



# Steering Committee Online meeting – Minutes 31 JANUARY 2024

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# 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Adrain Timbus (*ETIPWind Chair*) welcomed the participants and began with a recap of the key 2023 achievements, including the ETIPWind's Strategic R&I Agenda (SRIA), the meeting with CTOs in Copenhagen, the workshops organised to gather input on the SRIA, and the launching event at ZF's gearbox factory in Lommel.

He then presented the main objectives of the meeting:

- to set up clear 2024 objectives and work programme for ETIPWind;
- to define a detailed advocacy strategy for ETIPWind's R&I priorities 2025-2027; and
- to discuss ETIPWind's activities during WindEurope's annual event in Bilbao.

Before going to the next topic, Adrian Timbus welcomed one new Steering Committee member (Fergus Costello representing Siemens Gamesa) and a new observer in the Steering Committee (Raul Prieto representing Fortum renewables).

## 2. EU POLICY UPDATE

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

She first presented the Wind Power Package and the Wind Energy Charter signed in October 2023 by 26 EU Energy Minister and more than 300 wind companies. She reminded that the Wind Power Package includes 15 immediate actions to strengthen the competitiveness of Europe's wind value chain.

Capucine then presented the key policy milestones that will have an impact on the ETIPWind's work in 2024 including:

- the Net Zero Industry Act, to be voted by the Parliament in March 2024;
- the implementation of agreed EU initiatives including the Wind Power Package and the permitting measures of the Renewable Energy Directive;
- the revised 2030 National Energy & Climate Plans;
- the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025 to be developed in the course of 2024; and
- the EU elections held in June 2024 and the new Commission who will start working in November 2024.

She then presented the main features of the next Horizon Europe Work Programme including the timeline for the definition of the calls for proposals. The main deadline for the ETIPWind Steering Committee will be to provide its recommendations before end of April 2024.

## 3. 2024 OBJECTIVES AND TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (*ETIPWind Secretariat*) presented the main objectives of ETIPWind's work for 2024, namely:

1. Get public funding for our 2025-2027 R&I priorities
2. Ensure more EU / national projects focus on strategic R&I topics
3. Strengthen our communication and dissemination of the wind industry and research's needs.
4. Continue to provide targeted and commonly agreed R&I recommendations
5. Define a sustainable solution for ETIPWind's financial sustainability

For each objective, a set of activities was suggested to the Steering Committee and the Secretariat clarified the kind of support the Steering Committee members would need to provide.

A general timeline for 2024 activities was presented to the Steering Committee. Capucine then opened the floor for comments and additional suggestions.

No specific comment was made. The Steering Committee approved the objectives and activities for 2024.

## 4. ADVOCACY FOR R&I PRIORITIES 2025-2027

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (*ETIPWind Secretariat*) deep dived into the ETIPWind's advocacy activities for 2024. She proposed to divide the activities into three main streams:

1. Communication and dissemination of the Strategic R&I Agenda
2. Advocacy targeting Horizon Europe and other EU funding programmes
3. Advocacy targeting EU national governments

She detailed the activities and meetings planned to implement the advocacy strategy and explained where the help of the Steering Committee members will be needed.

A SC member shared a reflection related to the wind energy R&D priorities and how to fight the misconception that wind energy does not need R&I anymore because it's already a mature technology. He shared a concern about the fact that some EU and national policymakers still have this perspective. ETIPWind therefore needs to strengthen its messages on those points. This will also be clarified in the EERA's long-term research programme under development.

It was suggested to use WindEurope's event in Bilbao to start engaging with national policymakers. The Steering Committee agreed that engagement of Member States should be one of the top priorities this year.

## 5. ETIPWIND IN WINDEUROPE'S ANNUAL EVENT

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (*ETIPWind Secretariat*) presented the envisaged ETIPWind's involvement in the WindEurope annual event scheduled in March in Bilbao. This involvement includes:

- ➔ A conference session sponsored by ETIPWind on 20 March from 11:00 to 12:15
- ➔ A meeting with the ETIPWind Steering Committee and the CTOs involved in the CTOs Forum on 20 March from 14:00 to 17:00.

Capucine presented the draft agendas for those two events and opened the floor for remarks or questions.

Steering Committee members particularly commented the proposed speaker for the introductory speech of the ETIPWind sponsored conference session.

The Steering Committee agreed with the proposed agendas.

## 6. INPUT IN THE EERA'S LONG TERM RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Paul McKeever (ORE Catapult) took the floor to present the progress made on the elaboration of the EERA's long-term research programme (also called NeWindEERA programme).

He especially highlighted the brochure that will provide a high-level summary of the main R&I topics by 2050. This brochure should be ready by April 2024.

He finally presented the expected timeline for the publication of the full programme.

A Steering Committee member asked for examples of R&I topics that will be included in the programme. It was decided to share the list of R&I topics identified by EERA members with the whole ETIPWind Steering Committee.

Alexander Vandenberghe (ETIPWind Secretariat) also suggested to organise a call to discuss how the NeWindEERA programme could be disseminated at WindEurope's annual event in Bilbao.

## 7. NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUSION

Adrian Timbus concluded the meeting by reminding the date of the next Steering Committee meeting and the actions required from the members before that including:

- provide comments on EERA's long term research programme 2050;
- re-share ETIPWind social media publications on the SRIA;
- share the SRIA video with your network and channels; and
- support the identification of contacts from the Horizon Europe Programme Committee and for meetings with national governments.

Adrian Timbus thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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