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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 2021

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 18 December 2019² and in particular Articles 17 and 33 (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) In the absence of a call for proposals in this annual work plan and budget for 2021, there was no need to consult the Scientific Committee and the States Representative Group.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.

¹ OJ L 169, 7.6.2014, p. 108–129.

² FCH-GB-2019-16

<https://www.fch.europa.eu/sites/default/files/GB%20decision%20and%20Financial%20Rules.pdf>



- 5) The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2021 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths; therefore in accordance with article 17 of the Financial Rules of the FCH 2 JU, the budget of the FCH 2 JU, where appropriate, shall be adapted in order to take into account the amount of the Union contribution as laid down in the budget of the Union.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

The FCH 2 JU Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2021, 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 2021 on the FCH 2 JU website.

Article 3

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2021 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 4

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 16 December 2021

For the Governing Board of the FCH 2 JU,

Ms Valérie BOUILLON-DELPORTE

Chair of the Governing Board

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Annex: The Annual Work Plan and Budget of the FCH 2 JU for 2021