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**To the member representatives in the
EUROfusion General Assembly**

- Via E-mail -

Release on ECoM: Call for Projects – Enabling Research component of the 2015 Annual Work Plan for the Implementation of the Fusion Roadmap

Dear all,

With reference to the e-mail sent to you on 6 June 2014, please note that the Call for Enabling Research projects under the Annual Work Plan 2015 is now accessible via ECoM, under <https://ecom.efda.org/efda/cons/>. The deadline for submission of proposals remains midnight of 15 July 2014.

The topics for the projects have been changed slightly (see text in red) to:

- 1 Exhaust and plasma-wall interaction
- 2 Turbulence, transport, confinement
- 3 MHD, **disruptions** and fast particle physics
- 4 **Technology and systems (the science/engineering)**
- 5 Structural and high-heat flux materials
- 6 Functional materials
- 7 Inertial fusion

Please make every effort to fit the proposals to one of these categories. Any proposals where a category is not selected via ECoM will be allocated to one of the topic areas by STAC.

STAC will check that proposals are distinct from the activities covered by the main Work Programme, in conjunction with the PMU Department Heads.

A guideline document is attached, providing more details on entering the proposals into the ECoM system.

Furthermore, we received some questions about the average European salary of 72 kEuro/yr. We have given this number just as a guideline in order to make a rough estimation of the volume of the proposal. It is the risk of the proponent to judge whether the proposal is within the allowed volume of 0.5 MEuro/year of Consortium contribution.

Please note that the referees will be explicitly asked to judge whether the work programme proposed in the proposal is compatible with the proposed manpower in ppy and with the requested resources for hardware. It is not intended to pass on the salary information to the referees (not even average rates per laboratory) in order to avoid unnecessary discrimination of labs on the basis of the different salary rates used. The proposal stage can therefore be conducted without any salary information. After STAC has made the ranking the actual salaries of the top ranked proposals (which have a high chance of being granted) will be requested, since this information is required to see the volume of each proposal as well as to make the Task Agreements. I do realize that this procedure is different from what was discussed in the GA, but since the PMU currently lacks the resources to implement all that was agreed, we have proposed this even simpler procedure to streamline the salary information process.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl.: - *ECoM Guidelines_AWP15 Enabling Research*

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