

Steering Committee Meeting n° 1

SDME 9E, Square de Meeûs, 8 - 1050 Bruxelles
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Minutes

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1. Participants list

Steering Committee

Name	First Name	Institution	Comments
Beurskens	Jos	ECN	
Borri	Claudio	CRIACIV at Universita di Firenze	
Buddenberg	Joerg	EWE AG	
Chaviaropoulos	Takis	CRES	
Flamang	Peter	Hansen Transmissions International	
Gertmar	Lars	ABB (Core Wind Team/ Tech team)	
Hessel	Christoph	GE Wind	Represented by Jacob Nies
Kariniotakis	George	Ecole des Mines de Paris	
MacAskill	Allan	Talisman Energy (UK) Ltd	
Nath	Christian	Germanischer Lloyd Industrial Services, Wind	
Nielsen	Frank	LM	
Petersen	Erik Lundtang	Risoe National Laboratory	
Prats	Josep	Ecotecnia	
Quarton	David	Garrad Hassan	
Stroem Madsen	Finn	Vestas	Represented by Aidan Cronin
Thor	Sven-Erik	Vattenfall	
Villanueva-Monzon	Mauro	Gamesa	
Zervós	Arthouros	representing the whole industry	

Not represented

Name	First Name	Institution
Hohmeyer	Olav	Flensburg University
Skarzynski	Grzegorz	Polish Wind Energy Association
Rafferty	Peter	Airtricity
Santamaria	Angeles	Iberdrola

Secretariat

Name	First Name	Institution	Comments
Blanco	Isabel	EWEA	
Fichaux	Nicolas	EWEA	
Quarton	David	Garrad Hassan	Also member of the Steering Committee

European Commission

Name	First Name	Institution	Comments
D'Estaintot	Thierry Langlois	DG Research	Hosting the meeting
Gambi	Roberto	DG TREN	
Sabater	Inigo	DG TREN	Presentation of the SET-Plan

2. Agenda

10:00	Introduction (Arthouros Zervos, EWEA)
10:15	Presentation of each steering committee member (each)
11:00	Presentation of TPWind (Isabel Blanco, EWEA)
11:45	Election of the Executive Committee (Arthouros Zervos, EWEA)
12:30	LUNCH
13:30	Presentation of the Secretariat (Isabel blanco, EWEA)
14:15	Constitution of the Working Groups (Nicolas Fichaux, EWEA)
15h	Hearing by the SET-Plan (Inigo Sabater, DG-TREN from EC)
15h30	Answers to be provided (Nicolas Fichaux, EWEA)
16h30	Closure and date for the next SC meeting

Due time constraints, the Steering Committee decided to focus on the main points of the agenda. The final agenda is:

10:15	Welcome by Thierry d'Estaintot (<i>host of the meeting</i>)
10:20	Introduction (Arthouros Zervos, EWEA)
10:30	Presentation of each steering committee member (each)
11:15	Discussions on the terms of reference document (Isabel blanco, EWEA)
12:30	LUNCH
13:45	Election of the Executive Committee
15:15	Hearing by the SET-Plan (Inigo Sabater, DG-TREN)
15:45	Discussion on main issues
16:30	Closure and date for the next SC meeting

Presentations will be made available on the internal website of the project.

3. Main issues

3.1. Presentation of each steering committee member

Each steering committee member provided a 2-slides presentation. Participants were asked to explain their expectations on the platform. Main expectations are:

International dimension / Create synergies with other platforms / Answer to R&D needs
High-profile proposals / A place for dialog
Support Innovation & Technology development / Maintain leadership
Provide Strategic <u>R</u> esearch and <u>D</u> evelopment Agendas
Good Working Group structure / Good working methods / Communication between groups
High level results / Highly focused / A coherent R&D workplan / Training
Harmonization of R&D / Join efforts / Collaboration with Universities
Costs reduction / More places for wind (grid, acceptance)
An increased budget for wind R&D
Costs reduction / Market liberalisation
Costs reduction / Synergies with other technologies / Taking research to a next level
Accelerate Research / Move Industries / Cost Reduction / Focus on R&D – not market
Focus on offshore and Grid integration / Transfer of technology & knowledge
Focus on drive trains and link with grid codes
Address technology challenges / Interface with oil and gas
Learning about industrial priorities / Develop cross-expertise / Mobilise resources / Energize research at national level

From these elements, the Platform is for the Steering Committee:

- **A place of exchange** (various synergies & collaboration - international, national, inside WG, research / industry ..) (10)
- **A place for research, innovation & technology** (8)
- **A place of excellence** (leadership, high profile, good work ..) (6)
- **An instrument for cost reduction** (4)
- **An instrument for developing adequate training and qualifications** (2)
- **An instrument for expanding European Research and Technology Development efforts** (2)

Specific topics have also been mentioned:

- Grid integration, grid codes...(3)
- Social acceptance (1)
- Market liberalization (1)
- Offshore (1)

3.2. Discussions on the terms of reference document

A final version of the TOR document will be provided by the Secretariat during week

13. Main changes are:

- The Executive Committee is composed of 5 members (1 Chair, 2 Vice-Chairs, 2 additional members);
- the Working Group Chairs are appointed by the Steering Committee. Once they have been established, the WGs will have to vote for the Vice-Chairs of the Group (Mirror Group is an exception);
- Chairs and Vice-chairs are elected for a period of 18 months;
- Constitution of the WGs: at the next SC meeting, the Executive Committee will propose a list of Working Groups ready to be launched. The Steering Committee will have to accept them with a 2/3rd majority
- Composition of the WGs: the Working Groups are composed of a limited number of people (max. 20). The Secretariat will launch a call for expression of interest. The candidates will be selected on the basis of clear criteria. The Secretariat and the ExCo will make a pre-selection of the most suitable members that will be then sent to the whole SC for approval (together with the full list of applicants);
- The mirror group will be defined with the support of the European Commission. The Commission will approve the call for expressions of interest and recruit the members of this group.
- special emphasis has to be put on communication between the Working Groups. A specific task could be created for this purpose

3.3. Election of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of: 1 chairperson / 2 vice-chairpersons / 2 additional members

Results:

Chairperson of the Executive Committee: Mr. Henning Kruse (Siemens) (unanimity)

Vice-chairpersons:

Mr. Takis Chaviaropoulos (CRES) (unanimity)

Ms. Angeles Santamaría (Iberdrola) (unanimity)

Additional members:

Mr. Christian Nath (Germanischer Lloyd)

Mr. Josep Prats (Ecotecnia)

Chairperson of the Finance Working Group:

Mr. Mauro Villanueva Monzón has been elected with unanimity.

3.4. Next meeting

An event will be organized by the Secretariat during the EWEC conference. This event will take place on Wednesday 9th (16:00 to 17:30). The session will provide an overview of the platform objectives, structure and deliverables to invited delegates.

Prior to it, a second Steering Committee meeting will be organized, possible at the same date (to be confirmed in week 13).