

Steering Committee Online workshop – Minutes 15 NOVEMBER 2022

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1. INTRODUCTION & REVAMP OF THE SET PLAN

Adrian Timbus (*Chair of the Steering Committee*) welcomed the participants and opened the meeting with presenting the objective of the workshop and the agenda.

He also invited Teresa Ojanguren to introduce herself. Teresa Ojanguren replaces Cesar Yanas as representative from Iberdrola in the Steering Committee.

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (*Secretariat*) then explained to the participants the main outcomes of the SET-Plan Conference organised by the European Commission in Prague on 9-10 November. One of the key points is that the European Commission will announce its revised SET-Plan early 2023.

Capucine Vannoorenberghe then summarised the recommendations included in the ETIPWind's position paper on the revamp of the SET-Plan. These recommendations were emphasised in the ETIPWind's answer to the European Commission's call for evidence on the SET-Plan revamp. The position paper summarising the ETIPWind's recommendations is available on the [Steering Committee's Teams Sharepoint](#).

During the SET-Plan Conference, Adrian Timbus had a meeting with the European Commission (DG RTD)¹ to discuss ETIPWind's position on the revamp of the SET-Plan. Adrian summarised the key points addressed and the outcomes of this 30mn discussion.

A key recommendation of the ETIPWind's position on the SET-Plan revamp is to enlarge the scope of the Implementation Working Group on Offshore Wind (IWG OW) to also cover onshore wind aspects. On this point, a member of the Steering Committee mentioned that the IWG OW already covered a lot of content. He suggested to get a formal agreement from the Member States to ensure they will contribute to the group.

Ivan Pineda (*Secretariat*) clarified that the SET-Plan is a mechanism established to facilitate cooperation between EU national governments, but the European Commission does not have a clear mandate to involve the Member States. Therefore, it relies on a voluntary collaboration. The Implementation Working Groups are the contact points that the European Commission has for collaborating with Member States but there is no national legislation on this point.

As a conclusion, Adrian said that the European Commission seemed very receptive to ETIPWind's recommendations and that he, with the support of the Secretariat, will schedule regular meetings with DG RTD. This will be helpful to have a cross-check, to define what we can improve and how ETIPWind and DG RTD can help each other.

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE WORKSHOP BY THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat explained to the participants the concept of the workshop and how the discussions will be structured. She also reminded the 4 topics that were defined to finalise the ETIPWind's work programme:

- Topic 1: Providing targeted R&I recommendations to the European Commission

¹ Representatives from DG RTD included: Rosalinde van der Vlies (Director Clean Planet, DG RTD), Helene Chraye (Head of Unit Clean Planet, DG RTD), Matilde Chinellato (Policy Officer Clean Planet, DG RTD)

- Topic 2: Engaging with national policymakers
- Topic 3: Fostering collaboration with SET-Plan bodies and other initiatives
- Topic 4: Disseminating ETIPWind’s priorities and raising awareness

The Secretariat presented the preparatory material previously shared with the Steering Committee members including a proposed timeline of actions for each of the 4 topics. These timelines served as a basis for the group discussions.

3. FIRST ROUND OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

For the first round of breakout sessions, participants were split into the 4 following groups:

- Group 1.1 on Topic 1 moderated by Ivan Pineda (*Secretariat*)
- Group 1.2 on Topic 1 moderated by Susanne Nies (*Steering Committee Vice-Chair*)
- Group 2.1 on Topic 2 moderated by Adrian Timbus (*Steering Committee Chair*)
- Group 2.2 on Topic 2 moderated by Jacob Edmonds (*Steering Committee Vice-Chair*)

3.1 Conclusions on Topic 1 “Providing targeted R&I recommendations to the European Commission”

Group 1.1:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- The answer to the European Commission’s consultation on the Horizon Europe strategic plan must be developed before January 2023, even if it is a short document (2-3 pages).
- It is important to define the EU funding mechanisms (other than Horizon Europe) that ETIPWind wants to target.
- ETIPWind needs to define the other energy sectors that could be relevant to collaborate with (e.g. ETIP PV for solar energy).
- Regarding the gap analysis, the exercise should not be a strict comparison between the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-24 and the ETIPWind 2019 roadmap but more a review of the Work Programme to identify what are the missing parts (topics that are part of the roadmap but also other priorities that were not included in 2019).
- Regarding the elaboration of the SRIA, the basis should be the work done for the gap analysis. The SRIA update should then be based on a holistic approach, potentially in consultation with a wider audience (beyond the Steering Committee). The CTOs Forum should also be integrated in this process.

Group 1.2:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- ETIPWind needs to provide input to the European Commission’s consultation on the Horizon Europe strategic plan. The Steering Committee has to define recommendations and the format that will be used to provide these recommendations (e.g. paper, report, etc).
- Regarding the R&I recommendations provided to the European Commission, the Steering Committee needs to understand what worked and what did not work in the past.

- About the coordination with other ETIPs, it would be good if ETIPWind could develop some joint R&I recommendations. Even though it will be difficult because the different ETIPs have very different agendas.
- Regarding the gap analysis that will compare the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-24 and the recommendations included in the ETIPWind roadmap, it needs to start from now until April 2023 and it needs to include recommendations on how to improve funding for wind energy.
- The WindEurope's annual event scheduled in April 2023 should be used as an opportunity to come together and meet policymakers.
- Regarding the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, the recommendations included in the update of the document will have to be presented to policymakers. A detailed plan of the meetings with policymakers should be developed.

3.2 Conclusions on Topic 2 “Engaging with national policymakers”

Group 2.1:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- There is a need to raise awareness about ETIPWind among EU Member States. Some of them are not aware of what an ETIP is.
- Regarding the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs), we need to understand the national timelines and contact points for each country. We may also need to identify 5 Member States and focus our analysis on them. Selection criteria to select those countries could be related to the largest deployment, the largest research budget available and upcoming countries.
- The main issue is that it will not be easy to identify the good contacts because representatives involved in IWGs, NECPs' elaboration, and Horizon Europe national contact points are not the same people.
- The Member-State driven networks like BEMIP (Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan) and NSEC (North Seas Energy Cooperation) could be a good selection to identify the 5 Member States on which we should focus for the NECPs' analysis.
- There will be a meeting end of February hosted by IEA Wind, EERA JP Wind and the European Wind Energy Academy. This meeting will be a good opportunity to start working on the gap analysis and identify the key challenges to be solved.

Group 2.2:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- ETIPWind should carefully identify the policymakers who need to be targeted (stakeholder mapping exercise).
- A good action point could be to organise local workshops with national policymakers to raise awareness about ETIPWind's R&I recommendations. EERA, ETIPWind and IWG members should be involved in these local workshops.
- The structure of the IWG on wind energy has to be revised to ensure there is enough commitment from the Member States.
- An info pack could be created to help Member States to revise their NECPs (e.g. slides deck with ETIPWind analysis and additional points agreed with other initiatives).

4. SECOND ROUND OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

For the second round of breakout sessions, participants were split into the 4 following groups:

- Group 3.1 on Topic 3 moderated by Adrian Timbus (*Steering Committee Chair*)
- Group 3.2 on Topic 3 moderated by Susanne Nies (*Steering Committee Vice-Chair*)
- Group 4.1 on Topic 4 moderated by Ivan Pineda (*Secretariat*)
- Group 4.2 on Topic 4 moderated by Jacob Edmonds (*Steering Committee Vice-Chair*)

4.1 Conclusions on Topic 3 “Fostering collaboration with SET-Plan bodies and other initiatives”

Group 3.1:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- ETIPWind should identify some key stakeholders and select the ones who are the most relevant for the wind energy sector. The connections from Steering Committee members should be used to create these collaborations. A joint message should be defined and a strategy to disseminate this message should be elaborated.
- Other stakeholders (who are not necessarily linked to the SET-Plan) should also be targeted, for example other industry sectors that need renewables (chemicals, transport, etc).
- In terms of content for the collaborations, ETIPWind should use some already existing recommendations (on NECPS, SRIA, etc) and build on these recommendations to collaborate with other organisations.
- A specific example could be to identify an expert involved in ETIP SNET to start building the relationship. ETIPWind could nominate one expert in the Steering Committee who would oversee the collaboration with ETIP SNET.

Group 3.2:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- ETIPWind should identify the ETIPs who could have common interests or competing interests with ETIPWind. The idea will be then to define complementary goals which will feed a collaboration strategy. Based on this strategy, some “use cases” will be elaborated between the different ETIPs.
- In terms of timeline, we should have a strategy to collaborate with the different ETIPs and a vision on the common topics on which we will collaborate by mid of next year.
- The joint study on offshore energy should start a bit earlier and be published beginning of 2024.
- An event should be organised to showcase the power of ETIPs working together.

4.2 Conclusions on Topic 4 “Disseminating ETIPWind’s priorities and raising awareness”

Group 4.1:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- ETIPWind needs to increase its visibility and the clarity on its objectives. The platform should reach the EU-27 but also the UK and beyond.
- There is a need to clarify that ETIPWind is not only driven by the industry but also by research experts.
- ETIPWind should also present more often during WindEurope events.
- Some introductory meetings with Member States should be organised to disseminate ETIPWind priorities to the national contact points (not only authorities but also Universities and industry associations). Perhaps this can be done via the IWG.
- More position papers should be issues to better communicate the ETIPWind's positions.
- Regarding the NECPs, ETIPWind should act more locally at the national level to raise awareness about the NECPs.
- Regarding the SRIA, more factsheets should be developed. The document should be more interactive, with more links, more videos, etc.
- The Secretariat should do a mid-term assessment of the ETIPWind communication activities to assess if they reach their goals.

Group 4.2:

Key points discussed within the group are summarised below:

- A communication strategy should be developed including targeted audiences, aims, key messages. The targeted audience should include the European Commission but also national Ministries, industry associations, Universities, and the broader public.
- ETIPWind should showcase more its success stories.
- Regarding social media, we should post more information about the Horizon Europe calls and the funding programmes. This should also be embedded on the website. A collaboration platform may need to be established so that Steering Committee members can share content for social media.
- ETIPWind should be more present at EU main fairs and exhibitions on wind energy.
- We should also investigate the possibility of disseminating information via the national associations. This might help to get the key messages we want in the NECPS.

5. DISCUSSION ON HOW TO STRUCTURE THE WORK

To structure the work within ETIPWind, Adrian Timbus presented a proposal of Working Groups / Task Forces structure. This structure was initially presented during the Steering Committee meeting in Amsterdam.

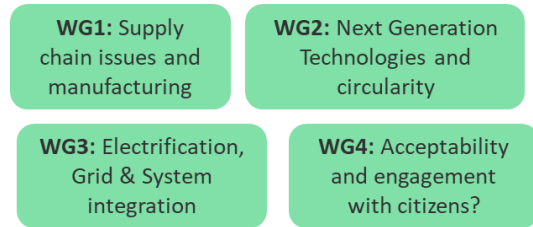
Key comments from the Steering Committee members on this proposed structure:

- It is not clear where the urgent actions will fit in the structure.
- A taskforce should be set up to provide recommendations on the Horizon Europe strategic plan.
- We will probably need more than one taskforce at a time to deliver our goals.
- We may need to have a look at the finalised work programme before defining the taskforces that we want to launch.

Regarding the thematic working groups, Steering Committee experts mentioned the following points:

- We may need to wait the discussion on the main R&I orientations we want to highlight in the Horizon Europe strategic plan before defining the topics of the working groups.
- SSH aspects should be included in the structure as well as scaling-up and deployment aspects

Based on the above comments, the working groups structure was updated as below:



This structure will be rediscussed during the next Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee members also underlined that it is important to leave the door open for adaptations.

6.ACTIONS AND CONCLUSION

As concluding remarks, Adrian explained that two Steering Committee meetings will be organised:

- The first one before the end of the year to finalise the work programme and start discussing the main R&I orientations in the perspective of the consultation on the Horizon Europe strategic plan.
- The second one will be a working session in January to have a more in-depth discussion about the main R&I priorities for the wind energy sector.

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