

# Big Science Business Forum

### **IFMIF-DONES: Current status of the facility**

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### **F4E mission statement**



#### F4E Mission Statements (Effective from 1 January 2022)

#### F4E\_D\_26JCNW v4.11

#### F4E Missions and Responsibilities

#### 1. VISION AND OVERALL F4E MISSION

"Bringing the power of the sun to earth"

This vision communicates the active role Fusion for Energy (F4E) takes in advancing fusion towards becoming a reliable source of clean abundant base load energy.

F4E is the European centre to develop and build ITER and other facilities to turn fusion into a sustainable source of energy for mankind. F4E bridges the EU research community and the EU industry, to broaden the European industrial base for fusion technology. F4E was set up for 35 years from 19 April 2007 with a threefold mission:

- 1. To provide the contribution of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) to the ITER International Fusion Energy Organisation;
- 2. To provide the contribution of Euratom to Broader Approach Activities with Japan for the rapid realisation of fusion energy;
- 3. To prepare and coordinate a programme of activities in preparation for the construction of a demonstration fusion reactor and related facilities including the International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility (IFMIF).

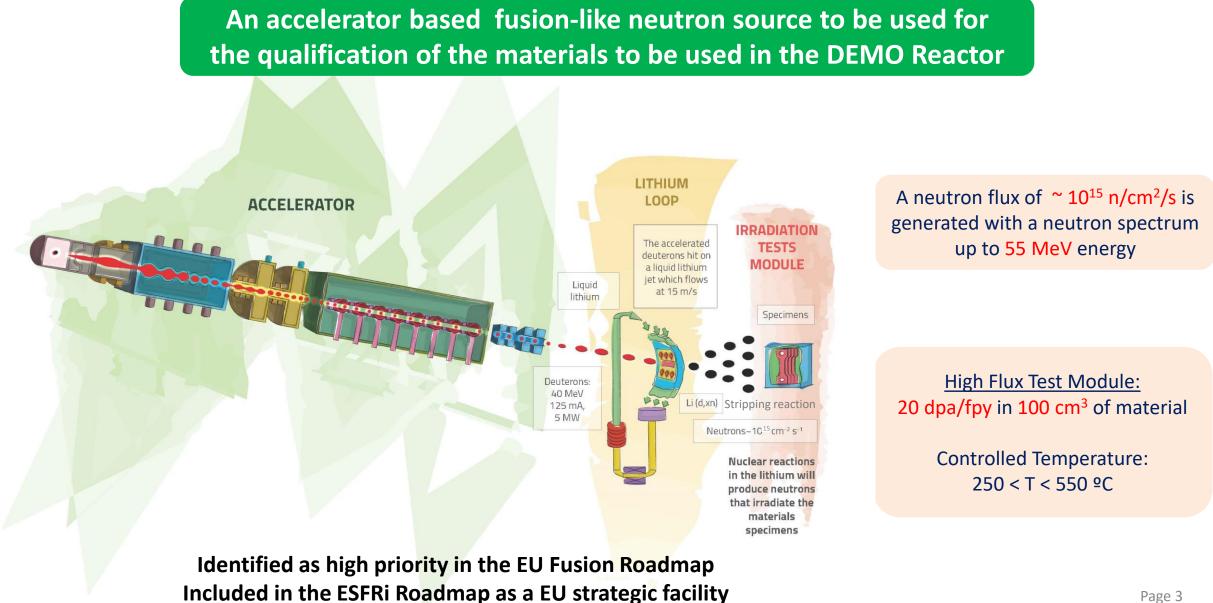


#### 32nd SOFT, Plenary Talk, Carlos Alejaldre



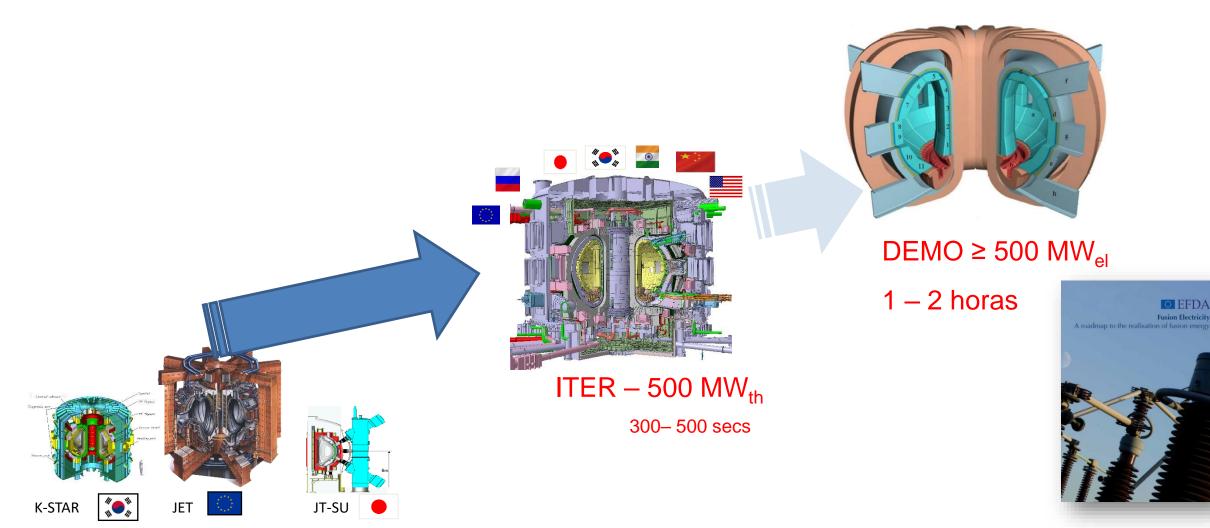
# What is IFMIF-DONES?









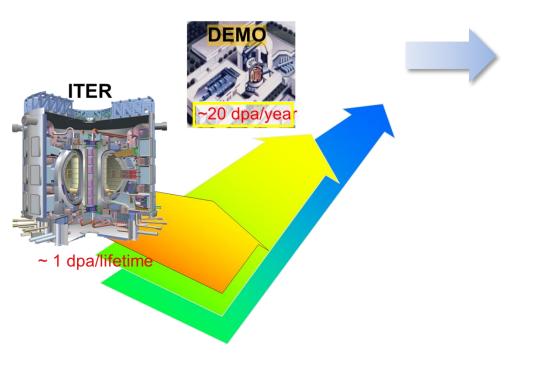


Why DONES ?



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One of the main differences between ITER and DEMO is the radiation dose: at DEMO more than two orders of magnitude higher

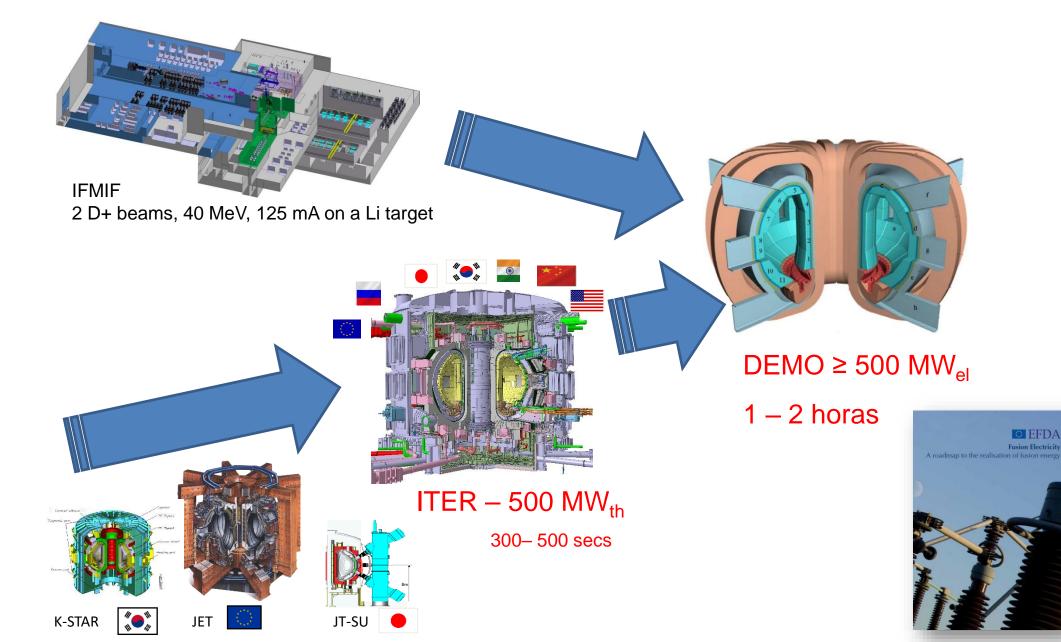


- Selection and qualification of candidate materials for fusion reactors
- Generation of engineering data for design, licensing and safe operation of DEMO up to end-of-life
- Completion, calibration and validation of databases (mainly generated from fission reactors research)
- Material testing and simulation carried out simultaneously to correlated fundamental understanding of radiation response of materials

International Advisory Panels pointed out Fusion Neutron
 Source as essential need toward Fusion Power Plant
 → best fulfilled with a D-Li stripping source (IFMIF concept)









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Nuclear physics and radioactive ion beam facility

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#### Industrial application of neutrons

- Mechanical properties of irradiated materials from small samples
- Computed tomography imaging using fast neutrons
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# DONES will be a unique facility and new type of experiments will be feasible

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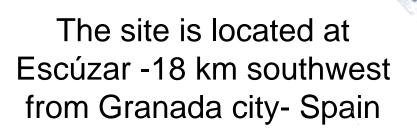
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### **IFMIF-DONES Facility**



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Spanish - Croatian site selected by EU

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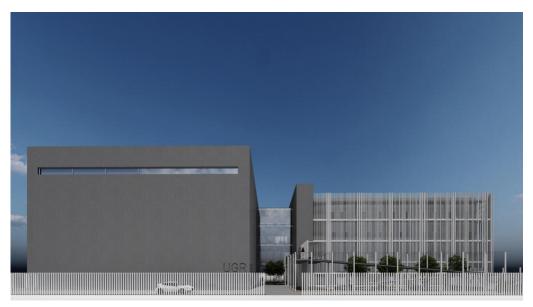
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# **Pictures of first Building DONES & UGR**













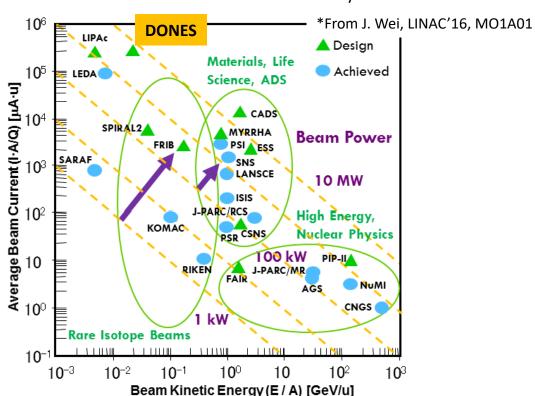
# DONES will be take a number of relevant technologies to a new stage of development opening the way to new future developments

DONES will be a first of a kind facility and will became a reference for the future

# High technology development in many different areas, including:

- Liquid metals management (lithium)
- Robotics and remote handling
- Control systems
- Sensors and diagnostics
- Criogenics
- Mecatronics
- Materials
- Medical radioisotopes

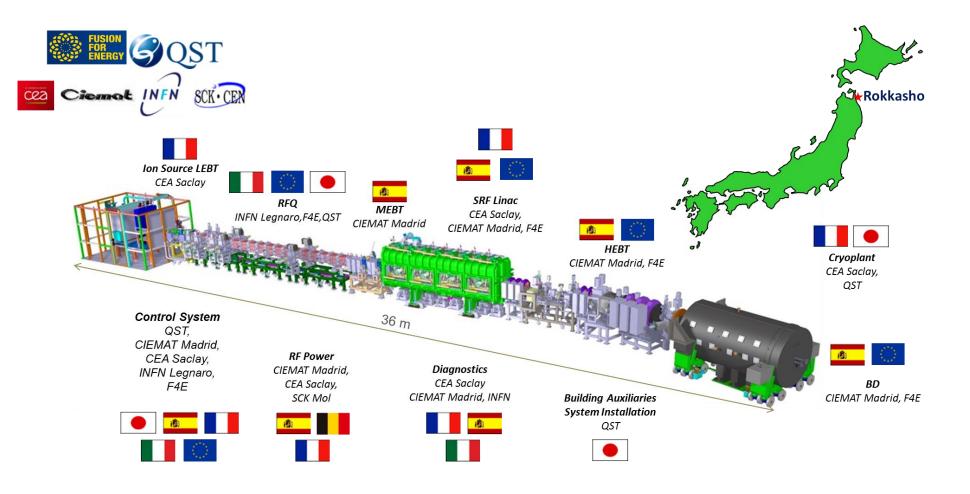
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Just one example: we are opening a new technology area in the accelerators community







Project IFMIF-EVEDA, Rokkasho, Japan, colaboration EU-Japan

# Specific prototypes and facilities under construction

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#### Many of these things already in development:

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- Start-Up Monitoring Module (STUMM) prototype to validate the final design and diagnostics,
- ✓ **Quick Disconnecting System** (QDS). To validate RH connection system
- Multipurpose VaCuum accidental scenarios (MuVaCas). To analyze

- LIFIRE facility to study Lithium fire risks
  ANGEL facility to evaluate Nitroger Many of them built in the framework of wreak of Valeria lab for virtual reality maint. But later on to be exploit in the in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of wreak of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be exploit in the framework of the built later on to be explored by the built later on









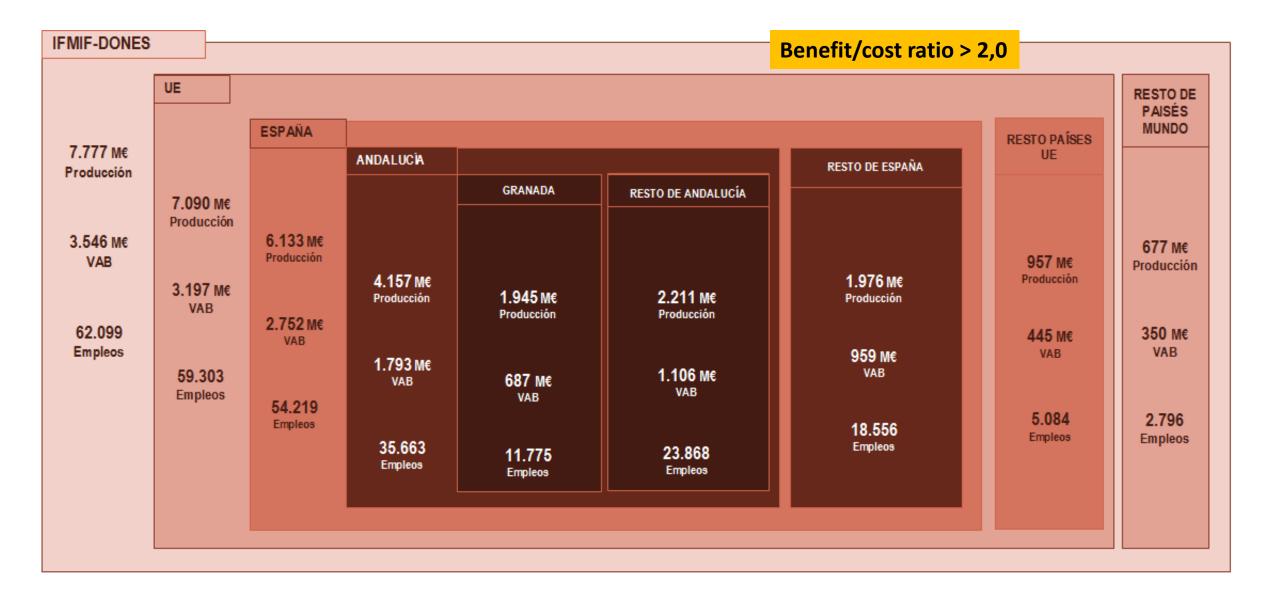
### Some examples









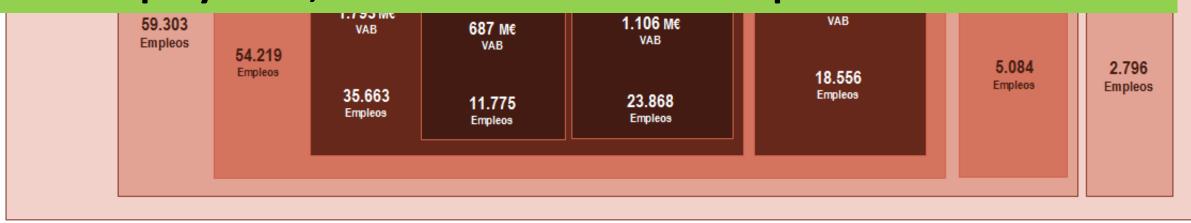








# DONES will be have a relevant impact generating high-quality employment, economical benefits and positive feedback





Conclusions

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The work carried out during these last years within the framework of the WPENS Project made it possible to consolidate the design of the IFMIF-DONES Plant and its accelerator and stablish a complete Governance proposal,

Although some validation activities are still expected no major issues exist to start construction phase of IFMIF-DONES,

The strategy implemented to find synergy with other facilities (e.g. ESS, SPIRAL2, ...) as well as the strengthening of the collaboration with LIPAc is an important asset to minimize/mitigate the risk and will be pursued,

Preliminary work at the site, including auxiliary buildings and laboratories, has already started and a Consortium for the implementation of the Project between Central and Local Government has been formed

The IFMIF-DONES Programme is expected to start formally its <u>Construction Phase</u> very soon....



# Thank you for your attention!



