



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 60th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Barcelona, 4-5 December 2023

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 and Minutes

1. Approved the agenda of its 60th meeting.

Written Procedures

2. Noted the outcome of the written procedures carried out since the last GB.

Reports from the Chairs

3. Noted the reports from the Chairs on the outcome of the last round of Committee meetings (AMC, TAP, AC, PCC).

GB Advisor Update

4. Noted the report from the GB Advisor on administrative and management decisions.
5. Noted that the term of the GB advisor will expire at the end of this year and thanked Maria Faury for the invaluable advice provided to the GB and F4E management during her mandate.

F4E vision, organisation and culture

6. Endorsed the F4E Vision paper.
7. Noted the Director’s proposal on improved F4E’s organisation and the proposed changes to the organisational structure at the level of departments and first proposal on the allocation of units.
8. The GB acknowledged that the first proposal for the management structure went in the right direction, nevertheless requested a full organisational chart, including a detailed allocation of units, to be proposed to the GB at an extraordinary meeting to be held in April 2024.
9. Endorsed the Corporate Culture Policy, as requested by the Director’s mission letter.

F4E Integration

10. Approved the consolidated Integration Plan in accordance with the mission letter of the GB.
11. Noted the presentation on the status of the F4E-IO Framework Secondment Agreement.

Reports from EURATOM

12. Took note of the information from Euratom on the following matters:
 - a) Outcome of the ITER MAC and ITER Council meetings.
 - b) Status of prospective participation of Switzerland to F4E activities.
 - c) Budget 2023 and Draft Budget 2024.

F4E Management Team Report including Critical Projects

13. Noted the presentations from the Director and Management Team including the status of critical projects.

"En bloc" noting of reports

14. Noted the Status of Action Plans Implementation.
15. Noted the Status of Corporate Governance Actions Implementation.
16. Noted the Project Booklet.
17. Noted the Estimate at Completion and production cost increase update.
18. Noted the Update on Risk and Opportunity Management.
19. Noted the Cost Evolution of F4E's major contracts.
20. Noted the Policy on the use of Global Commitments.
21. Noted the Status of Commitments and Payments.
22. Noted the F4E's response to Commission Opinion on SPD 2024-2028.
23. Noted the People dashboard.
24. Noted the Staff Engagement Survey Actions follow-up.
25. Noted the Psychosocial Risk Survey Results and first analysis.
26. Noted the ECA Annual report on EU Joint Undertakings for the financial year 2022.

"En bloc" adoption/approval of Documents

27. Adopted the 3rd Amendment to the 2023 Budget.
28. Adopted the 2nd Amendment to the 2023 Work Programme.
29. Approved the 2024 Internal Audit Capability Annual Plan.
30. Adopted the Updated Anti-fraud Strategy.
31. Approved the Authorisation for Hot Cell Project activities in 2024.

Update on DONES and Strategy

32. Noted the status of the DONES Mobilisation Working Group and DONES-related activities carried out by F4E.
33. Noted the findings and recommendations provided by the DONES baseline review panel..

Schedule Performance Improvement Strategy

34. Endorsed the schedule performance improvement strategy, as requested by the GB at its 57th meeting and following the positive recommendation of the AMC.

Budget and Planning

35. Noted the update on the Budget Surplus task force, noting that it should report in mid-December to allow F4E in January 2024 to review the EU and French contributions to the draft SPD 2025-2029.
36. Adopted the 2024 Budget.
37. Adopted the Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2028.
38. Following the recommendation of the AMC, decided to postpone the endorsement of the Draft SPD 2025-2029, and delegate its approval to the Bureau to allow F4E to integrate the results of the Task Force on the budget surplus.

11th Annual Assessment of F4E: Action Plan

39. Noted the final report of the 11th Annual Assessment and approved the F4E action plan in response to the panel recommendations.
40. Agreed that the European Commission interim evaluation of F4E would be in line with the scope of the annual assessment of F4E requested by the Council of the EU and should therefore be considered to constitute the 12th annual assessment of F4E to be conducted in 2024.

Industrial Policy Update

41. Noted the status and endorsed the proposed lines of actions in response to the Industrial Policy Working Group Recommendations, with a focus to be placed on the development of the Technology Development Programme.

Governance Matters

42. Adopted the updated indemnity rules for the Chairs and Members of the Committees.
43. Reappointed Carlos Alejalde as Chair of the GB for a second term of two years, starting on 1st January 2024.
44. Decided to exceptionally extend, upon the proposal of Euratom, the mandates of the current AMC and TAP Chairs until the next extraordinary GB meeting.
45. Exceptionally extended the mandate of Cordoba Lasuncion as AMC Vice-Chair until the next extraordinary GB.
46. Exceptionally extended the mandate of Elena Gaio as TAP Vice Chair until the next extraordinary GB.
47. Appointed Tea Enting Beijering as Chair of the AC starting on 1st January 2024.
48. Appointed the outgoing AC Chair, Ciaran Spillane, as AC member for a term of two years starting on 1st January 2024, thanking him for the invaluable support provided to the Board and F4E.
49. Appointed Andras Siegler as member of the Audit Committee representing the GB, for a term of two years starting on 1 January 2024.
50. Appointed Mark Crisp as member of the Audit Committee for a first term of two years starting on 1 January 2024.
51. Upon the proposal of the PCC selection committee, the GB:
 - a. Appointed Ulrich Bruer as Chair of the PCC for a first term of two years starting on 1st January 2024.
 - b. Reappointed Yannick Paris as member of the PCC for a second mandate of three years, starting on 1st January 2024.
 - c. Reappointed Arnout Tromp as member until 30 June 2024, following his announcement of resignation as from that date.
 - d. Appointed Laura Litzenburger and Claire Regus as new members of the PCC for a first mandate of three, starting on 1st January 2024.
 - e. Appointed Lisa Bellini-Devictor as new member of the PCC as of 1 July 2024 for a first mandate of three years.

Planning for next meetings

52. Decided to convene for an extraordinary meeting on 12 April 2024, confirmed the dates of 11-12 July 2024, with 10 July dedicated to strategic discussions, and decided to convene on 9-10 December 2024.

Any other Business

53. Noted that a GB written procedure for the appointment of the members of the TBM Project Board will be launched in January.
54. Bid farewell to Francoise Flament and thanked her for the relentless contributions and invaluable advice provided as Chair of the PCC during the last three years.
55. Bid farewell to Jeannette Ridder-Numan, expressing thanks for her longstanding support to F4E provided in her capacity of GB representative and member of the Audit Committee.

Closing

56. The GB approved its summary of decisions.

Done in Barcelona, 5 December 2023

For the Governing Board

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Chair of the Governing Board

Signed electronically in IDM

For the Secretariat

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