

## The new TPWind ToR

# Introduction

- ❑ Following the last round of TPWind meetings (October 2012), it was decided to change the Platform's Terms of Reference in order to allow WGs to elect their Chair autonomously
- ❑ At the moment, the SC is in charge of appointing WG Chairs and WG members cannot modify its decision. This situation should change as from next year, when TPWind will be renewed
- ❑ A new version of the Terms of Reference was therefore developed by the Secretariat and discussed with the ExCo. A copy of the new ToR is included in your delegate's package
- ❑ The new ToR should now be discussed and approved in order to publish a new version before the beginning of the Platform's renewal process

## Changes to the ToR - Section 3.2.2 (SC composition)

- ❑ The SC is composed of up to 25 senior wind energy experts:
  - 20 Full Members, elected through ad-hoc calls for expression of interest. SC Full Members are in charge of appointing WG Chairs when the Platform is renewed, to provide initial direction and guidance to Working Groups
  - Up to 5 Working Group Chairs (one per WG) autonomously elected by their Working Groups. After their first meeting, WGs can either elect their own Chair (who would automatically become a SC member) or validate the one originally provided by the SC. Chairs elected within WGs have in any case to be validated by the 20 Full Members before being appointed to the SC. Should one or more Chairs fail to be validated, the SC can:
    - ❑ Ask the relevant Working Group(s) to appoint a different Chair
    - ❑ Appoint one of the SC Full Members to the position of Chair in that WG
    - ❑ Invite a non-SC member to become Chair of the relevant Working Group(s), which would entail his/her automatic appointment to the SC

## Changes to the ToR - Section 3.2.3 (SC general rules)

- ❑ The 20 Full Members are reselected every 3 years through an ad-hoc call for expression of interest launched by the Secretariat.
- ❑ However, in order to ensure continuity in the management of the Platform, ExCo members and WG Chairs, are automatically reappointed at each election.
- ❑ The text of the call, which has to be approved by the SC before being published, details the rules and methodology for renewing the SC and selecting new members.
- ❑ In any case, the text of the call has to be in line with the following overall approach:
  - Candidates should submit their CV and application form through a dedicated online submission system hosted on the TPWind website
  - ExCo members and WG Chairs are automatically reappointed, because they receive a specific mandate to serve in these positions and their term does not necessarily coincide with that of SC members

## Changes to the ToR - Section 3.3.4 (WGs general rules)

- ❑ The Chair is either appointed by the SC or elected by WG members on the basis of an internal vote (see the SC section). The WG Chair elected within a Working Group is automatically appointed to the Steering Committee, to establish a link between Working Groups and the management of the Platform.
- ❑ WG Chairs are appointed for a period of 18 months and might be removed by the SC should their Working Group fail to deliver.
- ❑ There is no limit to the number of terms that Chairs can serve and they can have their travel expenses reimbursed by TPWind when travelling on Platform's business
- ❑ Their main tasks are the following:
  - Represent the Working Group and speak on its behalf at events and meetings;
  - Act as the link between the WG and the TPWind Steering Committee, which is the Platform's main decision-making body;
  - Organize and chair Working Group meetings;
  - Supervise the work of WG members;
  - Ensure that his/her WG delivers as planned.

## Changes to the ToR – Member States Mirror Group

- ❑ The section dealing with the MSMG has been deleted because according to the ExCo this WG is not delivering
- ❑ Besides, the MSMG has been, de facto, replaced by the Wind EII Team, where TPWind representatives meet MS and EU officials to ensure the implementation of the EWI
- ❑ If the SC has no objections, the Secretariat will therefore verify with the EC the possibility of asking MSMG members who still wish to be involved in TPWind activities to join the Platform's AB
- ❑ As a result, the MSMG, which has struggled to implement its Work Plan over the past two years, will be phased out and merged with the AB

## Conclusions and next steps

- ☐ The SC should now discuss the contents of the new Terms of Reference
- ☐ On the basis of its inputs, the Secretariat will develop a new version that will be circulated for a final review and approval in the coming weeks
- ☐ Following this step, the new Terms of Reference will be sent to all TPWind members and uploaded on the Platform's website
- ☐ The new TOR will guide TPWind activities in the years to come, in particular from 2014, when the Platform will be renewed

Thank you for your attention!



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