
The future of TPWind



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PART I: Background



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The future of TPWind – Introduction

- ❑ TPWind is now a well structured network. It has published its SRA/MDS (Strategic Research Agenda / Market Deployment Strategy) in July 2008, it is cooperating with the European Commission on the development of the “European Wind Initiative” and it has recently entered the implementation phase
- ❑ However, TPWind is also debating its future, since it is aware of the fact that it should aim at expanding its activities and role, in order to become a true EU flagship and contribute to the achievement of the EU’s 2020 energy policy targets
- ❑ TPWind therefore intends to develop a detailed action plan outlining its future role, actions and objectives
- ❑ The action plan, which will be finalized before the end of 2009, is being developed also with the support of the EC, which has provided inputs

The future of TPWind – inputs from the EC

- The EC has provided inputs on the future development of TPWind through:
 - The assessment of the deliverables covering the first reporting period of the parental WINDSEC FP6 project (March 2007 – September 2008)
 - An informal meeting held in Brussels on January 29th with TPWind Executive Committee

- The most important inputs were the following:
 - All objectives of Windsec for that first reporting period have been achieved and the management of TPWind is excellent;
 - However, TPWind should develop more concrete cooperation actions with relevant stakeholders (TSOs, DSOs, similar ETPs – e.g. ESTEP and SmartGrid, AWEA and leaders / partners of R&D projects in the wind energy sector)
 - Further to that, TPWind should improve its visibility and dissemination capacity:
 - *Using its website more effectively;*
 - *Participating to more international events;*
 - *Reaching the outside world (i.e. non-TPWind members and Countries where the development of wind energy has not been particularly effective);*
 - *Trying to measure the effectiveness of its networking actions (e.g. impact of events).*

PART II: The future of TPWind



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The future of TPWind – A detailed action plan

- ❑ On the basis of the inputs received by the EC and of internal consultations, TPWind has agreed to develop a detailed action plan outlining its future role, actions and objectives
- ❑ The action plan will be based on the following blocks of activities:
 - *Projects*
 - *Cooperation*
 - *Dissemination*
- ❑ The action plan will be finalized before the end of 2009 and will guide the development of the Platform in the years to come

The future of TPWind - Block I: Projects

- The “Projects” block is composed of three sub-components:
 - 1) Development of the EWI in cooperation with the EC. This would represent a key achievement for TPWind, since EWI is likely to become a very powerful instrument for the implementation of the SRA / MDS and for the development of the wind energy sector
 - 2) Shaping the projects identified during the 3rd General Assembly, which are included in the SRA / MDS implementation plan
 - 3) Development of a “project incubator network”, in order to encourage the set-up and implementation of new actions in the future. In order to do that, the Platform will:
 - *Become a permanent R&D forum organizing events for wind energy operators and encouraging cooperation*
 - *Develop a comprehensive database covering international, European, national and regional funding schemes relevant to the wind energy sector*

The future of TPWind - Block II: Dissemination

- ❑ TPWind will grow into a more effective dissemination platform, in order to spread best practices, success stories and updated information (on R&D, economic and legislative issues) relevant to the wind energy sector
- ❑ This objective will be achieved through:
 - *The organization of dedicated events;*
 - *The publication of ad-hoc newsletters and articles;*
 - *A more effective use of the website.*
- ❑ Further to that, TPWind will enhance the visibility of the projects identified during the 3rd General Assembly and included in the SRA / MDS implementation plan, through the dissemination of their results and progresses

The future of TPWind - Block III: Cooperation

- ❑ Strengthening cooperation with other organizations and Technology Platforms (both at national and European level) will allow TPWind to reach a wider public and support global initiatives in the wind energy sector
- ❑ More in details, TPWind intends to increase cooperation primarily with the following organizations:
 - *ETPs: SmartGrids and ESTEP;*
 - *Relevant organizations based outside the EU, especially in Asia and America (e.g. China and the USA, like the AWEA)*
- ❑ Finally, TPWind will aim at developing a common “matchmaking website” in cooperation with other ETPs. This portal will provide members with a database of organizations interested in cross-border collaboration in the wind energy sector

Thank you for your attention!



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