



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

SENSITIVE¹: *Governing Board matters*

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 61st MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Barcelona, 12 April 2024

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 61st meeting.

Written Procedures

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

Reports from EURATOM

3. Noted the information from Euratom on:
 - a. Progress update of the Interim Evaluation of Council Decision (Euratom) 2021/281 of 22 February 2021 amending Decision 2007/198/Euratom establishing F4E.
 - b. Noted the forthcoming conference, “EU Blueprint Fusion Energy,” organized by DG-ENER on 23 April 2024 in Strasbourg and encouraged the GB members to participate and extend the invitation to all interested representatives from the public and private sector.

Any other Business

4. Decided to establish a disciplinary board tasked with the management of OLAF cases. For positions where the GB acts as appointing authority, the disciplinary board will be composed of the Governing GB Chair and two additional GB members.

F4E Reorganisation

5. Welcomed the presentation from the Director on the reorganisation and thanked him for the hard work put into it.
6. Thanked the Staff Committee for presenting its viewpoints on the reorganisation and encouraged the Director to continue a close dialogue with staff on the implementation in the spirit of transparency.
7. Approved the Director’s proposal on the improved F4E’s organisation and the proposed changes to the organisational structure at the level of departments and final proposal on the allocation of units, provided that the internal control and assurance functions are implemented in line with F4E’s Financial Regulation.

¹ Handling instructions are given at https://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Handling_SNC.pdf

8. Endorsed the associated implementation plan, noting that the new organisation should take effect on 1 July 2024 and invited F4E to:
 - a. Conduct a high-pace selection process for the Heads of Department.
 - b. Prepare the necessary administrative tools and procedures and put in place any necessary transitional measure.
 - c. Conduct the selection procedures for the Unit Head positions in a staged approach, prioritising those that are mission-critical.
 - d. Report on a regular basis on the implementation to the Bureau and GB.

F4E Management Team Report including Critical Projects

9. Noted the presentations from the Director and Management Team including the status of critical projects.
10. Noted the progress of the F4E-IO integration actions and the detailed and overall progress measured according to the GB-agreed KPIs.
11. Noted the new ITER baseline development provided by IO and the initial analysis conducted by F4E regarding necessary actions to align with the updated IO need dates.
12. Acknowledged the importance of reprioritization for critical projects and that the new baseline may require adjustments to the programmes budget and reallocation of resources, together with the redefinition of procurement strategies and simplification of requirements.
13. Noted the status of the European Vacuum Vessel delivery (VV) and acknowledged the positive progress of the expected delivery before the November ITER Council.
14. Endorsed F4E-IO joint cost-containment strategy for the nuclear buildings' services.
15. Approved the amendment to the Partial Novation Special Contribution Agreement.

Update on DONES and Strategy

16. Noted the status of the DONES project.
17. Acknowledged that the DONES Steering Committee supported to have Philippe Cara as interim Programme Manager.
18. Agreed in principle to transfer financial contributions to IFMIF-DONES-España for the early deployment and training of human resources for the DONES construction phase in 2024 subject to the following conditions:
 - a. F4E contribution shall be duly outlined in the next revision of F4E 2024 Work Programme to be approved by the GB in July 2024.
 - b. F4E's anticipated operational expenditure of 2024 shall not exceed EUR 1.6ML Euros.

Governance and Strategy

19. Agreed to postpone, possibly to December 2024, a meeting of the GB dedicated to F4E's strategy.
20. Appointed, upon proposal of Euratom, Wolfgang Biel as Chair of the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for a first mandate of two years.
21. The GB decided that the GB Chair would take the Chairmanship of the AMC until the appointment of the new AMC Chair.
22. The GB thanked Maria Faury for her dedication and hard work as AMC Chair and GB Member.
23. Thanked Radomir Panek for his dedication and hard work as TAP Chair.

24. Appointed Monika Fisher, former member of the AMC, as temporary replacement for Lätitia Unger during a period of maternity leave.

International Agreements

25. Approved F4E-IO Agreement on ITER Cooperation Platform (ICP).

Closing

26. The GB approved its summary of decisions.

Done in Barcelona, 12 April 2024

For the Governing Board

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Chair of the Governing Board

Signed electronically in IDM

For the Secretariat

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