



FUSION FOR ENERGY

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

The Governing Board

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE 56th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY ('FUSION FOR ENERGY')

Barcelona, 7-8 July 2022

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. The GB approved the Agenda of its 56th meeting.
2. The GB approved the Minutes of its 52nd, 53rd and 54th meetings.

Written Procedures

3. The GB noted the outcome of the written procedures carried out since the last ordinary GB (53rd).

Presentation from the F4E Staff Committee and Unions representatives on F4E's work environment

4. The GB noted the presentation provided by the representatives of F4E Staff Committee and Unions and thanked them for their valuable inputs on the situation of F4E staff relations.
5. The GB agreed that efforts towards improving F4E's work environment should be pursued with due consideration of the views of the social parties.

10th Annual Assessment of F4E

6. The GB noted the report and recommendations of the 10th Annual Assessment Panel and entrusted the Bureau to approve any urgent action to be taken in response to the recommendations.
7. The GB thanked the panel of assessors for its work and discharged it from this task.

Reports from the Chairs

8. The GB noted the reports the Chairs on the outcome of the recent round of Committee meetings.
9. The GB noted the report from the TAP Chair on the final report and recommendations of the Working Group on the Electron Cyclotron Heating (ECH) system.

Report from Euratom

10. The GB noted the information provided by Euratom on the following matters:
 - a) The outcome of the 29th and 30th ITER Council meetings.
 - b) The prospective participation of the UK and CH to F4E activities.
 - c) The Status of 2023 Budget Procedure, including the additional staff positions to be granted in the 2023 Establishment Plan.
 - d) The Status of the Working Group on the F4E Organizational Structure. The GB noted the Working Group's preliminary findings and intended next steps in view of delivering a comprehensive set of recommendations for GB's consideration later in the year.
 - e) The GB noted the final report and recommendations issued by the DONES Working Group and decided to extend its mandate to continue its facilitation work towards the definition of the DONES

Program and the start of the construction of the IFMIF-DONES Facility by providing guidance on political, financial, legal and management topics. The Working Group should report regularly to the GB until the establishment of the DONES Steering Committee.

Reports from F4E

11. The GB noted the information provided by the Acting Director on the overall progress of F4E activities.
12. The GB noted the status of the implementation of action plans.
13. The GB noted the status of the IAC Corporate Governance Action Plan Implementation.

Vacuum Vessel

14. The GB noted the report provided by F4E on the Vacuum Vessel.

Buildings including TB04

15. The GB noted the report provided by F4E on TB04.

Hot Cell

16. The GB noted the report on the Hot Cell status.

Project Management reports

17. Noted the presentation on the F4E Reporting Analysis.
18. The GB noted the presentation on the overall project performance KPIs.
19. The GB noted the report on the Milestone-based Annual Schedule Performance Index (SPI).
20. The GB noted the Booklet on F4E's project performance.
21. The GB noted the update on F4E's Risk Management.
22. The GB approved the update of the IC/GB Milestones.

Budget and Planning

23. The GB noted the update on the Estimate at Completion (EaC).
24. The GB noted the presentation on the exceptional increase of material cost due to COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine and its impact on ongoing and future F4E's major contracts. The GB requested F4E to develop a comprehensive set of mitigation measures to address the situation and provide regular updates to the GB on the evolution of material costs.
25. The GB adopted the First Amendment to the 2022 Work Programme
26. The GB noted the Status of Commitments and Payments.
27. The GB adopted the First Amendment to the 2022 Budget.
28. The GB noted the cost evolution of major F4E contracts.
29. The GB noted the geographical distribution of contracts and grants in 2021.

Single Programming Document

30. The GB approved the planning and key assumptions for the 2024-2028 Single Programming Document.
31. The GB approved the indicators for the 2023-2027 Single Programming Document.

2021 Consolidated Annual Activity Report and Annual Accounts

32. The GB approved the 2021 Annual Accounts of F4E, subject to the European Court of Auditors' unqualified opinion. If the accounts are changed or the opinion qualified, the GB will adopt its position by written procedure.

33. The GB noted the 2021 Consolidated Annual Activity Report.
34. The GB adopted its analysis and assessment of the 2021 Consolidated Annual Activity Report.

People and Culture

35. The GB noted the progress update of the Change Agenda and thanked all F4E staff involved for their engagement. Nevertheless, the GB acknowledged that in the view of the Staff representatives the actions presently on the Change Agenda may need to be expanded.
36. The GB noted the Psychosocial Survey follow-up.
37. The GB noted the People and Culture Dashboard.

International Agreements

38. The GB noted the update on the ongoing developments on the TBS Partnership Agreement between IO, F4E and Korea and the EU-Korea TBM Agreement, which are expected to be finalised by September 2022. The GB agreed to run a written procedure for the approval of the agreements and requested the AMC to provide its recommendation to the GB.

Appointment of AMC Member

39. The GB appointed the Danish Representative, Morten Scharff, as member of the Administration and Management Committee.

Status selection of New F4E Director

40. The GB noted the update from EURATOM on the ongoing preparation of the selection procedure for new Director and the upcoming publication of the Vacancy Notice as approved by the GB through written procedure.
41. The GB entrusted the Bureau to identify and appoint on its behalf a member of the pre-selection panel in accordance with applicable European Commission rules, noting that the GB Chair will also attend the preselection as observer.

Planning for future meetings

42. The GB agreed to convene on the 6th and 7th of July and on the 4th and 5th of December for its ordinary 2023 meetings.

Closing

43. The GB approved its summary of decisions.

Done in Barcelona, 8 July 2022.

For the Governing Board

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Chair of the Governing Board

Signed electronically in IDM

For the Secretariat

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