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Section 1 – Funding opportunities

Call for tenders from the the Directorate-General for Research

Call deadline: 19 February 2010

On December 19th, the European Commission published a call for tender concerning “Economic foresight study on industrial trends and the research needed to support the competitiveness of European industry around 2025”.

The reference of publication in the Official Journal is 2009/S 245-350273.

The requested study should elaborate and present quantitative prospective scenario(s) considering the expected positioning and potential of European industry in the field relevant for research in nanotechnologies, materials and production technologies (NMP). This should be done through a combination of a quantitative model (based on the main past quantitative and qualitative variables, megatrends and expected new tendencies), qualitative techniques (Delphi groups, experts panels, expert groups, ...) to discuss the quantitative information, and analysis of results and literature.

The total budget is € 300 m.

More information is available [here](#).

7th Framework Programme for Research & Development: Energy 2

Call deadline: 4 March 2010

The 2010 FP7 Energy “2” call for proposals, with a total budget of € 126,4 m, has been published on July 30th, 2009.

The following topic is relevant to wind energy:

Topic ENERGY.2010.2.3-2: Support to the coordination of stakeholders’ activities in the field of wind energy

Content/scope: Major stakeholders in the field of wind energy have established the European Wind Energy Technology Platform (TP Wind) in order to foster cooperation in the sector on R&D activities. As a result of this process, the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) has been published and the Platform is now moving towards implementation of the key topics defined in the past years, in particular through the European Wind Initiative.

This process, which is expected to have a long lasting impact on the structure and potential of the European wind energy sector to implement the European objectives, should be supported by efficient management/coordination and communication activities. Management activities will include the organisation of high-level workshops, conferences and meetings amongst European stakeholders, as well as the promotion of projects originating from the SRA and research and demonstration projects co-funded by the European Commission.

Communication activities will focus on the development and maintenance of IT tools and databases, on the preparation of information leaflets, brochures, reports, newsletters and other relevant documents, as well as on facilitating the flow and exchange of information within TP Wind and with other relevant Technology Platforms and national and international organisations.

In particular, the development of stronger ties with the oil & gas, maritime and strong cooperation with grids sectors shall lead to the development of a shared strategy towards common European energy and climate change policy and energy market challenges (e.g. installation of offshore wind turbine generators; wind-grid integration, etc.).

Funding Scheme: Coordination and Support Action (supporting action).

Expected Impact: A deepening of the cooperation of relevant stakeholders would contribute to:

- Increase the efficiency and competitiveness of research & demonstration in the field of wind energy;
- Help maximise synergies with oil & gas and maritime sectors and prevent unnecessary fragmentation of activities.

Additional information: Up to one project may be funded. For this topic, the maximum EC contribution per project will be € 1 m for a period of three years.

More information and the full application package can be found [here](#).

CORNET and EraSME calls for proposals: transnational funding opportunities for European SMEs

Calls deadline: 31 March 2010

CORNET is an ERANET project and is the acronym for COLlective Research NETworking. It is a network for information exchange and collaboration between national and regional programmes and schemes. The objective is to promote cooperation between the responsible national/regional ministries and agencies and to create opportunities to set up transnational collective research with national/regional funding. EraSME, which is also funded through the ERANET scheme of the Seventh European Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, provides similar services for the support of EU SMEs.

In greater details, CORNET networks national and regional programmes for collective research to promote cooperation between SME Associations and research organisations across Europe. EraSME, on the other hand, networks national and regional programmes promoting co-operation between individual SMEs and research organisations across Europe.

Both CORNET and EraSME have published a new call for proposals, targeting SME Associations professional federations, clusters and trade organisations, SME consortia and Research and Technology Organizations (RTOs) based in eligible Countries.

The aim of both CORNET and EraSME initiatives is to strengthen the innovation capacity of SMEs in Europe and their contribution to the development of new technology based products, processes and services. Topics to be funded are not pre-defined and can be chosen by applicants from any technological area and in any sector. Funding is made available through national or regional programmes and projects will have to aim at:

- Initiating collaboration between SMEs and/or associations from different countries and regions;
- Helping SMEs to link up with those RTOs that can help them to tackle their unique research and development challenges;
- Increasing the cooperative and competitive capability of SMEs to work in international R&D networks;
- Increasing the ability of RTOs to cooperate with European SMEs.

More information is available here:

- http://www.cornet-era.net/index.php?seite=introduction_9th_call&navigation=1313&kanal=html;
- <http://www.era-sme.net/public/6th-call-for-proposals>

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Section 2 –Secretariat news

The new Wind Energy Roadmap: an update

Following its 6th General Assembly, held in Brussels on November 10th, 2009, TPWind finalized the first draft of the Implementation Plan for the new Wind Energy Roadmap, on January 18th, 2010. The Roadmap originates from the European Wind Initiative (EWI) and was published by the European Commission in its Communication on Financing Low Carbon Technology on October 7th, 2009.

The Implementation Plan focuses on the 2010 – 2012 period and will be used to kick-start the Wind Energy Roadmap before the end of 2010.

As requested by the European Commission and the SET-Plan High Level Steering Group (which includes Member States representatives), the Implementation Plan contains the following:

- A list of all the actions to be launched in the 2010 – 2012 period, at both national and EU level for all components of the Roadmap (i.e. new turbines and components; offshore deployment; grid integration; resource assessment and spatial planning);
- An analysis of the EU added value and risk of every action;
- A estimation of the duration and budget of every action;
- An indication of the ideal funding instrument for every action.

The Wind Energy Roadmap Implementation Plan contains cross-references to the EERA (European Energy Research Alliance) Roadmap, which is also included in the EC Communication on Financing Low Carbon Technologies and with which it shares some common objectives. The focus of the EERA Roadmap is however very different, since it is not industry-driven and aims at developing better research methodologies that will produce results in the longer term. To this respect, the EERA Roadmap will support the implementation of the Wind Energy Roadmap

The Wind Energy Roadmap Implementation Plan is currently being discussed with the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and Member States representatives in the SET-Plan High Level Steering Committee. In this context, TPWind will hold up to 15 meetings with EC, JRC and national representatives.

Feedback and input collected during these meetings will be used by TPWind to develop the final version of the Wind Energy Roadmap Implementation Plan, which will be submitted to the European Commission before its official launch.

The next official SET-Plan event, following the workshop held in Stockholm on October 21st and 22nd, 2009, is scheduled for June 3rd and 4th, 2010, and should focus on the presentation of the various Roadmaps Implementation Plans as well as on their managing structures, which are currently being negotiated with the European Commission.

Additional information on the development of the Implementation Plan, on its launch and on the managing structure of the Wind Energy Roadmap will be provided in forthcoming issues of the newsletter.

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Section 3 – Members' news

Considerable offshore wind plans announced in the UK (Round 3)

On January 8th, 2010, at a ceremony with the UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Lord Peter Mandelson and Secretary of State for climate change Ed Miliband, The Crown Estate announced, that nine consortia had won rights under Round 3 to explore an additional 32 GW of offshore wind in nine development zones around the UK. This is in addition to 8 GW of existing plans for offshore wind in England and Wales and a further 7 GW in Scottish Territorial Waters.

For more information on the successful developers or the zone locations, visit The Crown Estate web site.

The Crown Estate press release is available here:

<http://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/newscontent/92-r3-developers.htm>.

*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 February 26th 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

February

EWEA policy workshop: Integrating Wind Power in Turkey

9 February, 2010 - Ankara, Turkey

The latest in EWEA's series of policy workshops in key emerging wind power markets. Organised in association with the Turkish Wind Energy Association, TWEA

English/Turkish interpretation provided. Attendance is free of charge. Presentations will be available to download after the event.

To register and for full information on this and other EWEA workshops click [here](#).

March

European Sustainable Energy Week

22 – 26 March, 2010 – Brussels, Belgium

The EU Sustainable Energy Week is the reference event for sustainable issues in Europe. It is part of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign which is an initiative of the European Commission launched in 2005.

More information is available [here](#).

TPWind 6th General Assembly

23 March, 2010 – Brussels, Belgium

TPWind 6th General Assembly, entitled “Launching the Roadmap”, will be a key event for the development of the Platform, focusing on the launch of the new Wind Energy Roadmap (which will provide approximately €6 bn of public and private resources to wind energy operators over the 2010 – 2020 period).

Members will have the opportunity to hold Working Group meetings, where future priority projects to be funded through the Roadmap will be discussed.

The 6th General Assembly, which will be the only one to be organized in 2010 (from now on, only one GA will be held every year), will end with a networking cocktail.

For more information on the event, which is limited to TPWind members, please contact Filippo Gagliardi (filippo.gagliardi@ewea.org; +32 2 5461982).

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 is set to become one of the most important instruments for the support of wind energy in the 2010 – 2020 period with a total budget of €6 bn, will be held on April 22nd from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.

More information: www.ewec2010.info

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