



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

THE GOVERNING BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 30th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Barcelona, 2-3 December 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 an amended agenda of its 30th meeting.

Written Procedures

2. Noted the written procedures since the previous GB meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

3. Approved the minutes of its 29th meeting and reviewed the follow-up actions described therein.

Reports from the Chairs

4. Noted the report from the Chair of the GB including the summaries from the previous two Bureau meetings.
5. Welcomed the letter from the Commission confirming that F4E would be provided with additional staff in 2015 and 2016 following the request of the GB.
6. Noted the report from the Chair of the Executive Committee (ExCo).
7. Noted the report from the Chair of the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP).
8. Noted the report from the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC).
9. Noted the report from the Chair of the Audit Committee (AC).

Report from Euratom

10. Noted information from Euratom concerning the:
 - a) ITER Status Report and welcomed the creation of the created the ITER Chief Executives Team (ICET) with the expectation that this will support more efficient decision-making and quicker resolution of project issues while expressing concern that the project schedule continues to slip;
 - b) Outcome of the 15th ITER Council meeting of 19-20 November 2014 and welcomed the nomination of Dr Bernard Bigot as the next Director-General of the ITER Organization (IO) and wished him every success in his new role;
 - c) Status of the Amended Statutes of F4E and the status of the discussions in the Council of the European Union for which adoption is foreseen in the New Year.

General Progress Report from F4E

11. Noted a report from the F4E Director on the progress with the ITER and Broader Approach projects, in particular:
 - a) The completion of the concrete pouring for the foundations of the Tokamak Complex which was completed according to an accelerated schedule;
 - b) The progress made with the fabrication of the Toroidal Field (TF) coils and the first Double Pancake prototype;
 - c) Progress in several other areas including the promising test results at 1.1MW from the European short-pulse gyrotron;
 - d) The achievements in the Broader Approach projects including the assembly of the JT-60SA tokamak and the testing of the IFMIF LIPAc injector.

Update on F4E's Office Premises

12. Noted an oral report from Spain on a prospective permanent building for F4E and was informed that the final offer was pending the conclusion of internal negotiations.
13. Urged Spain to complete its negotiations by the end of February 2015 in order to provide an offer for the permanent building that complies with the terms of the Host Agreement between F4E and Spain.

Resignation of the F4E Director

14. Accepted the resignation of Professor Henrik Bindslev as F4E Director with effect from 28 February 2015.
15. Thanked Professor Bindslev for his significant contribution to F4E and the progress of the ITER and Broader Approach projects during his time as Director.
16. Wished Professor Bindslev well in his new post as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Science at the University of Southern Denmark.
17. Appointed Dr Pietro Barabaschi, currently Head of F4E's Broader Fusion Development Department, as Acting Director of F4E from 1 March 2015 until such time as a successor for Professor Bindslev has been appointed.
18. Invited Dr Barabaschi to act as the F4E Director with the full authority of the GB.
19. Approved a news release for publication on F4E's website.
20. Endorsed the vacancy notice for the identification of a successor as Director to Professor Bindslev subject to technical amendments.
21. Invited the Commission to publish the vacancy notice as soon as possible and agreed to initiate the selection process.

Operational Matters

22. Adopted the 2nd Amendments to the 2014 Work Programme and Budget.
23. Adopted the 2015 Work Programme and Budget.

Staffing Matters

24. Approved the proposal of the F4E Director concerning the Implementing Rules where derogations/adaptations will be requested.
25. Adopted Implementing Rules on the certification procedure and a policy protecting the dignity of the person and preventing psychological harassment and sexual harassment.
26. Empowered the Director to decide on whether to request opt-outs or not to the European Commission and to submit to the European Commission the opt-outs deemed necessary (heading III);
27. Taking into account that the Implementing Rules are subject to prior approval of the Commission, supported the delegation of the adoption of such Rules to the Administrative and Management Committee once the amended F4E Statutes enter into force.
28. Adopted the Guidelines on Management of Post-Employment requirements regarding Staff Members of F4E.

Policy Matters

29. Noted the status of the implementation of the Industrial Policy.
30. Noted the geographical distribution of grants and contracts.
31. Noted the status of the implementation of the Action Plan for European Fusion Laboratories and urged F4E to introduce lump sum grants at the earliest opportunity and to overcome any difficulties that might prevent their introduction for existing FPAs.
32. Endorsed a paper on the roles and responsibilities of F4E and EUROfusion.

Accelerator Driven Neutron Sources for Materials Irradiation

33. Noted a presentation by Dr Robert Aymar, Chair of the TAP's Ad-Hoc Group on Accelerator Driven Neutron Sources for Materials Irradiation and thanked Dr Aymar for his support.
34. Agreed that Dr Aymar's report be made available to the General Assembly of EUROfusion in order to ensure synergy.
35. Discussed a paper on a draft plan for implementing IFMIF-"DONES" and invited GB Members to express their interest to host IFMIF-"DONES".

Corporate Matters

36. Noted the implementation of the GB's 2014 Objectives and adopted the Objectives for 2015.
37. Noted a report on the implementation of the 2014 Objectives from the F4E Director.
38. Noted the status of the Corporate Risks facing F4E.

Audit Matters

39. Endorsed the new Mission Charter of the Internal Audit Service of the Commission and invited the GB Chair to sign it on behalf of the GB.
40. Endorsed the 2015 Annual Audit Plan of the Internal Audit Capability (IAC).
41. Noted the European Parliament's decision of 3 April 2014 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the F4E's budget for the financial year 2012.
42. Noted the European Court of Auditor's Report on the annual accounts of F4E for the financial year 2013 together with F4E's replies.

Appointment of Committee Chairs and Members

43. Renewed the mandate of Professor Maciej Chorowski, member of the ExCo, for a second term of two years with effect from 11 December 2014.

Future Meetings

44. Decided that the next meetings of the GB would take place in Barcelona on;
 - a) 24 March (09:00 – 17:30)
 - b) 8 - 10 June 2015 (starting at 13:00 on the 8th and finishing at 12:00 on 10th)
 - c) 1 - 2 December 2015 (starting at 13:00 on 1st and finishing at 17:30 on the 2nd).

Closing

45. Thanked Dr Bernard Bigot (France) and Dr Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph (AC Chair and Germany), as retiring founding members of the GB, for their valuable support to the project and wished them well for the future.
46. Approved this summary of decisions.

Done at Barcelona, 3 December 2014

For the Governing Board



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Chair of the Governing Board

For the Secretariat

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Secretary of the Governing Board