

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CLEAN HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING
OF 05/05/2026
ADOPTING THE 2nd AMENDMENT
TO THE “CLEAN HYDROGEN JU ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME
2026”**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CLEAN HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING,

HAVING REGARD TO

- COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014¹, and in particular Article 17(2)(f), (g) and (k);
- The Financial Rules of the Clean Hydrogen JU, adopted on 17 December 2021 through Governing Board decision reference CleanHydrogen-GB-2021-03 (hereafter referred to as “the Financial Rules”)², and in particular Articles 6(5), 17(1) and (4) and 33(4);
- The Clean Hydrogen JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure³, and in particular Article 10 thereof;

WHEREAS:

- 1) The Annual Work Programme 2026 was adopted by Governing Board through its Decision of 17/12/2025 - reference number CleanHydrogen-GB-2025-13;
- 2) Section 3 - “BUDGET 2026” should be amended to include unused commitment and payment appropriations from administrative expenditure from 2023 and 2024, in accordance with Articles 6(5) and 17(1) of the Financial Rules of the Clean Hydrogen JU.
Regarding the upcoming refurbishment, EUR 350k has already been globally committed in 2025 under budget address E.2000. In addition, EUR 249k initially committed under budget address E.2200 in 2025 is planned to be decommitted and re-inscribed under budget address E.2000 in the 2026 Budget. This reallocation is necessary to support the total refurbishment investment of EUR 599k, taking into account the amount already committed.
As regards payment appropriations, the total amount of EUR 599k should be re-inscribed, as the project was not implemented in 2025.
Furthermore, an additional EUR 51k needs to be inscribed to cover increased investment in IT on budget address E.2100.

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17–119

² FCH-GB-2019-16 <https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/system/files/2020-01/GB%2520decision%2520and%2520Financial%2520Rules.pdf>

³ https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/about-us/key-documents/governing-board-decisions_en

To accommodate these needs, on the revenue side, a total of EUR 300k in commitment appropriations will be mobilised from unused appropriations of previous years, namely EUR 38k from 2023 and EUR 262k from 2024. In addition, EUR 650k (EUR 599k + EUR 51k) in payment appropriations will be mobilised from 2023.

- 3) The Budget should be amended to include unused commitment appropriations from operational expenditure from 2024 and 2025, in accordance with Articles 6(5) and 17(1) of the Financial Rules of the FCH 2 JU, to cover expenditure in 2026. This includes, in particular, studies foreseen under the Annual Work Programme 2025 that were not launched in 2025, namely: “H2 in Port Environments” and “Legal and administrative processes relevant to fuel cell and hydrogen technologies”.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

The tables “Statement of Revenue” and “Statement of Expenditure” of Section 3 “*BUDGET 2026*” of the “*Clean Hydrogen JOINT UNDERTAKING (Clean Hydrogen JU) WORK PROGRAMME 2026*” are replaced by the tables in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall be made publicly available by the Executive Director on the Clean Hydrogen JU website.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption by the Clean Hydrogen JU Governing Board.

Done in Brussels, on 5 May 2026

For the Governing Board of the CLEAN HYDROGEN JU,

Ms. Danica Maljković,
Chair of the Governing Board
[signature]



Encl.: Annex 1 - Section 3 “*BUDGET 2026*”

Annex 1

[...] 3. Budget 2026

The Annex 1 is presented in a separate document.