

Proposals for internal budget reallocations requested by WP Coordinators

1. transfer of **6,000 EUR** from **CERN** (WP7) to **ELETTRA**, from the WP7 “common pot” at CERN for the organisation of a Low Emittance Rings - Permanent Magnet workshop.
2. Transfer of **4,500 EUR** from **CERN** (WP7) to **DESY**, from the WP7 “common pot” at CERN for the organisation of a Low Emittance Rings workshop at DESY (June 2023).
3. transfer of **5,000 EUR** from **INFN** (WP3, WP Coordinator) to **CERN** (WP1) for organisation of industry events.
4. transfer of **7,000 EUR** (direct costs) from **CERN** (WP2, Task 2.4) to **GSI** (for SEEIST, partner organisation associated to GSI) to cover the Industrial Training secondment of L. Garolfi.
5. Transfer of **10,000 EUR** from **CERN** (WP10) to **RTU** (WP10) to compensate for activities related to Additive Manufacturing.
6. Transfer of **10,000 EUR** maximum from **CERN** (WP 1 coordination) to **ESI**, to balance the CBI budget up to the required amount. Total cost of CBI event estimated at 62,450 EUR. Contribution from I.FAST WP2 (leftover from first 2 events): 15k, contribution from sponsors: 38k, remaining 9.5k.

Proposal for new partner organisations

1. request from **TERA-CARE** (Foundation under Swiss law continuing the activities of TERA Foundation in the medical accelerator field) to join I.FAST as Partner Organisation associated to CERN, participating in the activities of Task 5.3 (Slow extraction). Motivation: a key researchers involved in this activity has moved from SEEIST (already partner) to TERA-CARE. TERA-CARE will contribute with 2 pm and will receive no budget from I.FAST.
2. request from **Goethe University Frankfurt** to join I.FAST as Partner Organisation associated to CERN, participating in the activities of Task10.2., Task10.3 and Task10.4 (post-processing of AM linac structures). The collaboration is already going on. Goethe University will contribute with 2 pm and will receive no budget from I.FAST.

Governing Board endorsement for CBI funding from WP1 in 2025

The Coordinator is seeking the **endorsement of the Governing Board** for allocating remaining funds in the I.FAST WP1 (Coordination) budget at the end of the project (April 2024) for the organisation of a **Challenge Based Innovation Event in July-August 2025**.

This would be done between the end of the project and the final reallocation of I.FAST funding by the Board foreseen after acceptance of the Final Report (September-October 2025), and only in case CERN can claim the full amount of its EC contribution (plus a margin).

Options for a 6-month project extension

The I.FAST management requests to the Governing Board a **mandate to negotiate with the Project Officer a possible project extension by 6 months** (until end of October 2025), to compensate for the initial delays due to material crisis and Covid, and to give some margin for completing critical Deliverables (longitudinally variable dipole, CompactLight structure).

An extension would also allow keeping the community together for a few more months until a final meeting in October 2025, waiting for a possible new project.

It should be noticed however that an extension will delay the final 15% payment at project termination.

We have received the information that the Project Officer is not very open to extensions, the negotiation might be complex.