



**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FUEL CELLS AND  
HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING  
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2018**

**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 Undertaking<sup>1</sup> ("FCH 2 JU"), and in particular Article 7(3)(c) and (g), and Article 16;

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);

HAVING REGARD TO the FCH 2 JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 11;

**WHEREAS:**

- 1) The annual work plan should provide the authorisation from the Governing Board for the operational and administrative activities of the FCH 2 JU;
- 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) For all Innovation actions an additional eligibility criterion should be introduced to limit the FCH 2 JU requested contribution in order to ensure an effective implementation of the operational budget, while taking into consideration the estimate costs for each topic. Therefore, proposals requesting contributions above the amount specified in the respective five topics should not be evaluated;
- 5) The Scientific Committee advised on the scientific priorities included in the Annual Work Plan for 2018 on 21 July 2017;
- 6) The States Representatives Group provided its opinion on the Annual Work Plan for 2018 on 14 July 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 169, 7.6.2014, p. 108–129.

**HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

*Article 1*

The FCH 2 JU Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2018 set out in the Annex is adopted.

*Article 2*

The Executive Director shall make publicly available the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2018 on the FCH 2 JU website.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, on [date]

For the Governing Board of the FCH 2 JU,

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Annex: Annual Work Plan and Budget of the FCH 2 JU for 2018