

Steering Committee Meeting n° 13

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Minutes

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1.Participants list

Steering Committee

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Hoedemaekers	Koen	ZF	
Holttinen	Hannele	VTT	
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Jensen	Peter Hjuler	DTU Wind Energy

2. Agenda

Steering Committee Meeting n° 13
European Wind Energy Association, Brussels
March 5th, 2012 – 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Time	Monday March 5 th , 2012
15:00	Introduction and welcome of participants (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
15:10	Tour de table: individual presentations of SC members (2 minutes each)
16:00	TPWind: history, structure, role and rules (<i>Jacopo Moccia, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
16:15	Working Group 5 - Environment & Deployment: selecting new chair (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson - Dorina Iuga, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
16:45	Coffee break
17:05	EU budget 2014 - 2020: financing wind energy (<i>Vilma Radvilaite, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
17:25	The TPWind 8 th General Assembly: agenda and goals (<i>Dorina Iuga, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
17:40	TPWind 8 th General Assembly: Chairs and Secretaries follow up on WGs meetings (<i>Dorina Iuga, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
17:50	Conclusions and next steps (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
18:00	End of SC meeting
18:15	Briefing session with new WG facilitators (only for WG Chairs)
19:00	End of briefing session
19:30	Steering Committee dinner

3. Main decisions

3.1 Introduction

Mr Kruse, TPWind Chairmen, welcomed the participants and emphasised that this is the first meeting after the renewal of the SC. He thanked the new SC members for their interest in TPWind and congratulated them for their successful application. The new members' term started on 1 January 2012 and will end on 31 December 2014.

Mr Kruse stressed that with the complete renovation of the TPWind, the platform has been reinforced and is ready for the new challenges lying ahead, especially for the proper implementation of the EWI and the update of the SRA.

He presented the agenda of the day which included an update on TPWind's structure and rules, an overview on the agenda of the 8th General Assembly and a presentation on the next EU multiannual financial framework, covering the 2014 – 2020 period.

The chairmen asked all participants to briefly introduce themselves.

3.2 TPWind: History, structure, role and rules

Mr. Moccia (TPWind Secretariat), explained the structure of the European Wind Energy Technology Platform (TPWind), launched in 2006. TPWind receives funding through the EU FP7 project TOPWind (Technology platform Operational Programme Wind). EWEA coordinates the project in collaboration with DTU Wind Energy and Garrad Hassan.

TPWind structure includes:

- **Steering Committee (SC)** - the decision making body. It directs all activities and is accountable for defining roles and responsibilities within the Platform and outlining operations.
- **Executive Committee (ExCo)** – primary link between the SC and the Secretariat.
- **TPWind Secretariat** – optimizes the activities of the Platform and provides logistical and organizational support to the Technology Platform and WGs, and, where appropriate, it provides intellectual input to their discussions.
- **Working Groups (WG)** - established to handle specific R&D issues in collaboration by DTU Wind Energy and Garrad Hassan. Chairs were appointed by the SC in November 2010, for a period of 18 months (next elections will be held at the next SC meeting). They are the following:
 - WG 1: Wind conditions - Mr E. L. Petersen, Risoe/DTU
 - WG 2: Wind power systems - Mr J. Beurskens, ECN
 - WG 3: Grid Integration - Mrs H. Holttinen, VTT
 - WG 4: Offshore - Mr J. O. Tande, SINTEF
 - WG 5: Environment & Deployment – Izabela Kielichowska (*ad interim*)
- **Member States Mirror Group (MSMG)** – the link between TPWind and EU Member States.

- Advisory Board (AB) – a new body in TPWind, established in January 2011. It represents external stakeholders (i.e. non-Platform members) which help TPWind to enhance its network and effectiveness by providing advice and contacts. AB represents an essential link between the Platform and other relevant sectors and stakeholders.

Mr. Moccia focused on TPWind objectives for the 2011 – 2014 periods, which are:

- Improve the internal communication and the external representation of the wind energy sector,
- Disseminate information on wind power R&D,
- Draft strategic plans for the development of wind energy in Europe (e.g. EWI documents and new SRA/MDS),
- Contribute to the development and implementation of relevant EU energy policies,
- Provide members with a permanent forum focused on wind energy research.

TPWind deliverables so far are:

- The “Strategic Research Agenda/Market Deployment Strategy” (SRA/MDS), published in 2008, which outlines the R&D challenges faced by the European wind energy sector. This publication, available on the TPWind website, quickly became a reference text in the sector,
- The “European Wind Initiative” (EWI), published by the European Commission in 2009 in its Communication on “Investing in the Development of Low-Carbon Technologies” (COM(2009) 519).

TPWind is currently working on the update of EWI, which will be ready by the end of 2012 and on the update of the SRA, which should be launched at the beginning of 2014 at the latest.

Mr Beurskens (ECN) asked the Secretariat to explain the difference between the two documents, in order to make easier and clearer the work that needs to be done in the working groups.

After a discussion on the role and the need of the two documents, Mr Kruse specified that there is an historical reason to have the two documents (when TPWind was launched the EWI was not in place yet, therefore TPWind first developed the SRA and then has been asked to develop the EWI Implementation plan). Moreover, the SRA has a long term vision while the EWI focus on short-term priorities.

3.3 TPWind: selection new chair for WG5

Mr. Kruse and Mrs. Iuga (member of the TPWind Secretariat), addressed the issue of electing the new Chair for WG5, since Mr Gasco resigned. According to the Terms of Reference chair of WGs should be part of the SC. Therefore, the Secretariat had asked who within the SC members would have liked to candidate for the position. SC members agreed in asking Mrs Kielichowska, co-chair of WG5 and who had already chaired the group in the last meetings, to act as a chair in the upcoming months. Mrs Kielichowska will be invited as observer to the next SC meeting.

3.4 EU budget 2014 – 2020: financing wind energy

Mrs Radvilaite, Policy adviser for EU budget at EWEA, presented the state-of-play in terms of EU funding for wind energy R&D.

In particular, Mrs Radvilaite presented Horizon 2020, a package of measures to boost research, innovation and competitiveness in Europe which brings together all EU R&I funding. In particular, she gave an overview on the difference in terms of budget for FP7 programme and the new Horizon 2020.

The budget of the Horizon 2020 is:

- EUR 5.6 billion (7% of H2020) through secure, clean and efficient energy,
- EUR 1 billion through Access to Risk Finance Facility for SET-plan activities (~RSFF),
- 42% increase actually replicates the “Horizon 2020” increase vs. FP7 ,
- No funding targets for renewables (as in FP7),
- No funding target for wind.

Members of SC highlighted the fact that wind industry is not getting enough financial support and there is a strong and urgent need to increase lobbying at EU and national level.

3.5 The TPWind 8th General Assembly: agenda and goals

Mrs. Iuga, member of the TPWind Secretariat presented goals and agenda of the 8th TPWind General Assembly. In particular, working groups should focus on finalising the EWI 2013-2015 Implementation Plan. WG Secretaries will have to submit their final text to the Secretariat by the end of March 2012 at the latest. The Secretariat will then submit the final document to the European Commission during 2012 summer.

WG3 has also to finalise the new EWI Grid Integration strand. TPWind should deliver the new EWI Grid Integration strand by the summer of 2012, at the very latest.

Working groups that might have time could start working on the update of the SRA.

After the 8th General Assembly, TPWind will be in the position to:

- Publish the EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan,
- Develop the EWI 2013 Work Programme,
- Finalise the distribution of grid R&D tasks between the EWI and the EEGI,
- Begin the update of its SRA/MDS.

3.6 The TPWind 8th General Assembly: follow-up meeting

Mrs. Iuga informed the Steering Committee on the decision taking by the ExCo and the working group chairs and secretaries to organise a follow-up meeting after each round of working groups' meetings. Due to short notice, the first follow-up meeting will take place via conference call on Thursday 8 March from 10:00 to 11:30.

Starting from October, the meeting will be organised on the day after the working groups' meetings at EWEA premises.

The aim of the meeting is to get feedback on the work done and to enhance cooperation between working groups, avoid overlaps and highlight the next steps.

4. Meeting documents

The proceedings of this SC meeting are available online at the following address:
<http://www.windplatform.eu/9.0.html>.

On demand, the Secretariat can provide PowerPoint presentations.

5. Next meetings

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place on Monday the 1st of October 2012 in parallel with the 2nd TPWind Energy R&D Event, which will take place on 2nd October, 2012.

Annex: List of abbreviations

AB = Advisory Board
EC = European Commission
EEGI = European Electricity Grid Initiative
EP = European Parliament
EU = European Union
EWEA = European Wind Energy Association
EWI = European Wind Initiative
ExCo = Executive Committee
FP7 = 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development
GA = General Assembly
MDS = Market Deployment Strategy
MFF = Multiannual Financial Framework
MS = Member State
MSMG = Member States Mirror Group
RSFF = Risk Sharing Financial Facility
SC = Steering Committee
SRA = Strategic Research Agenda
TOPWind = Technology platform Operational Programme Wind
TPWind = European Wind Energy Technology Platform
WG = Working Group