

Steering Committee Meeting n° 15

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Minutes

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1. Participants list

Steering Committee

Name	First Name	Company/Institute	Alternate
Beurskens	Jos	ECN - retired	
Chaviaropoulos	Takis	CRES	
Christensen	Lars Christian	Vestas	
Gertmar	Lars	ABB - retired	
Hessel	Christoph	GE Wind	
Holttinen	Hannele	VTT	
Kariniotakis	George	Mines ParisTech	
Kruse	Henning	Siemens	
Landberg	Lars	GL Garrad Hassan	
Langreder	Wiebke	Suzlon	
Marti	Ignacio	CENER	
Nath	Christian	Germanischer Lloyd - retired	
Petersen	Erik Lundtang	DTU	
Prats	Pep	Alstom	
Villanueva	Mauro	Gamesa	

Excused

Name	First Name	Company/Institute	Alternate
Anderson	Mike	RES	
Elsevier van Griethuysen	Dolf	Ballast Nedam	
Hoedemaekers	Koen	Hansen Transmission	
Kielichowska	Izabela	GE	
MacAskill	Allan	MacAskill Associates	
Madsen	Jens Ingemann	Vattenfall	
Petersen	Erik Lundtang	DTU Wind	
Santamaria	Angeles	Iberdrola Renovables	
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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
Radvilaite	Vilma	EWEA
Jensen	Peter Hjuler	DTU Wind

2. Agenda

Steering Committee Meeting n° 15
European Wind Energy Association, Brussels
4th March, 2013 – 3:00 to 7:00 PM

Time	Monday March 4 th , 2013
15:00	Introduction and welcome of participants (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
15:15	New TPWind Terms of Reference (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>) Following the presentation, a discussion on the Platform's new rules will follow. New rules should allow WG Chairs, elected by WG members, to become SC members
16:00	TPWind training report: contents, findings, recommendations and next steps (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
16:20	Coffee break
16:45	Implementation of the EWI: state-of-play and next steps (<i>Filippo Gagliardi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
17:05	EU budget 2014 – 2020 and Horizon 2020: funding wind energy R&D and extending support to TPWind (<i>Vilma Radvilaite, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
17:25	TPWind 9 th General Assembly: agenda and goals (<i>Manuela Conconi, TPWind Secretariat</i>)
17:45	Conclusions and next steps (<i>Henning Kruse, TPWind Chairperson</i>)
18:00	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 the key moment of the TPWind's history: the new EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan was finalised in February, the TPWind training report will be published before the summer and the new SRA/MDS will be ready by the end of the year.

Moreover, Mr Kruse informed the platform that later in the year TPWind will start the renew process, to have a new platform in 2014.

Mr Kruse presented the agenda of the day, which included the approval of the new Terms of Reference, the Platform's training report, the latest developments concerning the EWI and Horizon 2020.

3.2 New TPWind Terms of Reference

Filippo Gagliardi presented the changes made to the Terms of Reference (ToR), in order to introduce the possibility for WG members to select their own Chair. So far, chairs have been appointed by the Steering committee.

Mr Gagliardi highlighted the importance of guarantee continuity to the work of the Working group.

The proposal for the new ToR presented by Mr Gagliardi foresaw:

Change in the SC composition (page 6 of the ToR):

- 20 SC members elected through a-hoc calls for expression of interest; up to 5 five WG Chairs appointed by WG members.
- 5 SC members to chair the first WG meetings in order to facilitate transition, with WG members entitled to either confirm them or elect new Chairs coming straight from the WGs.

Change in the general rules of the WG (page 13 of the ToR):

- The Chair of a WG should be either appointed by the SC or elected by WG members.
- A Chair appointed by a WG automatically becomes a member of the SC.

After discussion with SC members it has been agreed that:

- The election of the new WG Chairs will take place at the end of the first WG meeting (with the new WG members). The first meeting will, therefore, be managed by a Chair appointed by the SC (who could be confirmed or not in his/her role at the end of the first WG meeting).
- Current Chairs will keep their position until the end of their term. This will guarantee an overlap with the election of new WG members and ensure that there will be a Chair for the first WG meetings of the new platform in 2014.
- If needed, the SC will appoint a temporary Chair to run the first meeting.

Moreover, the possibility of removing inactive members from the Platform has been discussed.

It was, therefore, agreed that the Terms of Reference will be modified and will include:

- The possibility to remove members after 1 year of no communication (in any form: email, telephone, presence at meetings)
- Before removing inactive members and replacing them with candidates from WG reserve lists, relevant WG Secretaries should try to get in touch with them to verify their interest in remaining part of the Platform.

Mr Gagliardi also presented the ExCo decision to phase-out the Member States Mirror Group (MSMG).

Following the suggestion of Christian Nath, the new ToR will also mention the merge of the MSMG with the Advisory Board. The secretariat will inform MSMG members and will invite those interested to remain part of TPWind to join the Advisory Board.

The Secretariat will draft the new Terms of Reference and circulate it within the SC.

3.3 TPWind training report: contents, findings, recommendations and next steps

Mr Gagliardi presented to the Steering Committee the training report produced by TPWind Secretariat, with GL Garrad Hassan as the leading author. Its main findings and recommendations were presented in February 2013 at EWEA 2013 in Vienna.

The draft version was sent to SC members on 22 January 2013 for comments.

The comments received from SC members were:

- **G. Kariniotakis:** does the report clearly suggest how to fill the identified gap? Which masters/courses should be taken into consideration?
- **L. Landberg:** the report makes no reference to the lessons learnt from other sectors (e.g. IT). Could we add something on that? Also, more illustrations clearly showing the findings should be added: the findings are interesting and dramatic, so they should be properly highlighted and illustrated
- **T. Chaviaropoulos:** considering the financial crisis we need to pay attention to the data we will provide. Especially in terms of projections to 2020 (see page 27). Our estimations should therefore be properly checked and justified
- **L. Gertmar:** the report should be updated every 5 years max, in order to provide a credible picture of the situation. Maybe a remark on this could be added.
- **C. Hessel:** a clear introduction stating that the current crisis might have an impact on the report's projections should be added: it is risky, in the current situation, to make any kind of estimation. Moreover, as indicated by Mr. Gertmar, the report should be updated regularly to provide a realistic overview of the situation.
- **I. Marti:** References to the activities that IRENA is coordinating on capacity building (<http://www.irena.org/menu/index.aspx?mnu=Subcat&PriMenuID=35&CatID=110&SubcatID=156&RefID=156&SubID=161&MenuType=Q>) should be added. IRENA is covering all renewables, not only wind energy but there is a significant effort in the area of capacity building, especially in emerging markets. This is involving several European countries that participate in the IRELP initiative: this work should be mentioned and included as a reference in order to have a more complete report.
- **C. Nath:** if possible, the statistical basis should be enlarged. Also, the following typos should be corrected:
 - o 1. page 8, 2nd paragraph ...in order TO fill any gaps...
 - o 2. same paragraph, last line ...European-wide...
 - o 3. page 28, 2nd line, ...cumulative capacity. (only one full stop)
 - o 4. page 29, last line, lower line of the equation should not be on next page.
 - o the page numbering on page 5 starts with „2“ again

GL Garrad Hassan will incorporate all comments and send a final version to EWEA that will circulate it within the SC for final approval.

EWEA will then take care of proofreading, editing, designing and printing of the report, which should be ready by June 2013.

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

Filippo Gagliardi presented to the SC the latest development concerning the European Wind Initiative and the next steps.

The final version of the EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan and 2013 Work Programme were submitted to the European Commission on 22 February 2013.

Once finally approved, the EWI 2013 – 2015 Implementation Plan will be published by the EC on the SET-Plan website, while the 2013 Work Programme will remain confidential, although available to TPWind members.

The Secretariat will circulate both documents within TPWind as soon as approved by the European Commission.

Mr Gagliardi informed the SC that the first Horizon 2020 Energy call (to be published towards the end of 2013 / beginning of 2014) was discussed for the first time with the EC in January 2013. More information on the contents of the call will become available during the summer.

TPWind is also asking for:

- Dedicated EU funding for the EWI;
- Reduced time-to-grant (currently too high: approximately one year for the FP7 – it needs to be 6 months max);
- Simpler EU rules, especially for coordinating European and national funds (the current ERANET+ scheme is too complex);
- Room for bottom-up activities, instead of top-down only (as it is now with FP7 calls): companies and R&D centres need to be able to submit their own project ideas;
- Extended funding of SET-Plan ETPs in the second half of the decade and a better recognition of their role in the EU energy policy framework.

Many SC members highlighted the importance of the bottom-up approach, to achieve more flexibility in the implementation of the EWI.

Mr Gagliardi explained that the “bottom-up” facility should not overlap with the Horizon 2020 calls on specific topics and should count on a dedicated budget. More information on how this new scheme will work will become available during the summer.

Mr Nath suggested that the “bottom-up” approach could also be available in between calls for proposals.

Mr Gagliardi will keep the Platform informed on any relevant development.

3.5 TPWind – EU budget 2014 – 2020 and Horizon 2020: funding wind energy R&D and extending support to TPWind

Mrs Radvilaite, EU Budget and research Adviser at EWEA, presented the latest development on EU budget and on the new Horizon 2020 programme.

The European Commission published the proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2014 -2020) on 29 June 2012.

The total proposal was 1,033,209 Million Euro, which was cut to 959,988 Million Euro by the Council.

The budget of the new Horizon 2020 programme should see a 41% increase compared to the FP7 and correspond to 7.8% of the total 2014-2020 Financial Framework (80 Million Euro).

3.6 TPWind 9th General Assembly: agenda and goals

Mrs Conconi presented the main points to be addressed at the 9th General Assembly and informed WG Chairs of the main logistics issues.

The focus of the GA was the update of the Strategic Research Agenda, which needs to be finalised by the end of 2013.

Mrs Conconi reminded WG Chairs that the SRA/MDS is not limited, like the EWI, by a specific budget, timeline and set of key performance indicators. Consequently, WGs should feel free to brainstorm and include anything they find relevant.

The Secretariat will be in charge of collecting all inputs and develop the final version of the new document. The new SRA will be launched in early 2014, most likely at EWEA 2014 conference in Barcelona.

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 round of TPWind meetings will take place in September 2013, and will include:

- 16th SC meeting: 23 September
- 3rd TPWind Energy Event: 24 September
- 3rd TPWind follow-up meeting: 25 September

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