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1 Introduction and Welcome

Adrian Timbus, Chair of the Executive Committee (EXCO), opened the meeting and presented the agenda.

2 Recap EXCO meeting 2 February

ETIPWind secretariat and EXCO members discussed the action points from the previous EXCO meeting (2 February 2021).

- **Communication.** Secretariat has explored qualitative analysis of online communication strategy. It has already analysed ETIPWind communication compared to other ETIPs. Secretariat organised the ETIPWind communication Task Force (TF) meeting to discuss new communication proposals. Also, it included materials shared by members in the monthly recap email.
- **ETIPWind Flagship report 2021.** Secretariat set up meetings with the different TFs and the consultancy to present a more qualitative analysis.
- **Horizon Europe.** Members were asked to identify topics where ETIPWind expertise could be used to prepare impactful project proposals.

3 Updates from the ETIPWind secretariat

3.1 ETIPWind communication

ETIPWind secretariat has posted on a regular basis on social media ([LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)) to update the wind energy community. The most frequent topics are the recent developments in European Research & Innovation (R&I) policy.

Some members have shared relevant material and content (e.g., projects, events, and publications). Secretariat has posted them on ETIPWind social media getting positive results on impressions. This helps to increase the visibility of both members and ETIPWind. And it creates stronger connections within the R&I community.

ETIPWind LinkedIn analysis

Secretariat has analysed the profile of the visitors of the ETIPWind LinkedIn account. The analysis is based on job junction, sector, and location.

A wide range of professionals follow ETIPWind on LinkedIn. Most are engineers, close to 40% of the total. Students and researchers represent 20%, and the remaining 40% are experts working on among other Operation & Maintenance and communications.

48% of the followers work in the renewable and environment sector. 14% come from the research and higher-education sector. The electronic manufacturing sector represents another 13% of the followers.

Most of the followers are based in Europe, in particular Denmark (27%) and Belgium (23%). Data also shows that at least 5% of the visitors are based in India.

Comparative analysis of ETIP communications

The [European Technology and Innovation Platforms \(ETIPs\)](#) are one of the main mechanism of the SET Plan, together with the [European Energy Research Alliance \(EERA\)](#). ETIPs are recognized as key industry-led communities for the implementation of SET Plan priorities along the innovation chain. Secretariat has analysed their activities to get a wider perspective of ETIPs communication strategy and how ETIPWind fares in comparison.

Most ETIPs have social media account such as LinkedIn and Twitter. But some are more active than others sharing content. ETIPWind is one of the most active ones.

On average all ETIPs publish one or two posts per week. These mostly consist of their own reports and events but also some coming from their members. And they share information related to EU events and policy. The messaging is similar across all ETIPs, including ETIPWind.

Secretariat is now working with the Communication TF to create more communication tools to promote R&I in wind energy.

3.2 ETIPWind Flagship report 2021: main messages

The second ETIPWind-WindEurope Flagship report workshop took place on March 3. At the workshop the consultants that provide supporting date gave a presentation on the main assumptions and parameters of their model.

During the EXCO meeting the ETIPWind secretariat presented the main messages of the report. There are still some questions on grids and flexibility. Secretariat will discuss these points internally and with the associated TF.

EXCO members are invited to join the TF to ensure expert guidance.

Action: The Secretariat is drafting the flagship report. We will share the first full draft of the report with the EXCO at the end of March or the beginning of April.

4 Driving collaborative R&I projects with ETIPWind

During the last EXCO meeting (02 February) Secretariat shared the latest information on Horizon with the EXCO. To identify topics where ETIPWind expertise could be used to drive collaborative projects.

Secretariat has pre-identified three possible topics for collaborative R&I projects that create synergies between industry and academia. These topics also correspond to the possible topics the European Commission will include in the Horizon Europe work programme.

Blade recycling

The aim is to demonstrate composite material recycling technologies at large-scale in an operating environment.

Composite recycling is not solely a challenge for the wind industry but rather a cross-sector challenge. For this reason, the proposed solution must be applicable to several sectors. The winning proposal must build a cross-sector knowledge hub w to transfer information and promote recycling in the renewable energy sector and ‘circularity by design’ as a solution.

This is in line with the work of ETIPWind – [How wind is going circular](#) – and WindEurope – [Accelerating Wind Turbine Blade Circularity](#).

Raw materials

The aim is to develop and demonstrate solutions that improve efficiency of critical raw material use processes and/or effectively replace the constrained materials. They should promote the circularity and/or recyclability potential and feasibility in the wind energy sector.

This would align well with the new [European Raw Material Alliance](#). It has two thematic clusters: batteries and permanent magnets & motors. WindEurope is a member of the Alliance.

Sustainability and skills

The aim is to coordinate the stakeholder community and propose concrete actions to promote and accelerate the development of sustainable solutions. Proposals must build an innovative multi-disciplinary approach on teaching and develop an industry-academia programme focused on hands-on training.

The European Commission is currently finalising the document and it will probably announce the final version at the beginning of April.

Action: DTU will share with EXCO members a more detail proposal on sustainability and skills topic.

Action: Members to advise and look for common needs (optional).

5 ETIPWind and ETIPSNET

Adrian Timbus, ETIPWind EXCO Chair, met Jan-Okko Ziegler, ETIPSNET Chair. They discussed how to expand the relation and collaboration between the two ETIPs.

They proposed that ETIPWind and ETIPSNET will meet in a dedicated session on the ETIPWind Flagship report. To get feedback from ETIPSNET on the main findings. Feedback will be non-binding.

To improve visibility at ETIPSNET, Secretariat is now looking for a new industry expert to represent ETIPWind in the ETIPSNET Governing Board (GB).

Action: Secretariat will share a description of the level of commitment representing ETIPWind at the ETIPSNET GB. We will discuss it at the next EXCO meeting (April 20).

Action: Secretariat to set up a call with ETIPSNET once the flagship report is drafted.

6 AOB

On 4 May ETIPWind with the support of WindEurope Sustainability Working Group will organise a workshop focused on “Delivering circularity through innovative materials and recycling technology”. It will gather policymakers, researchers, and companies to debate and shape the future of sustainable wind energy materials.

7 Closing remarks

No closing remarks.

8 List of participants

Organisation	Representative
EXCO Chair – Hitachi ABB Power Grids	Adrian Timbus
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