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## Section 1 – Funding opportunities

### 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research & Development: Ocean

*Call deadline: 14 January 2010*

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the FP7 “Ocean of Tomorrow” call for proposals, with a total budget of € 34 m, has been published.

This call has a horizontal approach: its topics are not linked specifically to any particular technology and are therefore potentially relevant also for wind energy operators.

More in details, the purpose of this call is to encourage relevant stakeholders to join resources in order to meet challenges in ocean management. As a matter of fact, Oceans offer opportunities for sustainable economic development. However, human activities are exerting increasing environmental pressure on the oceans, which is threatening marine ecosystems and sustainable maritime activities. The aim of this call for proposals is therefore to improve understanding on how marine ecosystems respond to a combination of natural and anthropogenic factors, as well as how rapid environmental changes will affect the full range of goods and services provided by the oceans and the development measures that could be developed to mitigate or adapt to these changes.

This call will be implemented through three different topics and a multidisciplinary approach will be essential for projects to be selected for funding:

- Topic OCEAN.2010 -1: Quantification of climate change impacts on economic sectors in the Arctic;
- Topic OCEAN.2010-2: Vectors of changes in ocean and seas marine life, impact on economic sectors;
- Topic OCEAN.2010-3: Sub-seabed carbon storage and the marine environment.

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

### 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.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 – News from the Secretariat

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### The new Wind Energy Roadmap: next steps

Following its 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, held in Brussels on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, TPWind is currently developing the Implementation Plan of the new Wind Energy Roadmap, which originates from the European Wind Initiative (EWI) and was published by the European Commission in its Communication on Financing Low Carbon Technology on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Further to that, TPWind is contributing to the identification of the managing structure of the Roadmap, in close cooperation with the EC.

The next steps for the launch of the Roadmap, which will be fully operational before the end of 2010, are the following:

- February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Sherpa meeting (i.e. with Member States representatives) to discuss the Implementation Plan of the Roadmap and its managing structure;
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Official SET-Plan event, where the implementation of the various Roadmaps will be discussed in details and their governing structures will be presented;

- Spring / Autumn 2010: organization of events for launching the implementation of the SET-Plan and of its Roadmaps (and ad-hoc SET-Plan conference should be organized in November 2010).

In order to prepare these meetings and ensure a smooth launch of the Roadmap, which will provide wind energy operators with € 6 bn of public and private resources over the 2010 – 2020 period, TPWind is currently setting up meetings with members of the SET-Plan High Level Steering Group (which is composed of Member States representatives, who will play a key role in ensuring an effective implementation of the Roadmap).

More information on the outcomes of the preparatory meetings as well as on the launch of the Wind Energy Roadmap will be provided in the next issues of the newsletter.

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## Section 3 – News from members

*The goal of this section of the newsletter is to **host articles developed directly by TPWind members**, so as to provide them with the opportunity to inform the Platform on their most recent achievements, plans, products, studies or R&D efforts.*

*Every month, 2 to 4 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, together 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 January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the latest ([filippo.gagliardi@ewea.org](mailto:filippo.gagliardi@ewea.org); +32 2 546 19821).***

*To this purpose, the Secretariat would like to remember 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 next 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.

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 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

*23 March, 2010 – Brussels, Belgium*

TPWind 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, entitled “Launching the Roadmap”, will represent a key event for the development of the Platform, since it will focus 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).

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

The 6<sup>th</sup> 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 be closed by a networking cocktail.

For more information on the event, which is reserved to TPWind members, please contact Filippo Gagliardi ([filippo.gagliardi@ewea.org](mailto: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.

Early bird registration for both EWEC 2010 and the Polish Day ends on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Register now to attend both events and save up to € 250 on the registration fees.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

More information: [www.ewec2010.info](http://www.ewec2010.info)

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