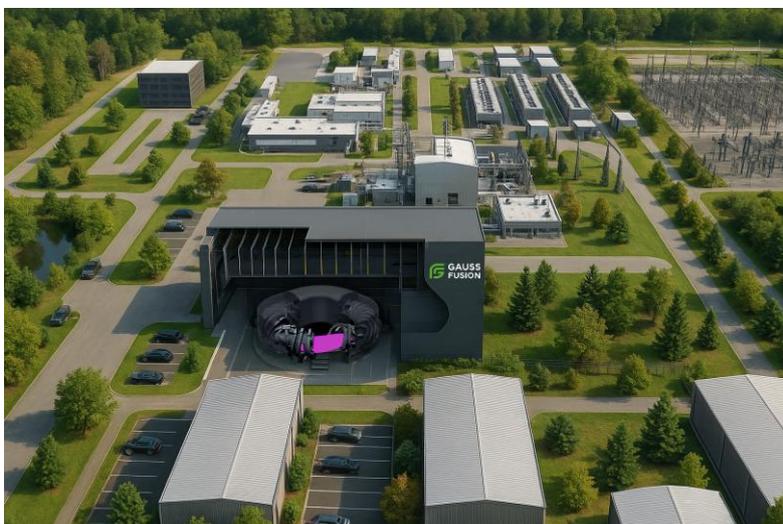


CEO Milena Roveda Steps Down After Completing Conceptual Design Phase of *GIGA*[™] Stellarator Fusion Power Plant

- Gauss Fusion CEO, Milena Roveda, will step down on 15 April 2026, after achieving the successful completion of the company's conceptual design phase.
- Dr. Michael Pekeler has joined the Board of Directors of Gauss Fusion, as it advances from conceptual design to engineering, testing and TRL maturation.
- Following Milena's departure, the Board of Directors will oversee Gauss Fusion as it prepares for its next phase.



GIGA[™] Gauss Fusion power plant

Munich, March 30, 2026 – Gauss Fusion, the deep- and green-tech company founded to build Europe's first commercial fusion power plant (FPP), has today announced a leadership transition, following the successful completion of the conceptual design phase, and the start of detailed engineering, testing and technology readiness level (TRL) maturation work.

After successfully delivering the integrated systems engineering Conceptual Design Review (CDR) for the uniquely industrialisable *GIGA*[™] 1 GWe high-field Stellarator FPP, **Chief Executive Officer, Milena Roveda will step down** on 15 April 2026.

Milena has led Gauss Fusion since 2023, guiding the company through the development of its industrial programme and the completion of the conceptual design phase and delivery of its CDR for its *GIGA*[™] FPP.

Separately, **Dr. Michael Pekeler has joined the Board of Directors** of Gauss Fusion, bringing over 25 years of deep-tech experience in high-energy accelerator and fusion modules and subsystems. Michael is a Managing Director of RI Research Instruments GmbH in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany – a fusion technology specialist with fusion module and subsystems business exceeding €200 million in recent years.

Michael will work closely with Gauss Fusion Executive Chair, Dr. Frank Laukien, as Gauss Fusion progresses towards the engineering phase and advances its strategic priorities for the next stage of development.

Milena Roveda, the CEO of Gauss Fusion, stated:

“Leading Gauss Fusion over the past three years has been deeply rewarding.

“Together with an exceptional team and our partners across Germany and Europe, we have built the foundations for a credible industrial pathway towards the deployment of a commercial fusion power plant.

“With the conceptual design phase complete, this is the right time for a leadership transition and for the next phase of the programme to move forward.

“I would like to recognise the remarkable team I have had the opportunity to work with: their commitment, brilliant work, innovations and belief in what we are building has been extraordinary, and it has been an honour to lead Gauss Fusion during this important conceptual design phase.

“I am deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed to the company’s progress over the past three years and would like to thank the Board and shareholders for the trust they have shown me throughout.”

Dr. Frank Laukien, Founder and Executive Chair of Gauss Fusion, commented:

“Milena has played a central role in building Gauss Fusion over the past three years and has done an amazing job in leading Gauss through this phase.

“Under Milena’s leadership, our team has successfully completed the conceptual design phase of Gauss Fusion’s roadmap, marking an important milestone for Germany and all of Europe in advancing towards clean, safe, affordable and virtually inexhaustible fusion energy.

“On behalf of the Board, and also personally, I want to thank Milena for her outstanding leadership, enormous efforts and unwavering commitment, and wish her every success going forward.”

Dr. Christian Linsmeier, Chair of Gauss Fusion’s Strategic & Scientific Advisory Board said:

“What Milena has achieved over the past three years is truly exceptional.

“In a remarkably short period of time, she has helped establish Gauss Fusion as a serious industrial voice in the European fusion landscape.

“Her leadership has brought clarity, momentum and credibility to the conversation around how fusion can move from scientific ambition to industrial reality.

“Her contribution has left a lasting mark both on Gauss Fusion and on the wider fusion community in Europe.”

Following Milena’s departure, the Board of Directors will oversee Gauss Fusion as it prepares for its next phase. Gauss Fusion is committed to further advancing the development of the first FPP in Germany, and to working with its industrial, governmental and research institution partners to bring fusion energy to large-scale industrial deployment.

About Gauss Fusion

Gauss Fusion is accelerating the industrialisation of fusion energy, making it scalable and turning it into reality. The green energy company was founded in 2022 by private industrial fusion-tech companies from Germany, France, Italy and Spain, and combines unique cutting-edge scientific research and industrial expertise in fusion energy technologies, modules and subsystems. Gauss Fusion will play a key role in the integrated systems-engineering and industrialisation of fusion energy, shaping Europe's energy independence and access to affordable, clean baseload energy.

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