

Steering Committee Meeting n° 10

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Minutes

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1. Participants list

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¹ Ms. Holttinen joined the meeting by phone.

Steering Committee - not represented

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² Ms. Constantinescu joined the meeting only to present and discuss the European Wind Initiative.

2. Agenda

Time	Wednesday November 10 th , 2010
11:00	Introduction and welcome of participants (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
11:15	Election of Executive Committee members (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat, to chair</i>)
11:45	Appointment of TPWind Working Groups Chairs following ExCo proposal (<i>Filippo Gagliardi and new TPWind Chairperson to chair</i>)
12:15	Selection of new TPWind Working Groups members (<i>Filippo Gagliardi and new TPWind Chairperson to chair</i>)
13:00	Lunch
13:45	Approval of the new TPWind structure foreseen by the TOP Wind project (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
14:15	The 2011 EWI Work Programme: development, approval and implementation (<i>Norela Constantinescu, European Commission, DG ENER</i>)
14:45	The activities and relevant funding schemes of the 2011 EWI Work Programme (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>) Following the presentation, an open discussion will follow (<i>Filippo Gagliardi and new TPWind Chairperson to chair</i>)
15:30	Conclusions and next meeting

3. Main decisions

Introduction

Henning Kruse, Chair of the Platform, opened the meeting by welcoming participants and presenting the agenda. He also informed participants that the main goals of the meeting were to renew the Platform and discuss the implementation of the European Wind Initiative (EWI).

TPWind is entering a new phase of its development, which will be funded through the new FP7 TOP Wind project (to be launched in December 2010 or January 2011). TOP Wind, which will end in 2013, will replace the FP6 Windsec project, which provided EU funding to TPWind over the 2007 – 2010 period.

For this reason, Platform's Working Groups, Executive Committee and Steering Committee have to be renewed.

New Working Groups and Executive Committee members will be identified and announced before the end of 2010. On the other hand, the Steering Committee will be renewed in the first half of 2011.

As for the EWI, it was officially launched at the Madrid SET-Plan Conference in June 2010. Its proper implementation will represent one of the main goals of the Platform for the years to come.

Thanks to the EWI, a proper coordination of EU and national funds for wind energy R&D is being attempted for the first time. Further to that, all European funding schemes will focus on priorities defined by the wind energy industry and R&D community only.

Some of the future tasks of the Steering Committee will be the following:

- Agree on the modalities to renew the Steering Committee;
- Contribute to the implementation of the EWI;
- Contribute to the update of the Strategic Research Agenda / Market Deployment Strategy (SRA/MDS).

Election of Executive Committee members

New Executive Committee members had to be appointed since the mandate of those in charge expired.

Executive Committee candidates were the following:

- Mr. Henning Kruse, Siemens;
- Ms. Angeles Santamaria, Iberdrola;
- Mr. Takis Chaviaropoulos, CRES;
- Mr. Christian Nath, GL;

- Mr. Pep Prats, Alstom;
- Mr. Allan MacAskill, Seaenergy Renewables.

Filippo Gagliardi introduced the discussion by listing candidates and outlining the rules for the election of Executive Committee members.

According to the TPWind's Terms of Reference, one Chairperson, a maximum of two Vice-Chairs and two Alternates can be elected as Executive Committee (ExCo) members by the Steering Committee (SC). The Chairperson does not have to be an SC member, whereas Vice-Chairs and Alternates are elected within the Steering Committee.

ExCo members serve for an 18-months period and may be reappointed. Their position is not subject to remuneration.

Following Mr. Gagliardi's presentation, candidates introduced themselves and outlined the added value they could bring to the Platform's ExCo.

An open discussion, first with candidates and then without them (closed doors), followed.

A motion was eventually put forward to increase the number of ExCo members from five to six (for this term only), in order to elect all candidates.

The motion was approved by the Steering Committee with all votes in favor except 2 against and 1 abstention.

As a result, all candidates were elected to the ExCo for the following 18 months, i.e. up to May 2012.

The SC also agreed that positions within the ExCo (i.e. Chair, Vice-Chairs and Alternates) will be identified by ExCo members themselves.

The modification to the Terms of Reference agreed by the SC (i.e. change of ExCo size for this term only) will be implemented by the TPWind Secretariat.

Further to that, the Secretariat will also specify, in the Terms of Reference, that from now on TPWind ExCo members and Working Group Chairs will have the possibility to serve only up to two terms: at the end of the second, they will have to be replaced.

The new Terms of Reference will be developed and circulated within the SC for review and approval before the next meeting.

Appointment of Working Group Chairs

New Working Group (WG) Chairs had to be appointed since the mandate of those in charge expired.

Filippo Gagliardi introduced the discussion by outlining the rules for their appointment.

According to the TPWind's Terms of Reference, the ExCo proposes a Chairperson for each WG. This proposal is subject to acknowledgement and validation by the Steering Committee. Chairpersons serve for an 18-months period and may be reappointed. Their position is not subject to remuneration.

If the WG is unable to provide suitable outcomes, the Chairperson can be revoked by the Steering Committee.

WG Chairpersons have to be Steering Committee members.

The ExCo proposal to the SC was the following:

- WG 1: Mr. Erik Lundtang Petersen, Risoe/DTU;
- WG 2: Mr. Jos Beurskens, ECN;
- WG 3: Ms. Hannele Holttinen, VTT;
- WG 4: Mr. John Olav Tande, SINTEF;
- WG 5: Mr. Carlos Gasco, Iberdrola.

Following Mr. Gagliardi's presentation, candidates introduced themselves and outlined the added value they could bring to the various Working Groups.

A discussion followed within the SC, since four of the five suggested Chairs came from the R&D community rather than from the industry.

As a result, the Steering Committee approved the appointment of the Chairs identified by the ExCo providing that an industry Co-Chair will be elected in each Working Group at the next General Assembly. This measure will ensure a proper balance between the industry and the R&D community in the management of TPWind and will avoid the Platform to send the wrong signal to the outside world.

The industry Co-Chair will therefore replace the two Vice-Chairs that used to be elected within each Working Group: this modification will be included in the new version of the Platform's Terms of Reference to be developed by the Secretariat.

The Secretariat will also provide support to Chairs in the identification of suitable candidates for the position of Co-Chairs.

Ms. Holttinen and Mr. Gasco might step down in 2011 due to other work commitments. Should that be the case, new Chairs for their Working Groups will be identified in future SC meetings.

Selection of new TPWind Working Group members

The call for expression of interest to recruit new Working Group members was launched in July and closed on 1 October: approximately 200 applications were received (for up to 150 positions in TPWind- i.e. 30 per Working Group).

Working Group Chairs were asked to score applications according to the criteria outlined in the call's guidelines, i.e.:

- Years of experience in the wind sector;
- Scientific background;
- Work experience at international level;
- Areas of technology interest;
- Motivation.

As a result, Chairs developed a first proposal for the composition of new Working Groups, which was presented by Filippo Gagliardi to the Steering Committee.

Following the presentation, a discussion followed in order to ensure the right level of expertise in the various Working Groups as well as their right composition in terms of type of organizations involved, geographical distribution and gender balance.

The Steering Committee approved the Chairs' proposal with the following modifications:

- Working Group 1: only two CENER representatives should be involved (not three) and ENEL should be included too;
- Working Group 2: only one representative per organization should be involved. The Secretariat will therefore get in touch with relevant companies and R&D Institutes to identify their representative in WG 2;
- Working Group 3: Mr. Tande will leave the WG to chair WG 4: SINTEF will therefore identify a replacement. Further to that, only one Siemens representative should be involved (not two). Finally, additional applications should be selected in order to reach the quota of 30 members (instead of limiting the WG to 25 members as originally suggested);
- Working Group 4: 31 members should be included in this WG instead of 30, in view of the high quality of applications received.

The Secretariat will be in charge of implementing these modifications to the preliminary list of new Working Group members and of announcing them officially before the end of 2010 in order to establish the new Platform.

Approval of the new TPWind structure

Following the development of the TOP Wind project, which will provide EU funding to TPWind for the 2010 – 2013 period, the following modifications were introduced in the structure of the Platform:

- Former policy Working Groups (“Wind Market & Economics” and “Policy & Environment”) were merged into a new WG, called “Environment & Deployment”. This strategy aims at refocusing the Platform on R&D and technology issues, which are the most relevant ones for TPWind;
- The “Finance Working Group” (FWoG) was phased out. The changes in the external policy environment, such as the launch of the EEPR and the EWI, made its primary goals (i.e. identifying potential sources of funding for wind energy operators and analyzing the possibility of launching a Wind Energy JTI) not relevant anymore. If needed, TPWind/EWEA will get in touch with financial experts through their networks. Besides, WG 5 will also focus on financial issues and the economic impact of R&D and innovation, so as to provide TPWind with all the instruments required to handle financial tasks and analyses;

- The total number of Platform members was increased to approximately 175 (not including MSMG and AB members), i.e. 30 members per Working Group plus 25 Steering Committee members (up from roughly 150 over the 2007 – 2010 period). New Working Group members were selected through a call for expression of interest launched in July 2010;
- The establishment of an Advisory Board (AB) was decided. This new body will be composed of external stakeholders (i.e. non-Platform members) who will help TPWind to increase its network and effectiveness by providing inputs and contacts. They will represent an essential and easily accessible link between the Platform and other relevant sectors and stakeholders. Invitations to the AB will be sent before the end of 2010;
- Filippo Gagliardi will replace Nicolas Fichaux (who left EWEA at the end of July) as TPWind Secretary General.

This item of the agenda was not discussed due to lack of time.

However, Steering Committee members received all relevant information concerning the changes to the TPWind structure.

In absence of formal remarks, the new structure of the Platform is therefore considered as approved.

The implementation of the EWI

Ms. Constantinescu (European Commission – DG ENER) joined the meeting to present the European Wind Initiative and progresses made in its implementation.

The contents of the 2011 EWI Work Programme, developed by TPWind and submitted to EU Institutions and Member States through the Wind European Industrial Initiative Team and the SET-Plan Steering Group, were approved by the European Commission.

This represents a major achievement, since the Work Programme lists EU and national calls for proposals and budget allocations that should be put into action in 2011 in order to implement the EWI.

The 2011 EWI Work Programme, which aims at focusing EU and national funds on the R&D priorities of the wind energy sector, was approved by the SC too, prior to its final submission to EU Institutions and Member States. Its final version was circulated again before the meeting, so as to ensure that all SC members are aware of its contents.

Two major issues will have to be addressed in order to ensure the implementation of the EWI:

- The proper coordination of EU and national funds – the budget of the EWI is considerable and available resources need to be allocated effectively, especially in current times of budget constraints;
- The identification of relevant project ideas - knowing what the industry intends to do in terms of specific projects would facilitate the allocations of national funds, which could be directed to support national projects and players.

TPWind is already supporting the EC in coordinating EU and national funds, by indicating which R&D priorities could be better funded at local level (depending on the interests of Member States) and how. This exercise will continue in order to ensure the implementation of the 2011 EWI Work Programme and of those that will follow.

To this purpose, ad-hoc meetings and workshops might be organized.

As for the identification of project ideas, TPWind does not have the mandate to investigate the plans of its members: the Platform needs to respect the principle of neutrality and can not support specific project ideas representing only some of its members.

Further to that, Member States should already be aware of the interests and areas of action of their players.

TPWind will therefore engage in further internal discussions to verify to which extent it could disclose areas of interest and/or project ideas of its members.

At the same time, the Secretariat will monitor the implementation of the 2011 EWI Work Programme, provide relevant support to the EC and keep TPWind members updated on the developments.

4. Meeting documents

The main documents 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 be organized in March 2011.

The first General Assembly of the new Technology Platform (i.e. in the framework of the TOP Wind project) will also take place in March 2011 in order not to overlap with the EERA first General Assembly (scheduled on 11 and 12 April, 2011).

The exact dates of meetings will be identified by the Executive Committee and notified to all TPWind members.

6. Annex: List of abbreviations

EC = European Commission
EEPR = European Programme for Recovery
EIB = European Investment Bank
EIT = European Institute of Technology
ETS = Emission Trading System
EWI = European Wind Initiative
FP6 = 6th Framework Programme for Research and Development
FP7 = 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development
GA = General Assembly
JTI = Joint Technology Initiative
MS = Member State
MSMG = Member States Mirror Group
NER = New Entrants Reserve
SC = Steering Committee