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# Presentation of the I.FAST IAB: Industry Advisory Board

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# I.FAST IAB

- The IAB will be appointed in **WP3 – Industry Engagement** with the **mandate**:  
*”to provide **industry opinions** regarding the **potential of technologies** developed in I.FAST, and help defining suitable business plans”*
- The IAB will also **advise** the project management on:
  - how to **optimize the impact of the industrial participation** in I.FAST, to **stimulate the applications of R&D results, to remove the obstacles** which limit the effectiveness of collaboration with Research Infrastructures and Technology Infrastructures
- The IAB will **contribute** in:
  - selecting the **proposals** for training secondments in **WP2 - Training, Communications, Outreach - Task 2.4: Industrial Training associated with Knowledge Transfer**
  - **advising** I.FAST in the selection of the proposals for the **Innovation Fund program of WP4: managing innovation and new materials**
  - acting as an **Advisory Board** for the **AMICI** Technology Infrastructures coordination project within **WP13 - European Technology Infrastructure for Accelerators and Magnets (ETIAM)**

# Setting up the I.FAST IAB

- we decided to start **two parallel independent procedures**, one for selecting the **industry representative members** and the other for selecting the **IAB Chair**
- process for selecting the **IAB members**:
  - nominations solicited and input received from ILOs and I.FAST partners
  - **~ 30 nominations** received: representatives of companies from 12 countries
  - short-list of **10 representatives** defined by WP3
    - **all invited members confirmed** their willingness to join the IAB
  - I.FAST Steering Committee endorsed the list but suggested to insert a member representing the **laser industry**
    - the additional member was then selected and **added to the list**

# I.FAST IAB members selection criteria

- representatives from companies working in the most relevant **accelerator industrial sectors**
  - **not involved in I.FAST** as partners or associated partners
  - selected preserving **geographical balance**: one or at most two representatives per country
- characterized by:
  - **several years of experience** in the field
  - genuine interest in contributing to **further strengthen the cooperation** between industry and academia
  - availability to spend some time every year to **look into what I.FAST is doing** and to interact with the I.FAST community

# Selecting the I.FAST IAB Chair

- **IAB Chair**

we were aiming at engaging a colleague with

- deep knowledge of both Research Institutions and Industrial companies
  - direct experience in industry-science interaction and cooperation
  - demonstrated capabilities as team or organization leader
- and, since very often representatives in industry are men, we tried first to look for a **chair-woman**.

# I.FAST IAB members

Name	Role	Company	Nationality
<b>Spela Stres</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<i>Center for Technology Transfer and Innovation (CTT)</i>	Slovenia
Charles Mangeot	Member	<i>CTS</i>	Denmark
Francesco Fantini	Member	<i>Fantini</i>	Italy
Francois Sylla	Member	<i>SourceLAB – Laser Plasma Technologies</i>	France
Olivier Tasset-Maye	Member	<i>Sigmaphi</i>	France
Josef Troxler	Member	<i>Ampegon Power Electronics AG</i>	Switzerland
Melhem Ziad	Member	<i>Oxford Quantum Solutions</i>	UK
Michael Peiniger	Member	<i>Research Instruments</i>	Germany
Miguel Angel Carrera	Member	<i>AVS-Added Value Solutions</i>	Spain
Pavel Hedbavny	Member	<i>Vakuum Praha</i>	Czech Republic
Rok Hrovatim	Member	<i>Cosylab</i>	Slovenia
Ronal Dekker	Member	<i>Demaco</i>	Netherlands

# I.FAST IAB

- **I.FAST Gov. Board endorsed the IAB in the first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**
  - First online kick-off meeting followed on 23<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- **This week, I.FAST IAB:**
  - convened Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 (evening) for an organizational and welcome meeting
  - will meet on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to address the questions I.FAST has proposed:

# Questions for I.FAST IAB (I)

- **I.FAST and industry: the IAB is asked to provide an initial feedback**
  - on the **industry involvement** in the R&D activities
  - on the initiatives aimed at achieving a stronger and more effective engagement of companies as co-innovators:
    - **Industrial training**
    - **Internal Innovation Fund**
    - **WP3 activities**



# Questions for I.FAST IAB (II)

## • Feedback to EC for the next Work Programme

- What is the vision of the IAB about the value for industry of **participating in an integrated project like I.FAST**, very wide in scope and partners, but somehow complex to manage?
- How does the IAB value the possibility of defining **clear R&D roadmaps and priorities** together with industry that a project like I.FAST make possible ? Does the IAB see **opportunities for a stronger contribution** of industry in the process ?
- Does the IAB see any options that the ASc&T R&I community represented in IFAST create operative links with other communities of the ERA to specifically promote a **cross-linked industrial ecosystem** ?

# Questions for I.FAST IAB (III)

## • Accelerator European Technology Infrastructure (WP13)

- We would like to know if the IAB has recommendations on how to better take into account the industry needs and how to organize the consultation with industry, in the **ongoing process of defining the roadmap** of the TI evolution?
- Does the IAB has recommendations on the ongoing effort aimed at **simplifying and harmonizing the procedures** to access the services offered by the TI to industry.
- We ask the IAB if it has recommendations on how to reach the largest audience of potential industry users, who could participate in the **wokrshops organized in I.FAST** to promote services and gather possible requests from industry



Let's start the work...

