



DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR 2015

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING (FCH 2 JU),

HAVING REGARD TO the Statutes annexed to Council Regulation (EC) No 559/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 JU) and in particular Articles 7.3. (c) and (g) 5 and 16.

HAVING REGARD TO the FCH 2 JU Financial rules, and in particular Articles 15 and 31.4

HAVING REGARD TO Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)"

HAVING REGARD TO the Governing Board Decision of 18 December 2014 approving the Annual Work Plan 2015

WHEREAS

- 1) The annual work plan should provide the authorisation by the Governing Board for the operational expenditures of the FCH 2 JU on the activities it covers.
- 2) The decision of the Governing Board of 18 December 2014 approving the Annual Work Plan 2015 requires completing the latter with a detailed description of the topics taking into account the results of the evaluation of the call for proposals 2014.
- 3) According to Article 9(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 the annual work plan where appropriate and duly justified, may provide for additional conditions according to specific policy requirements or to the nature and objectives of the action, including inter alia conditions regarding the number of participants, the type of participants and the place of establishment.
- 4) It is imperative that key innovation actions of strategic importance, which accelerate the commercialisation of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies and thereby achieve the principal objective of the FCH 2 JU partnership, are closely linked to the FCH 2 JU constituency in order to ensure full alignment with the FCH 2 JU strategic agenda (MAWP) and to ensure the continuity of the work performed within projects funded through the FCH 2 JU under FP7, by building up on their experience.

In this context it is also crucial to secure that relevant project results are exploited fully in line with the commercialization needs of the European industry with maximised cross-fertilization

of knowledge within the whole sector, which can be greatly facilitated by the presence of NEW-IG or N.ERGHY members in these consortia.

Strengthened exchange of information between the sector players (through presence of members) will help avoid duplication of effort with other activities performed outside the FCH 2 JU and contribute to a maximum coherence of the overall European technology investment and a maximum impact of the EU funding.

For some, well-identified topics it is therefore duly justified to require as an additional condition for participation that at least one constituent entity of the Industry Grouping or Research Grouping is among the participants in the consortium. These topics should relate to (1) topics of strategic importance of horizontal nature: Large demonstration and overarching projects or (2) specific projects of key significance for the FCH sector from energy and transport pillars

In this amendment, it is necessary to identify those (1) large demonstration and overarching projects and (2) specific projects of key significance and for the latter to justify their significance for the FCH sector.

- 5) It agreed during its meeting of 3 March 2015 to revise the list of operational procurements foreseen in the Annual Work Plan 2015.
- 6) It should formally approve the General Annexes to the Annual Work Plan 2015 which are identical to the ones of last year and aligned with those of Horizon 2020.
- 7) The budget 2015 should be amended to include the re-activation of appropriations that were not used for the implementation of the call for proposals 2014 for the operations of the year 2015.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The annexed revised part 1 (Operations) of the Annual Work Plan 2015 including a detailed description of the topics, the identification of projects of strategic importance and those of key significance and a revised list of operational procurements is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The General Annexes of the Annual Work Plan 2015 are hereby adopted.

Article 3

The second amendment to the Budget 2015 annexed to this decision is hereby approved.

Article 5

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

The Annual Work Plan 2015 as revised by this decision shall be made available on the website of the FCH 2 JU. The call for proposals 2015 shall also be published on the Horizon 2020 Participant Portal.

Done at Brussels, on

For the Governing Board of the FCH 2 JU

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Pierre Etienne Franc
Chair of the Governing Board

Annex 1: Revised Part 1 (Operations) of the Annual Work Plan of the FCH 2 JU for 2015

Annex 2: General Annexes of the Annual Work Plan of the FCH 2 JU for 2015

Annex 3: Second amendment to the Budget 2015