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Section 1 – Funding opportunities

Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)

Call deadline: 24 June 2010

The 2010 IEE call for proposals was published on 23 March, 2010.

Approximately € 56 m will be made available through this call, supporting up to 75% of the eligible project costs. Any public or private organisation from the EU, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Croatia can apply. The energy efficiency and renewable energy priorities to be supported by the 2010 call for proposals are the following:

Energy efficiency and rational use of resources (SAVE)

Energy-efficient buildings:

- Actions to improve the operational efficiency of non-residential buildings. This could include low or no cost measures, effective commissioning or better operation and maintenance.
- Alternatively, actions to improve energy management in multi-residential buildings will also be considered (e.g. co-ownership properties, managed housing stock).
- Priority will be given to actions demonstrating active engagement of market multipliers (e.g. associations, federations) and high impact.

Consumer behaviour:

- Actions helping consumers choose the most energy efficient products among those covered under the Eco-design Directive (e.g. household appliances, windows, lighting etc.)
- Actions directly raising awareness among various groups of individual consumers for issues covered, for instance by the Energy Services Directive (e.g. advanced metering and informative billing) or the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.

New and renewable energy sources (ALTENER)

RES electricity:

- Actions supporting the integration of renewable electricity (including CHP) into the market and the grid, in particular by bringing forward solutions to streamline and integrate authorisation and grid connection procedures (including grid extension and reinforcement).
- Actions that would facilitate improved authorisation procedures, like forward-looking and integrated planning as well as moderation of competing stakeholder interests and concerns such as environmental impacts.
- Strategic actions to analyse and monitor policies, markets, costs and benefits of renewable electricity, possibly extended to other renewable energy sectors where appropriate and necessary.

RES in buildings:

Actions which accelerate the deployment of biomass, geothermal, and/or solar (thermal or PV) systems for heating, cooling and electricity in energy efficient buildings, including:

- The use of renewable energy building codes or ordinances, conditions for grid access, measurement and payment, training the personnel of local / regional authorities;
- The provision to all relevant actors of information on support measures and on the benefits, costs, and efficiency of RES systems and equipment.

Bioenergy:

Actions bringing untapped bio-resources onto the energy market. Such actions include:

- Supporting the implementation of local/regional bioenergy plans;
- Stimulating investments & business agreements in sustainable bioenergy supply chains (including solid biomass, biogas and liquid biofuels);
- Supporting strategic initiatives to promote quality, standards & sustainability schemes for bioenergy products, or
- Encouraging biogas injection into gas grids or use as transport fuel – including streamlining procedures for grid connection and quality monitoring.

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Section 2 –Secretariat news

The Wind Energy Roadmap: next steps

The latest version of the 2010 – 2012 Wind Energy Roadmap Implementation Plan was finalised by TPWind in February. It is based on input collected at the 5th General Assembly (held in November 2009) and on remarks provided by the European Commission and Member States over the past two months.

This document, discussed at the 6th General Assembly, held on 23 March, 2010, will be used to ensure a proper launch and implementation of the Roadmap.

According to the latest information available, the next steps for the launch of the Roadmap will be the following:

- Following the 5 March SET-Plan High Level Steering Group meeting, it seems that the wind, solar and grid Roadmaps will be launched at the 2010 Madrid SET-Plan workshop, which will take place on 3 - 4 June, 2010. The launch of the other Roadmaps might be postponed to late 2010 or early 2011 at the latest;
- The Madrid SET-Plan workshop should be composed of an opening session with political statements, a plenary session where Roadmaps to be launched will be presented by high-level representatives from the industry and R&D community, and by parallel workshops on Roadmaps that will be launched in late 2010 or 2011;
- In order to implement the Roadmaps, a European Industrial Initiative (EII) Team will be established for each of them. This Team will have the goal of translating Roadmaps' Implementation Plans into concrete actions to be funded (e.g. through EU or national calls for proposals). Every team will be composed of EC and EIB officials, relevant industry and R&D community representatives and experienced national representatives from committed Member States (i.e. Countries interested in implementing that particular Roadmap – the participation of EU Member States will therefore be on a voluntary basis). The findings of each EII Team will have to be approved by the SET-Plan SG before being put into action;
- EII Teams will be established before the end of May 2010: relevant letters of intent and terms of reference establishing their composition and governing rules are currently being developed;
- EII Teams will focus on yearly action plans and will take into consideration what has already been funded at EU and national level when preparing their proposals for the SET-Plan High Level Steering Group;
- Roadmaps will be funded through existing instruments (i.e. FP7, EIB facilities, national funds and so on): no new schemes or EU agencies will be created. However, all selected instruments (at EU and national level – for committed Member States) will focus on the priorities of the Roadmap and on the actions identified by relevant EII Teams and approved by the SET-Plan High Level Steering Group.

Additional information on the launch and implementation of the Wind Energy Roadmap will be provided in forthcoming issues of the newsletter.

Outcomes of TPWind 6th General Assembly

The TPWind 6th General Assembly (GA) took place on 23 March, 2010, in Brussels.

The morning session was dedicated to internal Working Group (WG) meetings, which discussed how to put into action the latest version of the 2010 – 2012 Wind Energy Roadmap Implementation Plan, finalised by TPWind in February 2010 and submitted to the European Commission and Member States.

The afternoon session was dedicated to the plenary, where the Secretariat and the European Commission (represented by Mr. Roberto Gambi, from the Energy Technologies & Research Coordination unit in DG ENER) updated TPWind members on:

- The contents of the latest version of the 2010 - 2012 Wind Energy Roadmap Implementation Plan;
- The next steps for the launch of the Roadmap and its future managing structure;
- The achievements of TPWind so far and its future goals and activities, which are detailed in the TOP Wind project, recently submitted to the European Commission in order to ensure funding for the Platform for the 2010 – 2013 period through the 7th Framework Programme. One of the 2010 goals of TPWind will be to renew its membership base, closed since 2007. An ad-hoc “call for expression of interest” will therefore be launched during the summer: more information on this significant step will be provided in the next issues of the newsletter and on the TPWind website.

Following these presentations, TPWind Working Group chairs and vice-chairs reported on the results of WG internal meetings.

The Secretariat is currently in the process of reviewing all input received from TPWind members in order to ensure a proper launch and implementation of the Wind Energy Roadmap.

All the proceedings of the 6th GA will be published soon on the members' lounge of the TPWind website.

The next GA (i.e. the 7th one) will take place in Brussels in the first week of April 2011: more information on this meeting will be provided soon.

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Section 3 – Members’ news

Wind energy at heart of EU smart growth strategy

The European Commission’s ‘Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth’ published today contains grid and market commitments that will boost the growth of wind energy in Europe says the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA).

Smart growth and sustainable growth are two of the three priorities put forward by the European Commission for the development of Europe’s economy until 2020. These are intended to be implemented through seven ‘flagship initiatives’ of which one is ‘resource efficient Europe’. Here the European Commission states that it will work:

- “To complete the internal energy market and implement the strategic energy technologies (SET) plan, promoting renewable sources of energy in the single market would also be a priority”.
- “To present an initiative to upgrade Europe’s networks, including Trans European Energy Networks, towards a European supergrid, “smart grids” and interconnections in particular of renewable energy sources to the grid (with support of structural funds and EIB)”.

“A truly integrated European energy market and an upgraded grid would be a massive boost for wind energy” said EWEA Chief Operating Officer Bruce Douglas. “Moving towards a supergrid with a clear focus on interconnecting renewable energy sources is exactly the commitment Europe needs. It will benefit the European consumer, as well as generate much-needed jobs.”

The strategy document claims that “the integration of the European energy market can add an extra 0.6% to 0.8% GDP” and that “meeting the EU’s objective of 20% of renewable sources of energy alone has the potential to create more than 600,000 jobs in the EU”.

The European Commission’s strategy will be presented to EU Leaders at the Spring Summit on 25-26 March.

*In this section of the newsletter **articles produced directly by TPWind members are published**, providing members with the opportunity to inform the Platform of their most recent achievements, plans, products, studies or R&D efforts.*

Every month, two to four short articles (maximum 250 words) will be selected by the Executive Committee or the Secretariat and will be included in this section of the newsletter, along with the contact details of the person or company publishing the article.

The Secretariat invites all TPWind members who would like to publish an article in the next issue of this newsletter to contact Filippo Gagliardi and send him their contribution by April 23 at the latest (filippo.gagliardi@ewea.org; +32 2 546 19821).

The Secretariat would like to remind all readers that this newsletter is sent to all TPWind members, to those included in the reserve lists of the Platform as well as to selected EC and EWEA representatives (approximately 300 people in total).

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Section 4 – Events

April

EWEC 2010 - European Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition

Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 April, 2010 - Warsaw, Poland

Featuring the Polish Day: ‘Wind Energy Market in Poland - PWEA Conference 2010’ on Monday 19 April 2009.

EWEC is widely regarded as the most professional, comprehensive and informative event in the wind sector and offers a unique opportunity to generate new business leads. EWEC is the only annual event which combines an extensive exhibition of the leading players with a conference covering every key aspect of the wind market – from technical and theoretical to policy and practice. Join over 7,000 key players in the wind industry for four days of networking and professional development.

[The full conference programme is available now.](#) Find out more about the **45 sessions on six themes** and register online to attend the conference and exhibition. Registering before the event will save you money and help you to avoid queues onsite.

A side-event focusing on TPWind and the new Wind Energy Roadmap, which with a total budget of €6 bn for the 2010 – 2020 period is set to become one of the most important instruments for supporting wind energy, will be held on 22 April from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.

More information: www.ewec2010.info

June

SET-Plan workshop

3 and 4 June, 2010 – Madrid, Spain

This new SET-Plan workshop, which follows the one held in Stockholm in October 2009, will be organised in the framework of the Spanish Presidency and will involve EU and Member States delegates, Members of the European Parliament as well as industry and R&D community representatives.

The event will mark the launch of the most mature Roadmaps (i.e. wind, solar and grid, according to the latest information available) and will therefore represent a key step in the implementation of the EU Strategic Energy Technology Plan.

More information on this important event will be provided in the next issues of the newsletter.

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