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Section 1 – Funding opportunities

No calls open at the moment. The first Horizon 2020 Energy call is expected to be published shortly.

Section2 – Secretariat's news

TPWind call for expression of interest to renew Working Groups open

TPWind is renewing its Working Groups. People interested in participating in the platform's working groups over the next three years should visit the website (www.windplatform.eu) and read the "call for expression of interest".

A candidate cannot submit more than one application, only the first submission will be taken into consideration. Successful candidates will be selected by the Steering Committee according to the modalities outlined in the call: the final decision of the Steering Committee is irrevocable.

The deadline of the call has been postponed to 31 January, 2014, at midnight (Brussels time). Any application received after the deadline will be disregarded.

Mr. Filippo Gagliardi to leave EWEA and his position of TPWind Secretary General

On 15 November Mr. Gagliardi left the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) and consequently his position of TPWind Secretary General. Filippo has been instrumental in managing the platform over the past years and promoting its work towards the European institutions and more broadly within the wind industry. He will be missed by everyone who has worked with him.

EWEA will continue to provide full support to the Platform, and continue hosting and coordinating its Secretariat.

The new TPWind Secretary General will be announced shortly. However, please feel free to contact Ms. Manuela Conconi (manuela.conconi@ewea.org; +32 (0)2 2131856) for any TPWind related issue. She is now EWEA's main contact person for Platform matters.

Section 3 – Members' news

EU Commission: fossil fuel and nuclear subsidies distort market

Subsidies for nuclear and fossil fuels distort competition between different energy sources and increase the overall cost to society of electricity generation, the European Commission stated in November in a series of non-binding documents on state intervention in energy markets.

"EU taxpayers gave over EUR26 billion to fossil fuels in 2011, the documents show. It is disappointing to see the figure of EUR35 billion subsidy to nuclear energy being removed by the European Commission prior to publication", stated Justin Wilkes, Deputy CEO of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA).

"The European Commission is overly focused on renewable energy support mechanisms, while fossil fuels and nuclear continue to get far more public money. The Commission says it will launch a study of subsidy levels across the energy sector, but it must urgently require an immediate end to the huge subsidies given to fossil fuel and nuclear".

The Commission's advice to national governments to keep support mechanisms for renewable energy stable and avoid retroactive changes should provide some stability for the wind energy sector. The sector is facing a crisis of uncertainty due to at times retroactive changes by national governments. Such changes have been severely damaging the wind energy industry in many EU countries, such as in Spain and Romania.

In this section of the newsletter articles produced directly by TPWind members are published, providing members with the opportunity to inform the Platform of their most recent achievements, plans, products, studies or R&D efforts.

Every month, two to four short articles (maximum 250 words) will be selected by the Executive Committee or the Secretariat and will be included in this section of the newsletter, along with the contact details of the person or company publishing the article.

The Secretariat invites all TPWind members who would like to publish an article in the next issue of this newsletter to contact Manuela Conconi and send her their contribution by 13 December at the latest (manuela.conconi@ewea.org; +32 2 2131856).

The Secretariat would like to remind all readers that this newsletter is sent to all TPWind members, to those included in the reserve lists of the Platform as well as to selected EC and EWEA representatives (approximately 500 people in total).

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Section 4 – Events

[EWEA Technology Workshop: Wind Power Forecasting: From R&D to commercial offering – a 360° view of present and future](#)

3-4 December, 2013

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

EWEA's second technology workshop in 2013, organised in response to requests from members, focuses on technical challenges related to wind power forecasting.

Organised in association with the Anemos Consortium and supported by the Netherlands Wind Energy Association:



The workshop will cover topics including:

- The end users' requirements
- Numerical weather prediction models
- Wind power forecasting models and operational systems
- Integrating forecasts in business processes
- How important will forecasting be at 200 GW?

[Programme, presenters and posters](#)

[Registration online until 3 December or register onsite at no extra cost](#)

Significant reductions for EWEA members, academics and students.

[See who has already registered via the attendee look-up](#)

Technology Workshop: Assessment of Operational Wind Turbines – 2nd edition Fourth Quarter 2014

Date and venue to be confirmed by end March 2014

Call for abstracts to be launched by end March 2014

Following our successful workshop “Assessment of Operational Wind Turbines” Lyon, France – July, 2012, many of the 160 attendees requested that we return to the topic two years later in order to debate progress in the field. The call for abstracts for this second workshop will be launched in early 2014.

See the [programme & proceedings](#) and [attendee list](#) from the first edition

Email techworkshops@ewea.org to be kept informed about this workshop

Technology Workshop: Wind Turbine Noise – 2nd edition Fourth Quarter 2014

Date and venue to be confirmed by end March 2014

Call for abstracts to be launched by end March 2014

Our first workshop on this highly topical issues was “Wind Turbine Noise – from source to receiver”, Oxford, UK – December 2012. Many of the 160 attendees and 8 exhibiting companies requested that a second

edition should be held two years later. The call for abstracts for this second workshop will be launched in early 2014.

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Extra visibility for your organisation:

If you would like to present your company to the highly targeted audiences that the technology workshops attract contact Tim Robinson on techworkshops@ewea.org or tel: +32 2 213 1844 to discuss the exhibition & sponsorship opportunities available.

Technology, science and research at EWEA 2014 Annual Event



10 – 13 March 2014

Barcelona, Spain

Research, technology and innovation are vital for the wind industry to move forward. EWEA Annual Events provide a platform for ideas sharing and discussion on the latest developments and issues facing the industry.

EWEA is currently working with EWEA 2014 track chairs, Henrik Stiesdal Chief Technical Officer at Siemens Wind Power, Mike Anderson Group Technical Director at RES Group, and Michael Muskulus Vice President of European Academy for Wind Energy (EAWE) to finalise the EWEA 2014 conference sessions

Note that the call for abstracts has closed. The programme overview will be available soon on www.ewea.org/annual2014/conference/

For more information on booking a booth at EWEA 2014 annual event or on sponsorship and advertising opportunities, please go to www.ewea.org/annual2014/sponsorship/ or send an email to sales@ewea.org.

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