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Section 1 – Funding opportunities

Call for Potential metrology Research Topics (PRT)

Call deadline: 28 March 2010

With the overall goal of accelerating innovation and competitiveness, generating data and knowledge necessary to improve quality of life, and providing better tools for the scientific community the European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP) aims, through European integration, to develop new measurement capabilities which have strategic impact for Europe. The EMRP is implemented by the organization EURAMET, i.e. the European Association of National Metrology Institutes.

EURAMET e.V. and the EMRP members invite interested parties to submit ideas in the form of potential research topics to advance measurement science and technology in the following areas:

- Metrology for Industry;
- Metrology for Environment.

Stage 1 of this “call for proposals” offers the chance for all stakeholders from any country to influence the R&D projects undertaken by the European metrology community by identifying the challenge, problem or opportunity for potential research topics.

The highest priority research topics received in Stage 1 will provide the basis for Stage 2.

More information is available [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 10, 2009, TPWind finalised the first draft of the Implementation Plan for the new Wind Energy Roadmap, on January 18, 2010. The Roadmap originates from the European Wind Initiative (EWI), was published by the European Commission in its Communication on Financing Low Carbon Technology on October 7, 2009, and was officially presented at the SET-Plan workshop on October 21 and 22, 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.

Following meetings with the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre and Member States (especially the Sherpa meeting held on February 11), the Platform developed a new version of the Implementation Plan, based on the input and feedback received, which was finalised on February 25.

This document will now be discussed at the SET-Plan High Level Steering Group meeting, which will take place in Brussels on March 5. This event will mark a key step in the development of the Wind Energy Roadmap, since high level national representatives will gather officially for the first time to discuss its contents, paving the way to its launch.

According to the latest information available, the Wind Energy Roadmap has been well received by all relevant stakeholders and the final version of its 2010 – 2012 Implementation Plan should be finalised by the end of April. Following this step, the Wind Energy Roadmap should be officially launched at the next SET-Plan event, which will take place in Madrid on June 3 and 4, 2010, and will focus on the Implementation Plans of the various Roadmaps 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.

TPWind 6th General Assembly upcoming

TPWind 6th General Assembly (GA) will be held on March 23, 2010, in Brussels, at the “Management Centre Europe” (MCE).

The event, which is entitled “Launching the Roadmap”, will focus on the concrete implementation of the new Wind Energy Roadmap over the 2010 – 2012 period, which is covered by the Implementation Plan recently developed by TPWind, as well as on the future activities of Working Groups.

The GA will be divided into two sessions:

- The morning session will be dedicated to internal Working Group (WG) meetings, which will be managed by TPWind Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries.
- The afternoon session will be dedicated to the plenary, where Secretariat and EC representatives will update TPWind members on the latest developments of the Wind Energy Roadmap and of the Platform. Further to that, TPWind chairs will report on the results of Working Groups meetings. A networking cocktail will follow.

TPWind encourages all its members to take part in this event, where key issues for the development and the future of the Platform will be addressed and discussed. Further to that, this will be the only General Assembly to be organised in 2010, which makes it even more important for Platform's members.

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

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Section 3 – Members’ news

Wind power and shipyard industries make joint call for investments in ships for offshore wind expansion

The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) and the Community of European Shipyards’ Association (CESA) are calling on the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) to support the building of new ships to serve the expanding offshore wind energy market over the coming years.

EWEA and CESA urge the European Commission to develop programmes and funding mechanisms, and for the European Investment Bank to take the necessary measures to support the risk related to the necessary significant investments, to ensure that a sufficient number of installation vessels are available to the offshore wind industry. They also argue that the offshore wind power industry should be identified as a key industry in the EU’s 2020 strategy for smart, green growth.

Investments in new ships totalling €2.4 billion are needed for the predicted growth of offshore wind. By 2020, the installation of thousands of offshore wind turbines, as well as the necessary substructures and cables, is foreseen.

“From 2020 we will see 40,000 MWs per year built offshore” said Eddie O’Connor, founder and CEO of Mainstream Renewables and EWEA Secretary. “This will require ten to twelve new heavy lift vessels, other vessels for transporting foundations, towers, nacelles and blading systems. New ports will have to be built across Europe.”

“European shipyards provide the necessary engineering power to develop innovative solutions for dedicated offshore equipment” Reinhard Lüken, Secretary General of CESA said. “Together European industry holds unique capabilities to drive fast growth towards the green revolution of sustainable energy production.”

“Offshore wind power provides the answer to Europe’s energy and climate dilemma – exploiting an abundant energy resource which does not emit greenhouse gases, reduces dependence on increasingly costly fuel imports, creates thousands of jobs and provides large quantities of indigenous, affordable electricity,” Justin Wilkes, Policy Director of EWEA said.

The offshore wind industry currently employs 19,000 people, a level which is expected to rise to 156,000 jobs by 2020.

The call was made at a meeting in Brussels chaired by O’Connor and Lüken bringing together the wind industry, the European shipyard industry and officials from the European Commission and European Investment Bank. It will be followed by further collaboration between the two associations and their members in order to support the European institutions in taking appropriate action.

*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 March 26 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

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 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 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 April 22 from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.

More information: www.ewec2010.info

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