

Steering Committee Meeting n° 14

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Minutes

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1. Participants list

Steering Committee

Name	First Name	Company/Institute	Alternate
Anderson	Mike	RES	
Beurskens	Jos	ECN - retired	
Christensen	Lars Christian	Vestas	
Elsevier van Griethuysen	Dolf	Ballast Nedam	
Hessel	Christoph	GE Wind	Jaco Nies
Holtinen	Hannele	VTT	
Kariniotakis	George	Mines ParisTech	
Kielichowska	Izabela	GE	
Kruse	Henning	Siemens	
Landberg	Lars	GL Garrad Hassan	
Langreder	Wiebke	Suzlon	
MacAskill	Allan	MacAskill Associates	
Madsen	Jens Ingemann	Vattenfall	
Marti	Ignacio	CENER	
Nath	Christian	Germanischer Lloyd - retired	
Prats	Pep	Alstom	
Santamaria	Angeles	Iberdrola Renovables	
Tande	John	SINTEF	
Villanueva	Mauro	Gamesa	

Excused

Name	First Name	Company/Institute	Alternate
Chaviaropoulos	Takis	CRES	
Gertmar	Lars	ABB - retired	
Hoedemaekers	Koen	Hansen Transmission	
Petersen	Erik Lundtang	DTU Wind	
Tavner	Peter	Durham University - retired	
Taylor	Allan	UK department for energy and climate change	

Secretariat

Name	First Name	Company/Institute
Conconi	Manuela	EWEA
Gagliardi	Filippo	EWEA
Jensen	Peter Hjuler	DTU Wind

2. Agenda

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European Wind Energy Association, Brussels
October 1st, 2012 – 3:00 to 7:00 PM

Time	Monday October 1 st , 2012
15:00	Introduction and welcome of participants (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
15:05	Inclusion of Ms. Izabela Kielichowska (GE – WG 5 Vice-Chair) in the TPWind SC
15:15	Election of TPWind Executive Committee members (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson, to chair</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Candidates will introduce themselves (5 minutes each)</i> • <i>Consensus within the SC will be sought, also through a closed doors discussion (without candidates)</i> • <i>If necessary, elections with secret vote will be held</i>
16:15	Coffee break
16:30	Appointment of TPWind Working Groups Chairs (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson, to chair</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Candidates will introduce themselves (5 minutes each)</i> • <i>Consensus within the SC will be sought, also through a closed doors discussion (without candidates)</i> • <i>If necessary, elections with secret vote will be held</i>
17:30	TPWind – EERA relationships: appointing TPWind representatives in EERA's Advisory Board and EERA's Windscanner project (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
18:00	Implementation of the EWI: state-of-play and next steps (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
18:10	The new MSMG strategy: state-of-play and next steps (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
18:20	TPWind survey: results and next steps (<i>Manuela Conconi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
18:30	TPWind 2 nd Energy event: agenda and goals (<i>Manuela Conconi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
18:40	Conclusions and next steps (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
18:45	End of SC meeting
19:00	Steering Committee dinner

3. Main decisions

3.1 Introduction

Mr Kruse, TPWind Chairperson, welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment. He underlined that the Platform has gone through a renewal process that will continue with the elections of new ExCo members and the appointment of new Working Group (WG) Chairs.

Mr Kruse stressed that the new EWI 2013-2015 Implementation Plan, drafted by the Secretariat following inputs received from all TPWind Working Groups, will be discussed at the next Wind EIT Team on 9 October 2012.

Platform's Working Groups should therefore now focus entirely on updating the Strategic Research Agenda / Market Deployment Strategy (SRA/MDS).

Mr. Kruse presented the agenda of the day, which included the appointment of TPWind representatives in the EERA's and Windscanner project's Advisory Boards, the implementation of the EWI, the new MSMG strategy, the TPWind survey outcomes and the 2nd Platform's Energy R&D Event.

He then asked all participants to briefly introduce themselves.

3.2 Inclusion of Ms. Izabela Kielichowska (GE – WG 5 Vice-Chair) in the TPWind SC

Mr. Kruse explained that, following Mr. Carlos Gasco's decision to leave TPWind in early 2012, Ms. Kielichowska had been successfully acting as WG 5 *ad interim* Chair, ensuring continuity of work.

In order to appoint Ms Kielichowska as official WG 5 Chair, she had to be officially included in the Platform's Steering Committee first (as indicated in TPWind's Terms of Reference).

Ms. Kielichowska introduced herself and all SC members unanimously agreed to include her in the SC.

3.3 Election of TPWind Executive Committee members

Mr. Kruse explained the procedure for electing new Executive Committee (ExCo) members. According to the Terms of Reference, the ExCo should be composed of five people. ExCo members have to be selected by and within the SC and can serve up to two terms in a row. However, two ExCo members are automatically reappointed at every election to ensure continuity in the management of the Platform.

During the 63rd ExCo meeting, in April 2012, the ExCo decided to reappoint Mr. Henning Kruse and Mr. Allan MacAskill for the October 2012 – March 2014 term.

Following Mr. Kruse's introduction, Mr Gagliardi explained the fundamental role of ExCo members, who are the main link between the SC, TPWind's decision-making body, and the Secretariat, the Platform's operational arm.

Candidates were then presented:

- Lars Christian Christensen (Vestas)
- Hannele Holttinen (VTT)
- Mauro Villanueva (Gamesa)
- Peter Tavner (Durham University - retired)

All candidates introduced themselves, with the exception of Mr. Tavner, who could not join the SC meeting.

All candidates then left the room. After a closed-door discussion, the SC agreed to elect all of them, hence establishing a six-member ExCo, as in the previous term.

New ExCo members are:

Name	First Name	Organization
Kruse	Henning	Siemens
MacAskill	Allan	MacAskill Associates
Villanueva	Mauro	Gamesa
Christensen	Lars	Vestas
Holttinen	Hannele	VTT
Tavner	Peter	University of Durham (retired)

ExCo members will identify the Platform's Chair, Vice-Chairs and Alternates autonomously and inform the SC, which will have to validate the Chair's appointment.

3.4 Appointment of TPWind Working Groups Chairs

Mr Kruse and Mr Gagliardi explained the role of WG Chairs, who are the essential link between TPWind members and the SC. As indicated in the Terms of Reference, WG Chairs are appointed for 18 months, can be re-elected (with no limits to the number of terms they can serve) and have to be SC members.

Following the introduction, candidates were presented:

- WG1 – Wind conditions – Erik Lundtang Petersen (DTU Wind) and Wiebke Langreder (SUZLON)
- WG2 – Wind power system - Jos Beurskens (ECN - retired)
- WG3 – Grid integration – George Kariniotakis (Mines ParisTech)
- WG4 – Offshore - John Olav Tande (SINTEF)
- WG5 – Environment and deployment – Izabela Kielichowska (GE)

All candidates introduced themselves with the exception of Mr. Petersen, who could not join the SC meeting. Following their presentations, candidates left the room so that SC members could have a closed-door discussion to decide on their appointment.

WG1

Some SC members supported Mr Petersen in view of the work he had been doing on the new EU Wind Atlas project, which is one of the European Wind Initiative's major achievements. Other SC members, on the other hand, favoured Ms. Langreder to introduce a positive change in WG 1's management.

Following the discussion, Mr. Kruse asked to hold a vote. Its results were the following:

- Erik Petersen: 5 votes
- Wiebke Langreder: 10 votes
- Abstentions: 4 (including Ms. Langreder, who was not present in the room)

Given the results of the vote, SC members unanimously decided to appoint Ms. Langreder as new WG 1 Chair.

WG2

Jos Beurskens was the only candidate for WG 2 and was re-appointed unanimously.

WG3

George Kariniotakis was the only candidate for WG 3.

WG4

John Olav Tande was the only candidate for WG 4 and was appointed unanimously. Given the difficulties in managing WG 4, which is composed of a very diverse range of stakeholders, the SC informed Mr. Tande that good coordination work is required to proactively involve all members. The Secretariat and SC will be ready to support Mr. Tande if necessary.

WG5

Izabela Kielichowska was the only candidate for WG 5 and was appointed unanimously.

Following the elections, some SC members suggested that WG members should be involved in the election of their Chair. The ExCo will therefore discuss this option in order to verify whether the Platform's Terms of Reference should be changed accordingly.

3.5 TPWind – EERA relationships: appointing TPWind representatives in EERA's Advisory Board and EERA's Windscanner project

Mr. Gagliardi presented the TPWind-EERA (European Energy Research Alliance) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed in August 2012. The MoU clarifies TPWind and EERA's roles in the SET-Plan: TPWind will remain in charge of leading the implementation of the EWI (with EERA's support), while EERA will maintain control of its Joint Programme on wind power (with the Platform's support)

The MoU was submitted to all TPWind and EERA's contacts in DG ENER and DG RTD, in order to inform the European Commission. Moreover, it was included in the new EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan, which will be published on the SET-Plan website once ready.

In order to fully implement the MoU, TPWind was required to appoint two industry representatives in the EERA's Advisory Board.

Candidates were Mr Mauro Villanueva (GAMESA) and Mr Lars Christian Christensen (VESTAS). Following their presentation, they were unanimously appointed by the SC.

EERA also asked TPWind to appoint industry representatives for the WindScanner project's Advisory Board.

Candidates were Mike Anderson (RES), Christoph Hessel (GE – who put forward his candidacy through his Alternate, Mr. Nies) and Wiebke Langreder (SUZLON). Following their presentation, they were too unanimously appointed by the SC.

The Secretariat will inform EERA of TPWind's official representatives.

3.6 Implementation of the EWI: state-of-play and next steps

Mr. Gagliardi presented the EWI state-of-play as well as TPWind's 2013 – 2014 funding recommendations (based on the new EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan).

In order to better explain how the inputs of WGs 1, 2 and 3 were translated into the new EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan, the Secretariat will develop dedicated guidance documents and submit them to relevant Chairs and Secretaries.

WGs 4 and 5 on the other hand did not express the same request: no concerns were raised on the Secretariat's handling of their inputs.

Mr. Gagliardi also pointed out that EWI Implementation Plans are public, policy documents, not requiring a high level of technical details. For this reason, changes to WGs' texts are almost inevitable when developing their final versions.

It was decided to further discuss the development of EWI Implementation Plans at the follow-up meeting on 3 October (after the 2nd TPWind Energy R&D Event).

3.7 The new MSMG strategy: state-of-play and next steps

Mr. Gagliardi presented the new MSMG strategy, which had preliminarily been approved by the MSMG Chair and Vice-Chairs.

A new course of action is needed because the implementation of the MSMG 2010 – 2013 Work Plan is accumulating long delays and might not be feasible. The new MSMG strategy involves reshaping the MSMG role and transforming it into TPWind's EWI Advisory Board.

MSMG members could provide the Platform with Member States' initial feedbacks on new EWI documents.

This would help TPWind to fine-tune them before presenting them to the Wind EII Team. Moreover, this would provide the Platform with a clear added value at a very low cost, since discussions on EWI documents could be held through conference calls instead of physical meetings.

The Steering Committee approved the new strategy: the Secretariat will develop a paper describing it in greater detail, validate it through the SC and MSMG and ensure its implementation as from 2013.

3.8 TPWind survey: results and next steps

Ms. Conconi presented the results of the survey carried out in June and July 2012. The aim of the survey was to gather WG members' inputs and feedbacks on the Platform's performance.

According to its results, networking opportunities and impact at EU level represent a clear added value for TPWind members.

Moreover, good events' logistics and relationships with the Secretariat are Platform's strengths. On the other hand, support from WG Secretaries (also in terms of good structuring of WG meetings and workflow), as well as a clear understanding of the Platform's role in the EU energy policy framework, are areas of improvement.

To address these issues, the Secretariat will:

- Develop a paper clearly describing TPWind's role at EU level, to clarify it to its members;
- Present TPWind's main achievements and next steps at the 2013 GA and encourage the EC to underline the Platform's importance in its presentation;
- Encourage Secretaries to keep WGs alive in between TPWind meetings, through conference calls, emails and / or updates via the Platform's newsletter.

3.9 TPWind 2nd Energy event: agenda and goals

Ms. Conconi presented the TPWind 2nd Energy R&D Event's agenda, planned for October 2nd, 2012, at "The Square" in Brussels.

In comparison to the first Energy R&D Event, the 2nd, focusing on offshore energy rather than grid integration, is shorter, to provide WGs with more time for their meetings.

Due to a lack of resources, WGs are not in the position to rely on facilitators anymore. They will be reintroduced as soon as new TPWind sponsors will be identified.

4. Meeting documents

The proceedings of this SC meeting are available online at the following address: <http://www.windplatform.eu/documents/steering-committee-meetings/>.

On demand, the Secretariat can provide PowerPoint presentations.

5. Next meetings

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place in the first half of March 2013 in parallel with the 9th TPWind General Assembly. The Secretariat will circulate the exact date in the coming weeks.

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
TOP Wind = Technology platform Operational Programme Wind
TPWind = European Wind Energy Technology Platform
WG = Working Group