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**INTERPRETATION OF THE COUNCIL REGULATION (EU)  
No 559/2014 OF 6 MAY 2014 ESTABLISHING THE FUEL CELLS AND  
HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING  
RELATED TO THE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES PLAN 2017 (AAP 2017)**

**Subject:** This document is an interpretation of the FCH 2 JU Regulation to the Additional Activities Plan (AAP) 2017 formally adopted by the FCH 2 JU Governing Board on 21/12/2016.

A member of Hydrogen Europe communicated to the FCH 2 JU via an independent third party in 2016 an additional activity for an amount of EUR 5 mil. EUR. This activity became part of the AAP 2016 adopted by the FCH 2 JU GB.

The member concerned only informed the JU and the Commission in September 2017 that this additional activity is continuing also in 2017. Therefore, the activity was not included in the official AAP 2017 (formally adopted by the FCH 2 JU Governing Board in December 2016).

This additional activity, amounting to EUR 4.68 mil. in 2017, had nevertheless already been scrutinised and approved by the FCH 2 JU Governing Board in the AAP 2016.

Therefore, exceptionally, the prior approval provided for this additional activity in the context of the AAP 2016 is deemed to also cover the remaining part of the same activity for the AAP 2017, even if it was not included in the formally approved AAP 2017.

**Change to the original AAP 2017:**

Consequently, the AAP 2017 amounts to:

- **EUR 176.29 million<sup>1</sup>** (as compared to the original amount of EUR 171.61 million approved by the FCH 2 JU Governing Board on 21/12/2016);
- EUR 178.45 million, including “similar activities” of the amount of EUR 2.16 million which will not be subject of certification (compared to original amount of EUR 173.77 million).

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<sup>1</sup> Including only activities subject to certification, i.e. above the threshold of EUR 325.000 per member / reporting period