



# Steering Committee Online meeting – Minutes 31 OCTOBER 2023

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# 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Adrian Timbus (*Chair of the Steering Committee*) welcomed the participants and presented the main objective of the meeting:

- to share the feedback from the Chief Technology Officers (CTOs) on the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA); and
- to discuss the main changes that will be integrated in the final version.

He then presented the agenda and welcomed two new representatives in the Steering Committee:

- Felix Cebulla, Technology & Innovation Manager in RWE; and
- Kasper Roed Jensen, Vice President Next Generation Concepts and Partnering in Vestas.

## 2. EU POLICY UPDATE

Ivan Pineda (*ETIPWind Secretariat*) took the floor to update the Steering Committee members about the most recent EU policy developments.

He first presented the Wind Power Package launched by the European Commission on 24 October and stressed the main points of the action plan such as: improved auction systems, help to finance investments for new factories, infrastructures and workforce, improved visibility for wind energy deployment and accelerated permitting of new windfarms.

Ivan then presented next call for proposals of the Innovation Fund that will open on 23 November. This call includes a clean technology manufacturing window that will help financing projects for the manufacturing of wind energy components.

He finally stressed the adoption of the revised SET Plan and the main changes of new plan (new priorities on cross-cutting issues, dedicated workstream for hydrogen, cooperation between ETIPs and European industrial alliances, etc.).

There were two questions from the Steering Committee (SC) members on the improved visibility of wind energy deployment in the Wind Power Package and on digitalisation of permitting processes.

## 3. CTOS FEEDBACK AND MAIN CHANGES TO BE INTEGRATED IN THE FINAL STRATEGIC R&I AGENDA

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (*ETIPWind Secretariat*) then presented the feedback of the CTOs on the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the SRIA. She summarised the main comments gathered during the SC + CTOs meeting organised on 24 October in Lunderskov.

For each CTOs comment, she then proposed a way to integrate it to the SRIA text. For some of the comments, she opened the floor to gather the opinion of the SC members. The main points of discussion were:

- Investments to solve the workforce shortages should be stressed and mentioned in the document.
- The topic on hybrid projects, energy storage and hydrogen should be mentioned but it should also be tackled by the ETIPs dedicated to batteries (Batteries Europe) and smart networks (ETIP SNET). It should be rephrased to clarify it focuses on integration of wind energy.
- All the innovations related to the grid technologies should be tackled by ETIP SNET. The Secretariat will get in contact with ETIP SNET to identify possible synergies and duplications between the R&I priorities.
- There is a need to clarify the innovations needed to import methodologies that will ensure quality of products. We also need innovative testing models.
- Research for alternative mechanisms of financing is a very important priority, it should be kept in the document.
- Digital tools for quality controls and assisted manufacturing are necessary. This priority needs to be funded at a more holistic level to ensure that tools benefit several energy sectors.
- Decommissioning priority can be seen as overlapping with the priority of replacement and transport of large components. To be discussed if we need to change that.

## 4. NEXT STEPS FOR THE STRATEGIC R&I AGENDA

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (*ETIPWind Secretariat*) presented the next steps before the finalisation of the SRIA. The final content will be finalised by the Secretariat by 6 November and the final version will be shared with the SC members.

She then invited the participants to save the date for the SRIA launch event that will be organised in Lommel on 4 December at the ZF Wind Power factory.

## 5. CONCLUSION AND SAVE THE DATES

Adrian Timbus (*Chair of the Steering Committee*) concluded the meeting saying there will be a large communication and dissemination campaign that will be launched after the SRIA publication. He thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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