



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

THE GOVERNING BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 31st MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF FUSION FOR ENERGY

Barcelona, 19 March 2015

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

Preliminaries

1. Approved an amended agenda of its 31st meeting.

2015 ITER Action Plan

2. Congratulated Dr Bernard Bigot on his appointment by the ITER Council (IC) on 5 March as the new Director General of the ITER Organization (IO).
3. Noted a report from the Director General of Research and Innovation of the European Commission on the outcome of the extraordinary IC meeting of 5 March.
4. Noted that the 2015 ITER Action Plan was endorsed by the IC subject to further details and adjustments.
5. Asked the GB Chair to extend a standing invitation the DG of the IO to attend meetings of the GB in order to further strengthen ties between the two organisations.

2015 F4E Action Plan

6. Endorsed the main principles set out in the 2015 F4E Action Plan, in particular, the measures to support the creation of a new integrated organisation as envisioned by the new ITER DG.

Integration with the ITER Organisation Central Team

7. Welcomed the proposed integration of F4E staff into ITER Project Teams including the redeployment of F4E staff to Cadarache where appropriate.
8. Supported the proposal of the F4E Director to increase the number of F4E staff members that may be based at Cadarache above the previously decided ceiling in order to improve the efficiency of the ITER project and without prejudice to the fact that F4E’s headquarters are in Barcelona.
9. Asked the F4E Director to explore how IO staff members can be integrated into the main F4E processes e.g. contract supervision, management of non-conformities, etc.
10. Invited the F4E Director to bring forward proposals to the next GB meeting on contracts that could be *novated* to the IO.
11. Urged F4E, Euratom and the IO to urgently seek ways by which the required level of IO-F4E integration can be achieved in practice.
12. Requested that F4E and the Commission create a joint Task Force to examine any legal issues that arise in the implementation of the above and propose solutions.

Making Better Use of F4E's Human Resources

13. Supported the redeployment of staff within F4E to high priority areas, such as the vacuum vessel and the buildings.
14. Urged Euratom to support F4E in adapting its rules for human resources and finance, in particular procurement, to allow for them to be sufficiently agile.
15. Welcomed the intention of the F4E Director to raise the proportion of manpower devoted to its core business (design, procurement, contract-follow up, etc.) and reinforce quality control.

Improving Controlling, Monitoring and Reporting

16. Supported the reinforcement of the supervision of work on site at contractors.
17. Encouraged the rapid implementation of Earned Value Reporting by F4E across all its projects on the basis of the ITER Credit Allocation Milestones.
18. Invited the F4E Director to prioritise the completion of the centralised system for cost data so as to allow reliable control and monitoring at Level 3 of the Work Breakdown Structure.

Risk Appetite and Audit Matters

19. Invited the F4E Director to consider the level of risk that F4E is prepared to accept and to bring forward proposals through the Audit Committee for the GB's consideration.
20. Supported the proposal that F4E, in consultation with the Audit Committee, review audit recommendations in a holistic way and prioritise those that are aligned with F4E's Action Plan.

Other Proposals

21. Welcomed the various measures proposed to reinforce the team spirit between F4E and IO including more closely coordinated internal and external communication actions.

Next steps

22. Concerning the next steps, asked the F4E Director to:
 - a) Proceed with the implementation of the Action Plan;
 - b) Identify priorities and timescales by which the actions can be implemented;
 - c) Report progress on the implementation of the Action Plan on a regular basis to the Bureau;
 - d) Delegated urgent decisions on the implementation of the Action Plan, outwith the Director's authority, to the Bureau;
 - e) Requested the F4E Director to report progress on the Action Plan to each GB meeting.
23. Requested F4E and the Commission to ensure that F4E has sufficient flexibility within its administrative budget so as to be able to fully implement the Action Plan.

Offer from for Spain for the Permanent Office Premises for F4E

24. Welcomed the formal offer of the Spanish Secretary of State for the future permanent office premises of F4E and expressed its appreciation for the quality of the building.
25. Invited the F4E Director to continue discussions with the Spanish authorities in view of finding the best way forward taking into account the organisational changes that are underway.

Governance Matters

26. Took note of the amended Council Decision of 10 February 2015 (Decision 2007/198/Euratom) establishing F4E and the amended statutes annexed thereto.
27. Adopted the amended rules of procedure of the Governing Board and Bureau.
28. Approved the amended rules of procedure for the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and invited the TAP to approve it at its next meeting.
29. Approved the rules of procedure of the Administration and Finance Committee (AMC) and invited the AMC to approve it at its first meeting.
30. Approved the rules of procedure of the Procurement and Contracts Committee (PCC) and invited the PCC to approve it at its first meeting.
31. In light of the organisational changes and selection procedure for the next Director, agreed to accept the Commission's proposal to defer the replacement of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the GB and invited the incumbents to remain in their positions until the December GB meeting.
32. Agreed, in principle, to delegate to the AMC:
 - a) Adoption of the Implementing Rules of the Staff Regulations to the AMC pursuant to Article 6(3)(i) of the statutes;
 - b) Decisions on certain technical and financial matters (e.g. carry-over of appropriations, acceptance of donations, transfers of appropriations from one title to another, etc.);
 - c) Approval of technical agreements between F4E and the ITER Organization that are not of a major strategic nature.
33. Appointed Cor Katerberg as Interim Chair of the AMC and Michael Stötzel as Interim Vice-Chair of the AMC until 1 January 2016.
34. Appointed Lisbeth Grønberg as Interim Chair of the PCC until 1 January 2016.
35. Upon proposal of the Director, appointed Stuart Ward as Interim Chair of the AC until 1 January 2016.
36. Appointed the following members of the AMC: Monika Fischer (Austria), Lars Christensen (Denmark), Sanna Häikiö (Finland), Domitille Laude (France), Michael Stötzel (Germany), Gabor Veres (Hungary), Valentina Vaccaro (Italy), James Drake (Sweden), Patrice Soom (Switzerland) and Catherine Pridham (United Kingdom).
37. Appointed the following persons as members of the PCC until 1 January 2016: Itziar Echeverría, Fabrizio Felici, Herkko Plit, Pilar Ramiro, Herman ten Kate and Pierre Van Doorslaer.
38. Appointed the following persons as members of the PCC from its establishment until 1 January 2017: Michel Bédoucha, Maciej Chorowski, Julio Monreal, Federica Porcellana and Armin Scherber.
39. Deferred any modification to the composition of the TAP, including its Vice-Chair, until the December meeting of the GB.

40. Invited the GB members to put forward candidates for the PCC within one month and, if an insufficient number of candidates are proposed, requested the Secretariat to issue a public call for expressions of candidates.
41. Adopted technical amendments to the Implementing Rules of F4E's Financial Regulation that take into account that the PCC has replaced the Executive Committee.
42. Urged all GB members and members of committees to provide their declarations of interest and curriculum vitae if they have not done so already.

Any Other Business

43. Expressed disappointment that the vacancy notice for the post of F4E Director has not been published by the Commission.

Future Meetings

44. Decided that the next meetings of the GB would take place in Barcelona on;
 - a) 8 - 9 June 2015 (starting at 13:00 on the 8th and finishing at 17:30 on the 9th);
 - b) In October 2015 (date to be identified) depending on the progress with the selection of the next F4E Director;
 - c) 1 - 2 December 2015 (starting at 13:00 on the 1st and finishing at 17:30 on the 2nd).

Closing

45. Approved this summary of decisions.

Done at Barcelona, 19 March 2015

For the Governing Board



Stuart Ward
Chair of the Governing Board

For the Secretariat

Raymond Monk
Secretary of the Governing Board