



## **FUSION FOR ENERGY**

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

**THE GOVERNING BOARD**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 29<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')**

Barcelona, 10-11 June 2014

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

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

1. Approved the agenda of its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

2. Approved the minutes of its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Reports from the Chairs**

3. Taken note of information provided by the Chair of the GB and Bureau, and the Chairs of the Executive Committee (ExCo), the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC).

#### **Report from Euratom on ITER**

4. Taken note of information from Euratom concerning the:
  - a) Status of the ITER Organization (IO);
  - b) Follow-up to the IO Management Assessment;
  - c) Preparations for the ITER Council meeting of 18-19 June 2014;
  - d) Status of the Russian participation in ITER.

#### **Report from the F4E Director**

5. Taken note of a report from the F4E Director.
6. Invited F4E to analyse the root causes of the delay in the tokamak complex buildings with particular focus on the interfaces between F4E, the IO, suppliers and contractors, and the French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN) and to present a paper to the GB at its December 2014 meeting that outlines the lessons learned, the steps taken to alleviate similar problems in current and future work, and the metrics to demonstrate improvement.

#### **Report from the F4E Director on Cost and Schedule**

7. Recalled that the ITER Council concluded that the present ITER reference schedule was unrealistic and has requested that the ITER Organization (IO) and the Domestic Agencies should work together to prepare an updated schedule for approval by the ITER Council in June 2015.
8. Pending approval of the updated ITER schedule by the ITER Council, invited F4E to report cost estimates without taking account of additional costs that might be incurred as a consequence of the revised schedule.

**Report from the F4E Director on Cost and Schedule (Continued)**

9. Noted that, according to the information available to F4E, the budgetary provision for ITER construction in the current multiannual financial framework (2014 - 2020)<sup>1</sup> is considered to be sufficient to cover the needs of F4E over this period.
10. Taken note of the financial settlement reached between Euratom and Japan concerning the transfer of the ITER in-kind procurements and noted that F4E will make a provision for the corresponding liability in the 2014 Annual Accounts.

**Specific Reports from the F4E Director**

11. Taken note of specific reports from F4E's on the:
  - a) Status of the Implementation of F4E's 2014 objectives;
  - b) Status of the 2013 and 2014 budgets and forecast;
  - c) Status of the major contracts and procurements;
  - d) Status of staffing and welcomed the decreasing vacancy rate;
  - e) Status of the planning, monitoring and reporting;
  - f) Status of the implementation of the Industrial Policy;
  - g) Status of the implementation of actions in relation to European Fusion Laboratories;
  - h) Plans for the F4E Annual Forum.

**Third Annual Assessment of F4E**

12. Taken note a report from the three experts that have been selected to perform the third annual assessment of F4E.
13. Endorsed the detailed terms of reference for the conduct of the assessment and the indicative timetable for its completion.

**Report from Euratom on F4E Matters**

14. In relation to the proposal to amended the Statutes of F4E:
  - a) Taken note of a report from Euratom on the status of the proposal;
  - b) Was content that the proposal being transmitted to Council is substantially the same as that approved by the GB in December 2013;
  - c) Invited the Commission to propose that the amendments to the Statutes enter into force on 1 January 2015 to ensure an orderly transition of the governance arrangements.
15. In relation to F4E's budget and staff posts for 2015:
  - a) Welcomed the intention of the Commission, subject to certain conditions, to support the GB's request for additional staff posts from 2015 onwards as laid down in the Resource Estimates Plan (Edition 2013) adopted by the GB in December 2013;
  - b) Invited F4E and the Commission to clarify the conditions for the additional staff posts being supported by the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Recalling the EUR 6.6 billion cap (in 2008 values) laid down by the Council of the European Union in July 2010.

**Amended 2014 Budget and Work Programme**

16. Adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the 2014 Work Programme upon the recommendations of the AFC, TAP and ExCo.
17. Adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the 2014 Budget upon the recommendations of the AFC and ExCo.

**2013 Annual Report and Accounts**

18. Taken note of the European Parliament's discharge for the 2012 budget and:
  - a) Agreed that the GB members will provide short CVs for publication on F4E's public website;
  - b) Invited the Secretariat to prepare a template for the publication of the GB members' CVs in compliance with EU data protection requirements.
19. Taken note of the observations of the European Court of Auditors on F4E's 2013 annual accounts and invited F4E to prepare its responses thereto.
20. Approved the 2013 final Annual Accounts upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee (AC).
21. In relation to the 2013 Annual Report:
  - a) Approved the 2013 Annual Report upon the recommendations of the AFC, TAP, ExCo and AC.
  - b) Adopted an analysis and assessment of the 2013 Annual Report.

**Staffing Matters**

22. Concerning conflicts of interest:
  - a) Adopted rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interest regarding F4E staff members (the "Rules");
  - b) Noted the need for a proportionate implementation of the Rules in order to balance the need for impartiality with the need to preserve business continuity in F4E and individual rights of staff members for their career development;
  - c) Drawing upon GB members' advice, invited F4E to draw up a policy on the treatment of conflicts of interest in relation to post-employment and present it to the GB for approval in writing as soon as possible;
  - d) Encouraged F4E to put into place procedures for the oversight of the declarations of conflicts of interest.
23. Concerning the implementing rules of the Staff Regulations:
  - a) Adopted, with the abstention of Euratom, the proposal of the Director concerning the implementing rules of the Staff Regulations;

**Roles and Responsibilities of F4E and EUROFUSION**

24. Taken note of information from F4E and Euratom on the roles and responsibilities of F4E and EUROFUSION and encouraged the two organisations to continue to collaborate closely.

**Audit Matters**

25. Taken note of a report from the AC Chair.
26. Taken note of the 2013 Annual Report of the AC.
27. Taken note of the 2013 Annual Report of the Internal Audit Service.
28. Taken note of the 2013 Annual Report of the Internal Audit Capability.
29. Expressed appreciation for the work of the AC.

**Recast F4E Financial Regulation and Implementing Rules**

30. Endorsed, with the abstention of Euratom, deviations from the new EU Framework Financial Regulation as justified by the F4E's operational needs as proposed by the F4E Director.
31. Invited F4E to finalise its proposal for the recast amended Financial Regulation of F4E and submit it to the Commission.
32. Invited the Commission to give due consideration to the deviations proposed by the F4E Director which the GB considers as justified by the operating needs of F4E and to conduct its internal consultation in time to issue a formal opinion on the proposal for the recast Financial Regulation by beginning of November, in time for the next AFC meeting.
33. Invited F4E to provide a revised proposal for the recast Financial Regulation of F4E, together with the Commission's opinion and the proposal for the recast Implementing Rules to the next meeting of the GB for adoption.

**F4E's Office Premises**

34. Taken note of an update on the situation with F4E's office premises and the operational difficulties caused by insufficient office and meeting room space.
35. Urged Spain to meet its obligations under the terms of the host agreement that it signed with F4E as soon as possible.
36. Welcomed the commitment of the Spanish delegation to help find solutions for resolving the difficulties facing F4E and trying to accelerate the provision of sufficient office accommodation.
37. Welcomed the offer of France to accommodate F4E staff members at the Cadarache site at no cost to F4E in order to facilitate the overall functioning of the ITER project.
38. Agreed to raise the ceiling<sup>2</sup> on the number of F4E staff that may be assigned to F4E's Cadarache antenna to 50.

**Committee Matters**

39. Appointed Christian Scherf and Andreas Pott as members of the AC for a term of two years from 1 July 2014.
40. Approved an amendment to the policy for the payment of indemnities to the chairs of the committees.

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<sup>2</sup> F4E(08)-GB07-10 Adopted 31/10/08

**Any Other Business**

41. Taken note of a draft position paper on ITER from the German delegation to the GB.

**Closing**

42. Decided that the next meeting of the GB would take place in Barcelona on 10-11 December 2014.

43. Approved this summary of decisions.

Done at Barcelona, 11 June 2014

For the Governing Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Ward', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Stuart Ward**  
Chair of the Governing Board

For the Secretariat

**Raymond Monk**  
Secretary of the Governing Board