



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 53rd 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 2021

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 53rd meeting.

Approval of Minutes

2. The GB approved the minutes of its 50th and 51st meetings.

Reports from the Chairs

3. The GB took note of the reports from the Committee Chairs on the outcome of the last Bureau and Committee meetings.
4. The GB took note of the outcome and approved the recommendations of the Working Group on Risk Management and tasked the Bureau with the follow-up of their implementation.

Report from Euratom

5. The GB took note of the Report from Euratom:
 - a) On the outcome of the 29th ITER Council meeting;
 - b) On the Status of 2022 Budget;
 - c) On the status of the prospective participation of Switzerland and the United Kingdom in F4E;
 - d) On the Working group on DONES.

Reports from F4E

6. The GB took note of the information provided by the Director on the COVID-19 situation, and recommended F4E to take all necessary management decision to safeguard the safety of all staff while at the same time ensuring business continuity and a high level of performance.
7. The GB took note of the Progress Report provided by the Director on the status of ITER and BA projects.
8. The GB approved the action plan following the 2020 Annual Assessment.
9. The GB noted the report on the status of the corporate actions and those declared as completed.

10. The GB took note of the report on strategic procurements.

Critical Projects

11. The GB took note of the status of the Vacuum Vessel (VV) delivery.

12. The GB took note of the progress of the Hot Cell Complex (HCC) design including the ongoing HC facility and building conceptual design reviews.

13. The GB took note of the report on the TB04 progress.

The GB took note of the progress of negotiations with Korea on a Partnership Agreement on the Joint Implementation of the Helium Cooled TBM Systems.

Project Management

14. The GB took note of presentation on the overall progress overview.

15. The GB took note of the update on Risk Management

16. The GB took note of the Project Booklet on the follow-up of project performance.

17. The GB approved the updated GB Milestones.

GB and Committee matters

18. The GB appointed, upon the proposal of Euratom, Carlos Alejaldre as GB Chair for a term of two years starting on 1 January 2022.

19. The GB thanked the incumbent Chair, Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph, for her leadership and significant contributions to F4E during the last two years.

20. The GB re-appointed, upon the proposal of Euratom, Maria Faury as Chair of the Administration and Management Committee (AMC) and GB Vice-Chair for a second term of two years starting on 1 January 2022.

21. The GB re-appointed, upon the proposal of Euratom, Radomir Panek as Chair of the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and GB Vice-Chair for a second term of two years starting on 1 January 2022.

22. The GB re-appointed Ciaran Spillane as Chair of the Audit Committee (AC) for a second term of two years starting on 1 January 2022.

23. The GB appointed Peter Schroth and Paola Batistoni as Members of the Bureau for a term of two years starting on 1 January 2022.

24. The GB appointed Guadeloupe de Cordoba as AMC Vice-Chair for a two years term starting on 1 January 2022

25. The GB appointed Mario Perez as a new Member and Vice-Chair of the Procurement and Contracts Committee (PCC) for a two-year term starting on 1 January 2022.

26. The GB appointed Latitia Unger as Member of the AMC representing Austria.

27. The GB decided to postpone the appointment of new Members of the Technical Advisory Panel.

28. The GB re-appointed Elena Gaio as Vice-Chair of TAP for a second term starting on 1 January 2022.

29. The GB appointed Agnieszka Kazmierczak and re-appointed Jeannette Ridder-Numan (second term) as Members of the AC for term of two years starting on 1 January 2022.

Budget and Planning

30. The GB took note of the update on the Estimate at Completion.
31. The GB took note of the Status of Commitments and Payments.
32. The GB took note of the Cost Evolution of Major F4E Contracts.
33. The GB adopted the 2022 Budget.

Single Programming Document (SPD)

34. The GB adopted the SPD 2022-2026.
35. The GB took note of F4E's response to Commission Opinion on SPD 2022-2026.
36. The GB endorsed the Draft SPD 2023-2027.

Audit Matters

37. The GB approved the Internal Audit Capability (IAC) Audit Plan for 2022.
38. The GB took note of Report of the Court of Auditors (ECA) on the 2020 Accounts of the Joint Undertakings.
39. The GB took note of the IAC Audit Report on Corporate Governance and approved the action plan in response to the recommendations therein.

Human Resources

40. The GB took note of the status and way forward for the request of additional staff following the endorsement of the Strategic Resource Plan by the GB at its 50th meeting.
41. The GB took note with concern of the results of Staff Psychosocial Analysis and requested F4E to take immediate short-term and long-term actions to address the most critical areas and report on the measures taken to the Bureau, AMC and GB.
42. The GB took note of the presentation on the F4E Charter of Engagement.
43. The GB took note of the HR Dashboard and encouraged F4E to increase its efforts in attaining gender balance in management.

Host State Support

44. The GB approved the Agreement in the form of Exchange of Letters between Spain and F4E regarding the additional office space and refurbishment of Fusion for Energy's premises in Barcelona and authorised the Director to sign the Exchange of Letters.

International agreements

45. The GB approved the Host Agreement between ITER Organization (IO) and F4E.

46. The GB approved the Agreement with IO on the provision of the areas at the ITER Site to Fusion for Energy.
47. The GB approved the Site Cooperation agreement between IO and F4E.
48. The GB approved the IO-F4E Data Protection Agreement.

Closing

49. The GB agreed to organise its forthcoming extraordinary meeting on 28 January 2022.
50. The GB confirmed the dates of its 2022 ordinary meetings: 7-8 July 2022 and 1-2 December 2022
51. The GB approved its summary of decisions.

Done by Video Conference, 10 December 2021

For the Governing Board



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Chair of the Governing Board

For the Secretariat



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