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## Section 1 – Funding opportunities

### European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP)

On 31 January, EURAMET e.V. launched a call within the EMRP (European Metrology Research Programme) addressing the topic areas Metrology for Energy, and Metrology for Environment:

- Stage 1 of the Call, call for Potential Research Topics (PRTs), is open from 31 January 2013 to 17 March 2013.
- Stage 2 of the Call, call for proposals for Joint Research Projects (JRPs) and associated Researcher Excellence Grants (REGs), will open on 18 June 2013 and close on 1 October 2013.

More information can be found on the call webpage: [www.emrponline.eu/call2013](http://www.emrponline.eu/call2013)

### New Entrants Reserve (NER) 300

NER300 is the EU's funding programme for innovative demonstration projects for renewable energy and carbon capture and storage (CCS). The first call for proposals was published in 2011: while no CCS projects qualified for funding, renewables projects got EUR 1.2 billion - with six wind energy projects granted EUR 273 million total.

On 3 April 2013, the second NER300 call was launched. In order to qualify, developers must apply in their Member State to be selected for co-financing. Then the Member State will submit the selected projects to the European Investment Bank and the European Commission, by 3 July 2013.

Wind projects eligible for funding have remained the same as for the first call, and include offshore wind farms with very large turbines, floating offshore turbines and onshore wind turbines for complex terrains and cold climates.

More information on the current call is available here: [http://ec.europa.eu/clima/funding/ner300/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/clima/funding/ner300/index_en.htm)

For the results of the first NER300 call for proposals, please refer to the February 2013 TPWind newsletter: <http://www.windplatform.eu/documents/newsletters/>

### Study of the environmental impacts of noise, vibrations and electromagnetic emissions from marine renewables – call for tender

Marine renewable energy has enormous potential, however, due care should be taken that possible environmental impacts are brought to a minimum in order to address public and other stakeholders' concerns for such projects. To propose technical mitigation measures, a clear understanding of the likely environmental impacts of noise (both during installation and operation), vibrations and electromagnetic emissions of most mature marine renewable technologies (i.e. offshore wind, wave and tidal energy systems) is needed. Therefore, a study should be launched to review the available scientific evidence and the significance of those impacts and then make recommendations on solutions to mitigate/cancel negative effects.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 13 June 2013.

More information is available here: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=202>

### Study on renewable energy and research and innovation capacity of sub-Saharan Africa – call for tender

Sub-Saharan Africa offers important renewable energy sources that could be exploited to help the development of the region. This potential should be used alongside the development of the indigenous capacity for deploying and maintaining it. This in turn, requires raising the research and innovation (R&I) capacities in the region. However, the exact research capacities and needs are not well known. It is, therefore, necessary to undertake an ad-hoc feasibility study. It will enable the formulation of a clear strategy on whether and how to undertake a research and innovation programme that would be equitable and beneficial to the region in the area of renewable energy.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 13 June 2013.

More information is available here: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=200>

## Section2 – Secretariat's news

### **New strategy for the TPWind Member States Mirror Group (MSMG)**

The MSMG has played a very important role in the development of TPWind since its creation in 2005. It established a useful link with EU Member States, enhanced the Platform's impact and visibility and contributed to the development of the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) and European Wind Initiative (EWI).

Since the launch of the EWI in 2010, however, the Platform established tighter links with Member States in the framework of the Wind European Industrial Initiative (EII) Team. This body comprises TPWind, European Energy Research Alliance (EERA), EU and national representatives and plays a key role in the implementation of the EWI.

Consequently, the Platform's Steering Committee recently highlighted that:

- the stronger ties between TPWind and Member States are now to be found within the Wind EII Team, rather than the MSMG and there is a considerable overlap between national representatives in the two bodies;
- the other EU energy Technology Platforms involved in the SET-Plan have already replaced MSMGs with their European Industrial Initiative Teams, which meet in Brussels more often and regularly (usually between two to four times per year);
- TPWind established an Advisory Board in 2011 (<http://www.windplatform.eu/structure/advisory-board/>), composed of non-Platform stakeholders with which cooperation is important.

For these reasons, the Platform's Steering Committees agreed that the MSMG should be merged into the Advisory Board, to enhance the overall effectiveness of the Platform, streamline its organisation and avoid overlaps between different bodies. This new course of action was also approved by the MSMG's Chair and Vice-Chairs and is being implemented under the supervision of the TPWind Secretariat.

MSMG members who are still interested in cooperating with the Platform will be given the opportunity to join the Advisory Board over the coming months. In parallel, TPWind will further strengthen its relationships with Member States through the Wind EII Team, so as to enhance its network and impact at national level, which are essential for the growth of the Platform and a proper implementation of the EWI.

The MSMG will, therefore, be phased out shortly.

All its members played an essential role in the development and success of TPWind over the past 8 years and the Platform wishes to publicly express its gratitude and recognition for their work and commitment.

### **New TPWind Terms of Reference (ToR) published**

A new ToR was recently approved by the Steering Committee and published in May 2013. It is available on the Platform's website (<http://www.windplatform.eu/structure/>).

Previous versions of the ToR were issued in February 2008 and July 2011.

The new ToR was developed to:

- allow TPWind Working Groups to elect their own Chairs as from 2014. Up to now, Chairs were appointed directly by the Steering Committee;
- describe the new structure of the Platform and reflect the phasing out of its MSMG

The implementation of the new ToR will take place under the supervision of the Platform's Secretariat and Steering Committee.

## Section 3 – Members' news

### The EU Parliament fails to fix carbon market

On 16 April "The European Parliament voted against repairing the collapsing carbon market", said Rémi Gruet, Senior Climate Advisor of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) in Brussels. "MEPs have voted against the polluter pays principle and putting a market-oriented price on carbon emissions".

"This makes the ETS irrelevant in Europe's bid to reduce the use of fossil fuels. The carbon price will continue having no impact on investment decisions in the power sector", Gruet added.

EWEA backed the plan to delay auctions for additional emissions allowances ("backloading"), because over allocation of allowances, and the economic crisis, led to a significant surplus of free allowances to heavy industry. Combined with a large influx of credits from international projects, the price crashed.

Given the failure of the European Parliament to support an effective carbon price, EWEA urges the EU to urgently negotiate a way forward on backloading and for the European Commission to propose a long-term solution to create an effective carbon market.

Read EWEA's [position paper](#)  
Fixing the ETS – [an infographic](#)

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*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 Manuela Conconi and send her their contribution by 21 June at the latest ([manuela.conconi@ewea.org](mailto:manuela.conconi@ewea.org); +32 2 2131856).**

*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 500 people in total).*

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## Section 4 – Events

### Workshop: Offshore Wind Farm Clusters

Design tools for enhanced performance and value of North Sea offshore wind power

Thursday 6 June 2013  
London, UK

The workshop is organised by the European Energy Research Alliance – Design Tool for Offshore Wind Farm Cluster project (EERA-DTOC), in collaboration with the Cluster Design project and EWEA.

Organised by:



In association with:



The workshop will provide intermediary findings of the two major research projects on offshore wind farm clusters. It also aims at debating/connecting with – people working in offshore wind energy development and planning to improve/enhance – the future integrated design tools for the Northern European offshore wind power.

Programme and registration: <http://www.ewea.org/events/workshops/offshore-wind-farm-clusters/>

### Workshop: TWENTIES

Transmission system operation with a large penetration of wind and other renewable electricity sources in electricity networks using innovative tools and integrated energy solutions

Tuesday 11 June 2013  
Brussels, Belgium

Organised by:



The final conference of the TWENTIES project will take place on 11 June at the Thon Hotel EU in Brussels, from 9AM to 2PM. A visit to CORESO's facilities will be possible for interested participants in the afternoon.

The TWENTIES Project was coordinated by Red Eléctrica de España, the Spanish Transmission System Operator, and ran from 2010 to 2013. Its aim was to advance the development and deployment of new technologies facilitating the widespread integration of more onshore and offshore wind power into the European electricity system by 2020 and beyond.

Programme and registration: <http://www.ewea.org/events/workshops/twenties/>

### **EWEA Technology Workshop: Resource Assessment 2013**

**25 & 26 June 2013**  
**Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland**

Organised in association with the Irish Wind Energy Association:



EWEA's second resource assessment workshop, as requested by participants at the highly-acclaimed May 2011 edition.

The workshop consists of 5 sessions over 1 ½ days:

- Mesoscale modelling
- Wind conditions modelling
- Real world power curves
- Wake prediction
- Results of the second comparison exercise

#### **How close are your resource estimations to reality?**

Take part in the second Comparison of Resource and Energy Yield Assessment Procedures Exercise and find out! **Submission deadline: 10 May**

#### **Call for abstracts closes 10 May**

Over 100 people have already registered! See who they are via the attendee look-up system

Programme, registration and full details:

[www.ewea.org/workshops](http://www.ewea.org/workshops)

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## **EWEA Technology Workshop:**

### **[Wind Power Forecasting: From R&D to commercial offering – a 360° view of present and future](#)**

**3-4 December, 2013**

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Organised in association with the Anemos Consortium:



EWEA's second technology workshop in 2013, organised in response to requests from members, focuses on technical challenges related to wind power forecasting.

The workshop will cover topics including:

- The end users' requirements
- Numerical weather prediction models
- Wind power forecasting models and operational systems
- Integrating forecasts in business processes
- How important will forecasting be at 200 GW?

To be informed when the programme and registration are live email: [techworkshops@ewea.org](mailto:techworkshops@ewea.org)

[www.ewea.org/workshops](http://www.ewea.org/workshops)

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### Extra visibility for your organisation:

If you would like to present your company to the highly targeted audiences that the technology workshops attract contact Tim Robinson on [techworkshops@ewea.org](mailto:techworkshops@ewea.org) or tel: +32 2 213 1844 to discuss the exhibition & sponsorship opportunities available.

### **SPECIAL OFFER: EWEA OFFSHORE 2013**



**On 10 June, EWEA will launch a one-month promotion offering a 15% discount when you register for EWEA OFFSHORE 2013.**

Growing since its beginning, this event is now the world's largest offshore wind energy conference and exhibition. And already, 6 months before the event, 99% of the exhibition space is sold out.

Taking place in Frankfurt, from 19 to 21 November, participants will be able to visit an extensive exhibition housing companies from Europe's offshore wind energy supply chain and learn about the latest industry developments at a conference that brings together industry experts, CEOs and politicians.

Find out more: [www.ewea.org/offshore2013](http://www.ewea.org/offshore2013)

### **Industry for Industry**

#### ***Support EWEA because we support you***

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