

Mail sent by Lucio to all Academic Institutes of I_FAST on 9.9.2022

Dear all, I have a communication quite important (already anticipated this week to the meeting of HITRIplus to which most of you were present.

Both BNG and Scanditronix prefers to withdraw from IFAST_WP8 project.

The trigger has been BNG that could not, despite effort, to secure the necessary matching funds. In addition BNG is experiencing difficult moment since their major contribution (assembly of magnet cold amass for GSI) has been suspended for lack of components that were supposed to be supplied by a Russian Institute.

At this point also Scanditronix prefer to withdraw, since they liked the idea to share the risk with BNG and also because they think that with increasing cost of material (+ 30% and more from beginning of the year) and personnel, for them would have been to risky to continue.

BNG and Scanditronix were the master of task 8.4. (Construction of the straight combined function CCT demonstrator in NbTi). BNG was the task leader.

BNG had also a minor part in task 8.5 (Construction of HTS CCT demonstrator) lead by Elytt. Elytt is happy to take over the duty of BNG , provided they are assigned the EU budget previously allocated to BNG for that task: 23.975 k€ w/o overhead, 29.968 k€ w/ overheads.

For task 8.4 w have two possibility):

1) cancel the task of BNG and Scanditronix , construction od the demonstrator , giving back the money to the consortium, and eventually to EU: 99.4 k€ w/o overheads, or 124.25 k€ w/ overheads. The only Institute that has a serious engagement and funds in task 8.4 is Wigner. They can do the engineering design as foreseen and we close the task in this way.

2) We find somebody , another Institute or company that takes over the job and take the EU money allocated for that, 99.4 k€ (of course based on amendment of the Consortium Agreement). I already asked Elytt, and they have enough with task 8.5, they will not take over task 8. So now I ask all institute

to think to it in view of the meeting of 15 September. We need to take a decision in that forum since time is running (the NbTi demonstrator is to be fabricated next year...).

Another possibility would be to find an Industry that takes over... I am quite skeptical given the time scale. Anyway if there is a possibility please have a look.