

Brussels, 18 December 2017

Subject: Request for support in completing online survey for a study on the impact of ITER project activities in the EU

Dear Sir / Madam,

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy has launched a study to analyze the impact of F4E contracting activity for the ITER project on the executing organisations and the European economy at large. The study has been commissioned from a consortium led by Trinomics, in partnership with Cambridge Econometrics.

The study aims to identify the aggregate effect of F4E contracting in relation to the ITER project on key economic indicators such as growth, employment, and value added. It is also looking at individual contracts to provide insights into the creation of new technologies and business opportunities. Attention will be paid also to synergies and cross-cutting effects within and outside the fusion energy area.

We are contacting your organisation as one that is carrying out or has carried out work for F4E as a main contractor, or as a sub-contractor to another organisation contracted by F4E. Your contribution is very important in helping to identify the above benefits. A comprehensive analysis of these benefits, including 'spin-offs' and 'spin-outs', can then strengthen the case for continued EU funding of ITER in the period after 2020 which is currently under discussion.

Trinomics will contact you via email in the next few days with an invitation for an online survey. We would kindly ask you to assist the team by answering the survey to the best of your ability. All data and opinions shared with the study team will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and all information will only be analysed in an aggregated manner. No commercially sensitive information will be disclosed in the study report. The survey will be online until the end of January 2018.

The policy officer at the European Commission responsible for the project is Luigino Petrizzi (Luigino.petrizzi@ec.europa.eu). The study coordinator at the contractor is Matthew Smith of Trinomics (matthew.smith@trinomics.eu). Please contact them for any further information on the study.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Panek Head of Unit