**Meeting EC, Coordinator, PMU**

**Thursday 17th February 2022 (15-:00-16:00 CEST)**

**Summary**

**Participants:** Chris Ibbott, Michael Erdmann, Emilia Genangeli, Kinga Gál

The meeting aimed to discuss the publication related administrative issues. According to the FP9 Grant Agreement EUROfusion Consortium will not be reimbursed by the European Commission for any costs when publishing in hybrid journals. This is causing a major problem as the highest ranked journal used by the community is Nuclear Fusion, which is a hybrid journal. A short term solution was proposed at the General Assembly on 14th December 2021 by the Working Group to Asses Publishing during Horizon Europe was to follow the FP8 rules (including payments), if the work presented in the paper was fully or partially performed in FP8. The opinions regarding the eligibility under FP8 of the costs of papers published based on FP8 studies (fully or partially) needs to be discussed.

It is quite a usual approach that scientist publish their work after closing a project, this way most of the papers which are prepared now, are based on work performed under FP8 or mixed under FP9. Papers based on completely new tasks are very rare. This raises the question if it is acceptable for the EC that in 2022 a large per cent of the papers are published based on work performed in FP8. Ch. Ibbott has explained that the EC is looking for 1000 papers/year. If the number of FP8 papers are gradually decreasing and the number of FP9 papers are increasing keeping the total number of papers constant, then publishing ~1000papers/year requirement is considered as accomplished. As the technical report to the commission is prepared based on work packages and in the pinboard both the FP8 and FP9 work packages can be indicated, the work packages can be correctly indicated,

The overlap between FP8 and FP9 should allow a smooth transition between EUROfusion I and II. As such, this option can be used in order to cover costs for papers based on FP8 work, if it is indicated on the pinboard. It has been agreed that a clear criteria system should be worked out to define which paper is eligible (action on K Gal and E. Genangeli). A system where the beneficiaries (example ACPs) state for each paper the framework program taking the responsibility for each paper does not seem feasible. Besides it has been clarified that under these circumstances the Annex 1b of the Grant Agreement does not need modifications.

NF is negotiating transformative agreements with all EUROfusion beneficiaries both the EC and PMU are involved in the process and hope to have a solution starting from 01.01.2023. The agreements are checked by the EC.

C. Ibbott has raised the issue of Fusion Engineering and Design papers in connection to the SOFT Conference. For papers published in FED, the post prints can be made open in an institutional repository after 24 month, while the EC does not allow this. K Gal has found a possible work around: the authors of journals published by Elsevier BV are allowed to make open the post print of their publication on acceptance on their own website or on arxive.org. This seem to be in line with the Grant Agreement as cross checked with Armin Scherber, the legal advisor. A cross check should also be done by the EC. There is a worry that the license under which the post print can be made open is not the same as required by the EC (CC-BY required by EC, CC-by-nd-nc by Elsevier.)

If authors can publish in FED and NF, that would remove the pressure on the community during FP9. However, all the above mentioned results should be cross checked both with the legal advisor and with the EC.

Ch. Ibbott informed, that the possibilities to change the rules and make funds available are very limited, owing the fact that the roots of the open access are in Plan S, which the EC endorsed.

Follow up: Criteria of eligibility of NF papers under FP8

EUROfusion authors have published around a 1000 papers in FP8 and 80% of the papers belong to the WPs below, therefore the criteria system includes only these 5 WPs and it is:

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| **WP** | **Number of NF papers** | **Which papers belong to FP8** | **Which papers belong to FP9** |
| JET | 259 | shots up to and including #99591 | shots starting from #99592 |
| MST1/TE | 217 | AUG shots up to #38772 | AUG shots starting and including #38772 |
| MST1/TE | 217 | TCV shots up | TCV shots up to |
| MST1/TE | 217 | MAST-U shots | MAST-U shots |
| EDU | 146 | All, if n accordance with the WPEDU report | All other cases |
| Wendelstein- 7-X | 119 | All papers; full last campaign | --- |
| FP8-ENR | 115 | All papers | --- |

All other papers should be cross checked either by the Project leaders or with the Beneficiary to insure the paper is eligible in FP8.

NOTE: It is very important that the above detailed eligibility criteria can only be applied if the bill of the paper arrives at PMU Culham not later than **25.11.2022**.