



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 49th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Video Conference Meeting, 9-10 December 2020

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

Adoption of the agenda

1. The GB approved the agenda of its 49th meeting.

Written Procedures

2. The GB took note that no written procedures were carried out since the last GB (48).

Approval of the minutes

3. The GB approved the minutes of its 47th and 48th meeting.

Reports from the Chairs

4. The GB took note of the reports from the GB, PCC and AMC Chairs on the outcome of the Bureau, PCC and AMC meetings since last GB (48).

Report from Euratom

5. The GB took note of the information provided by Euratom on the outcome of the ITER Council.
6. The GB took note of the information provided by Euratom on the status of the MFF negotiations and 2021 Budget.

Reports from F4E

7. The GB took note of the information provided by the Director on the COVID-19 situation at all F4E locations and commended the initiatives taken by the management to keep the staff safe whilst fostering morale and productivity.
8. The GB took note of the document summarising the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on F4E's operational activities. :
9. The GB took note of the Director's report on the progress of ITER and Broader Approach activities and F4E organizational improvements.
10. The GB took note of the status of Action Plans Implementation (90% completed) and commended F4E for maintaining a high level of commitment towards the implementation of governance and audit recommendations.
11. The GB took note of the Project Booklet on the Status of F4E Programmes.
12. The GB took note of the presentation on Improvement Projects.

13. The GB took note of the update on the Swiss Membership provided by Euratom.
14. The GB took note of the information on the participation of non-F4E members to procurements.
15. The GB requested F4E to prepare a report, for the next GB, outlining a target strategy to develop and sustain the mid- and longer- term fusion technology industrial capacity and capability in Europe.

Vacuum Vessel

16. The GB took note of the debrief by the TAP Chair on the Vacuum Vessel (VV) and Buildings programmes.

The GB took note of the information status of the VV project.

ITER Buildings

17. The GB took note of the presentation on the ITER Buildings status update and:
 - a) Took note of the status of the TB03 contract.
 - b) Took note of the status of the TB04 contract.
18. The GB took note of the presentation on the progress of the Hot Cell Project conceptual design activities.

Project Management

19. The GB took note of the update on Risks and Opportunities Management.
20. The GB approved the updated Risk Tolerance Policy.
21. The GB approved the update of the GB/IC milestones.
22. The GB took note of the Economic conditions for Project Management reporting in MFF 2021-27.

Budget and Planning

23. The GB took note of the update on the Estimate at Completion (EAC).
24. The GB approved the 2nd Amendment to the 2020 Work Programme (WP).
25. The GB took note of the Status of Commitments and Payments and the Cost Evolution of Major F4E Contracts.
26. The GB approved the 2nd Amendment to the 2020 Budget.
27. The GB approved the 2021 Budget subject to the adoption of the MFF 2021-2027, EU 2021 budget and the ITER regulation.
28. The GB decided to authorise one additional provisional twelfth in payment appropriations for each month until March 2021. The decision shall remain in force until the EU budget for ITER is approved.

Single Programming Document

29. The GB adopted the SPD 2021-2025.
30. The GB approved the F4E's response to Commission's Opinion on SPD 2021-2025.
31. The GB adopted the draft SPD 2022-2026.

Audit matters

32. The GB took note of the report from the Audit Committee Chair.
33. The GB approved the 2021 Internal Audit Capability Annual Plan.
34. The GB took note of the European Court of Auditors' Report on the 2019 Accounts.

Human Resources

35. The GB took note of the progress update on the Analysis of F4E Staffing.
36. The GB took note of the update on staffing and vacancy rate.

International Agreements

37. The GB approved the conclusion of the following agreements between F4E and the ITER Organization:
 - a) Agreement on the provision of the areas of the ITER Site to Fusion For Energy;
 - b) Agreement on Site Cooperation; and
 - c) Agreement to make Available Offices for Fusion For Energy Staff and its Contractors (Host Agreement)

Committee Matters

38. The GB took note of the proposal for streamlining the governance supervision of International Agreements and requested F4E to review the rules of procedures of the PCC and AMC accordingly in view of their adoption by the July GB.
39. The GB appointed Ms Sehila Gonzales, Mr Christian Scherf and Mr Julio Monreal as members of the 9th F4E Annual Assessment Panel.
40. The GB adopted the proposed amendment to the PCC indemnity rules, in view of an overall review of the indemnity rules for the Committees to be presented to the July GB.
41. The GB renewed the composition of the PCC as follows:
 - a) Appointed Françoise Flament as Chair of the PCC and Guiseppe Mazzitelli as Vice Chair for a term of two years, starting on the 1st of January 2021.
 - b) Appointed Yannick Paris, Arnout Tromp, Christina Lara Arnaud and Ulrich Breuer as members of the PCC for a term of two years, starting on the 1st of January 2021.

Future meetings

42. The GB agreed on the 8-9 July 2021 and on the 8-9 December 2021 as the dates of its ordinary GB meetings.

Closing

43. The GB approved its summary of decisions

Done by Video Conference, 10 December 2020

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