



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING
APPROVING THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2016**

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), and Article 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)"

WHEREAS

- 1) The annual work plan should provide the authorisation by the Governing Board for the operational and administrative activities of the FCH 2 JU.
- 2) The annual budget should provide the authorisation by the Governing Board of (a) the revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the FCH 2 JU to covers 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.
- 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 participant 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.

- 5) 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-fertilisation of knowledge within the whole sector, which can be greatly facilitated by the presence of NEW-IG or N.ERGHY members in these consortia.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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 topics of strategic importance of horizontal nature: Large demonstration and overarching projects or specific projects of key significance for the FCH sector from energy and transport pillars
- 8) It is necessary in the annual work plan to identify those large demonstration and overarching projects and specific projects of key significance and for the latter to justify their significance for the FCH.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The annexed Annual Work Plan and Budget for the year 2016 is hereby adopted.

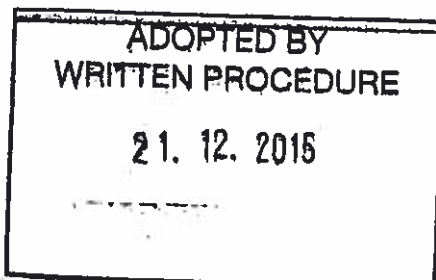
Article 2

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

The Annual Work Plan and Budget for the year 2016 shall be published on the website of the FCH 2 JU. The call for proposals 2016 shall also be published on the Horizon 2020 Participant Portal.

Done at Brussels, on

For the Governing Board of the FCH 2 JU



Pierre Etienne Franc
Chair of the Governing Board

Annex: the Annual Work Plan and Budget of the FCH 2 JU for the year 2016