the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), including the summary of the 30<sup>th</sup> TAP meeting of 11-12 June 2019.

# Reports from EURATOM

 The GB noted a report from Euratom on the outcome of the 27<sup>th</sup> ITER MAC (22-23 May 2019), the 27<sup>th</sup> ITER STAC (14-16 May 2019) and the 20<sup>th</sup> ITER Council (19-20 June 2019). Euratom informed the GB that IO published the vacancies for the three Domain Head jobs.

#### Reports from F4E

9. The GB noted the Progress Report from F4E on the recent accomplishments related to the ITER and Broader Approach Projects and commended F4E for the overall progress made.

#### Cost estimate update and containment

10. The GB noted the presentation on the ITER Buildings Programme status

# Vacuum Vessel

11. The GB noted the status and progress of the Vacuum Vessel project

# Project Booklet

12. The GB noted the Booklet on the status of F4E Programmes

# Preliminary discussion on the Hot Cell strategy

The GB noted a preliminary discussion on F4E's strategy on the Hot Cell

#### **Operational matters**

- 13. The GB adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the 2019 Work Programme (WP) The GB noted the Status of Commitment and Payments.
- 14. The GB adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of the 2019 Budget.
- 15. The GB adopted the IC/GB Milestones Update.
- 16. The GB endorsed the Assumptions for MAP 2021
- 17. The GB noted the document on the Geographical distribution of F4E and IO's procurement and grants.
- 18. The GB commended F4E for their effort in trying to widen the geographical participation.

#### **Financial Reports and accounts**

- 19. The GB approved the 2018 Annual Accounts subject to the opinion of the independent external auditor.
- 20. The GB requested to be notified about the findings of the European Court of Auditors.
- 21. The GB noted the 2018 Annual Report of F4E.
- 22. The GB adopted the Analysis and Assessment of the 2018 Annual Report.

# Action Plans

- 23. The GB endorsed the Workflow scheme for the implementation of actions.
- 24. The GB endorsed the GB Actions (GB-39-43) follow-up.
- 25. The GB endorsed the Assessment (Annual and AHG) Actions The GB endorsed the 2018 Annual Assessment Action Plan.
- 26. The GB noted the MAP Ad Hoc Group (AHG) Review of the 2018 Annual Assessment action plan.
- 27. The GB endorsed the action plan in response to the AHG Final Report on the Buildings.

# Update on Host State Support for services and premises

28. The GB took note of the Host State intervention on F4E's premises and services.

#### Audit and Risk Matters

- 29. The GB noted the Annual report from the Audit Committee The GB noted the European Parliament's Discharge for the 2017 Budget.
- 30. The GB noted the 2018 Annual Report of the Internal Audit Capability.
- 31. The GB noted the Update Corporate Risk and Opportunity register.

#### Status update 2019 Annual Assessment

32. The GB noted the composition of the 2019 Annual Assessment Panel as proposed by the Bureau and adopted by written procedure by the GB.

# HR matters

33. The GB noted the Update of Staffing and Vacancy Rate.

#### New Financial Regulation

34. The GB noted the new F4E Financial Regulation as submitted by the Director to the Commission on 2 April 2019 and invited the Director to submit the final draft of the F4E Financial Regulation once the formal Commission opinion is received and taken into account for the GB adoption by written procedure.

#### International agreements

- 35. The GB adopted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between F4E and EUIPO on disaster recovery services in the ICT area.
- 36. The GB noted the Cooperation Arrangement between IO the Broader Approach Activities and the ITER Project. The GB also noted that there is no financial impact foreseen for F4E.
- 37. The GB endorsed the MOU on Collaboration in Fusion Research and Development between Fusion for Energy and EUROfusion. The GB noted the indicative F4E-EUROfusion Multi-Annual Programme Plan for the joint execution of the TBM Program.

#### **Committee Matters**

38. The GB approved the changes to the TAP Rules of Procedure.

#### Dates for future meetings

39. The GB approved the following GB dates: GB (46 extraordinary meeting) **2 April 2020**, GB (47) **9-10 July 2020**, GB (48) **9-10 December 2020**.

#### Any other business

- 40. The GB welcomed the appointment of Massimo Garribba as acting Deputy DG within DG-ENER and Head of Delegation of the Commission at the GB.
- 41. The GB thanked Gerassimos Thomas for his continued support to the ITER project and his work at the GB and wished him a successful career after his appointment as Deputy Minister within the Greek government.
- 42. The GB thanked Jan Panek for his work as Expert in the GB and active member in the AMC.

# Summary of Decisions

43. The GB approved this Summary of Decisions.

Done at Cadarache, 10 July 2019

For the Governing Board

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