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**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN 2 JOINT
UNDERTAKING**

ADOPTING THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2020

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

HAVING REGARD TO the Statutes annexed to Council Regulation (EU) No 559/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking¹ (FCH 2 JU) and in particular Article 7(3)(c) and (g);

HAVING REGARD TO the 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)’ and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 and in particular Articles 9(5) and 15(4);

HAVING REGARD TO the Financial Rules of the FCH 2 JU adopted by the Governing Board on 22 May 2016 and in particular Articles 15 and 31(4);

WHEREAS:

- 1) The Statutes of the FCH 2 JU confer on the Governing Board the powers to adopt the annual work plan and its annual budget including the staff establishment plan.
- 2) The annual budget should provide the authorisation from the Governing Board for:
 - (a) the revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the FCH 2 JU to cover its activities including a summary statement of the schedule of payment for the subsequent financial years; and
 - (b) the staff establishment plan indicating the number of temporary posts by function group and by grade and complemented with the number of contract staff and seconded national experts.
- 3) In line with the Financial Rules of the FCH 2 JU, its annual work plan constitutes authorisation by the Governing Board for the operational expenditure on the activities it covers, provided that the corresponding elements are clearly identified.
- 4) For topics FCH-01-4-2020, FCH-01-5-2020, FCH-01-6-2020, FCH-01-7-2020, FCH-01-8-2020, FCH-02-5-2020, FCH-02-6-2020, FCH-02-7-2020, FCH-02-8-2020, FCH-02-9-2020 and FCH-03-2-2020, an additional eligibility criterion should be introduced to limit the FCH 2 JU requested contribution. The considerations taken into account for this additional eligibility criterion give due regard to the fact that the mentioned topics refer to actions to be performed at high TRL level, including demonstration in real operation environment and with important involvement from industrial stakeholders and/or end-users such as public authorities. Such actions are expected to leverage co-funding as commitment from stakeholders. It is of added

¹ OJ L 169, 7.6.2014, p. 108–129.



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value that such leverage is shown through the private investment in these specific topics. Therefore, proposals requesting contributions above the amount specified in the respective eleven topics will not be evaluated;

- 5) The Scientific Committee advised on the scientific priorities in the annual work plan for 2020 on 20 June 2019;
- 6) The States Representatives Group provided its opinion on the annual work plan for 2020 on 7 June 2019.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

The FCH 2 JU Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2020, including the Staff Establishment Plan, annexed to this Decision is adopted.

Article 2

The Executive Director shall make publicly available the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2020 on the FCH 2 JU website.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption by the FCH 2 JU Governing Board.

Done at Brussels, on 13 December 2020

For the Governing Board of the FCH 2 JU,

Ms Valérie BOUILLON-DELPORTE

Chair of the Governing Board

Annex: The Annual Work Plan and Budget of the FCH 2 JU for 2020