
SRA/MDS Implementation Plan



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The SRA/MDS Implementation Plan: where we stand

- q The development of the SRA/MDS Implementation Plan moved its first steps during the 3rd General Assembly (8 – 9 October, 2008), when TPWind members identified concrete projects to transform the “Strategic Research Agenda” into a reality
- q Following this step, TPWind chairpersons and the Secretariat developed a document describing all the projects identified by the various Working Groups
- q The first draft of this document (i.e. the Implementation Plan), has been finalized in April 2009 and sent to TPWind members on April 27th
- q The implementation plan will not be published (at least not at this stage) but will be used to plan the next steps of the Platform, monitor its progresses and maximize public support to the wind energy sector
- q However, a quick overview of the contents of the Plan has been provided in the brochure “TPWind: The Way Forward”, published in March 2009 and officially launched at EWEC

SRA/MDS implementation plan—next steps (I)

- q In order for TPWind to effectively implement the identified projects, the following strategy is proposed:
 - § 2009 should be considered as a preparatory year. The WGs were successful in outlining the actions, but much still needs to be done in order to create the conditions for their implementation. In order to do that, TPWind members should engage in further discussions in order to develop detailed action plans
 - § In order to maximize the effectiveness of its action, TPWind should primarily focus on high priority projects (36 in total, i.e. 80% of those identified by the WGs). These projects should be launched immediately after the completion of the relevant action plans, which means in the beginning of 2010
 - § Medium and low priority projects (9 in total) can be postponed to a later stage and be launched in 2011 (medium priority) and 2012 (low priority—see the Gantt chart for more details)
 - § The only exception to this rule could be represented by projects n. 19 and 21 (WG4), because ideally their preliminary results should be presented at the next European Offshore Wind Conference and Exhibition (Stockholm, 14 – 16 September, 2009). For this reason, these two actions should be launched as soon as possible

SRA/MDS implementation plan—next steps (II)

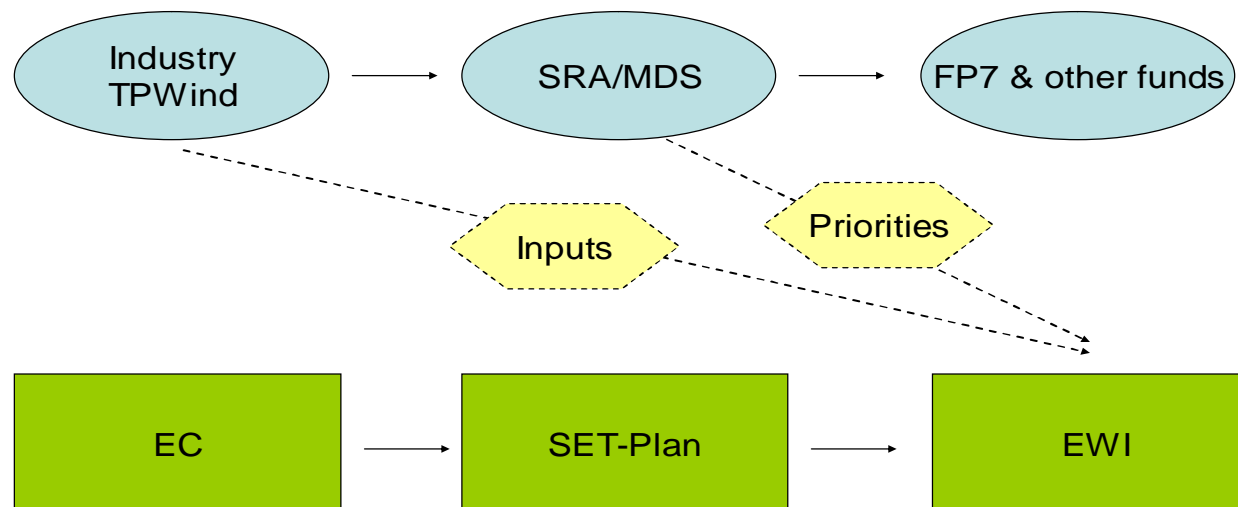
- q On day one of the 4th General Assembly TPWind members will discuss which projects should have the highest priorities and how they should proceed in order to put them into motion as quickly as possible
- q On the other hand, during the 5th GA, which should take place in October / November 2009, detailed action plans for each of the high priority projects will be finalized and relevant sources of funding will be presented, so as to create the conditions for a smooth launch of projects
- q In the meantime, TPWind will present and discuss the SRA/MDS Implementation Plan with the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and possibly the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Member States, in order to get their feedbacks on it and identify relevant sources of funding for its implementation

SRA/MDS implementation plan—next steps (III)

- q So far, the following meetings have been planned / implemented:
 - § European Commission (April 29th). TPWind met representatives of DG TREN and DG RTD (Mr Gambi and Mr d'Estaintot), with whom the possibility of financing R&D actions through the FP7 and FP8 has been explored. The EC is open to receive suggestions for the 2011 and 2012 FP7 Energy calls: inputs will be provided on the basis of the Implementation Plan after the 4th GA (when TPWind members will identify the most urgent and mature projects);
 - § Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation — EACI (June 4th). The EACI is managing the “Intelligent Energy Europe” Programme and can therefore play a key role in financing MDS policy actions and studies. Mr Gambi and Mr d'Estaintot will join this meeting as well.

SRA/MDS implementation plan—conclusions

- q Once the EWI will be up and running, additional resources for implementing SRA/MDS actions (as well as other projects) will become available
- q In the meantime however, TPWind will keep focusing on existing instruments: the SRA/MDS and the EWI are two complementary but separated processes, which have to be managed in parallel in order to maximize the allocation of resources to the wind energy sector:



Thank you for your attention!



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