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7th SEII Team Meeting

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Draft summary of the discussion and action items

1. Introduction of the meeting

The meeting was chaired by Bruno Schmitz (BS, European Commission) who welcomed the participants.

The minutes of the Sixth Team Meeting and the agenda were adopted.

2. “Solar” ERA-NET action

Main items of the discussion were as follows:

- Interest for the participation in the "Solar" ERA-NET has been expressed by the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey and United Kingdom. Interest has been expressed also by the Region of North-Rhine Westphalia (Germany) and by the Region of Andalucía (Spain). Please refer to the presentation in Annex 1 for details
- The ERA-NET will last four years and will organise one joint call every year. The total MS funding for each joint call will be 10 Meuro.
- With regard to the priorities to be addressed in the joint calls of the ERA-NET, it is necessary to clearly define the process through which the priorities will be identified. After ample discussion, it was agreed that an ad hoc SEII Team Working Group will be established. The Working Group will include one sub-group for the PV sector and one sub-group for the CSP sector. Each sub-group will have three participants: one from the EC and two from the industry. The Working Group will elaborate proposals for the priorities of the ERA-NET joint calls based on earlier discussions within the SEII Team and other inputs (e.g., latest FP7 Work Programmes, PVTP Strategic Research Agenda). These priorities will be further discussed and approved by the SEII Team. This process will guarantee that the specific objective of this ERA-NET (i.e., contributing to the implementation of the SEII) is met.

- Given the above, it would be desirable that the MS participating in the ERA-NET take also part in the SEII Team if they are not already represented. This would greatly facilitate the interaction between the SEII and the ERA-NET. Where the MS representative in the ERA-NET is different than the one in the SEII, proper communication should be established at the level of the MS.
- With regard to the funding mode to be applied in the ERA-NET, the preparatory meeting of 21 November 2011 expressed a preference for the virtual common pot. BS reminded the participants that, according to the EC experience, the virtual common pot is not the most suitable funding mode. BS explained that the mixed mode is preferable as it prevents the projects from being blocked because of the lack of available funds from any particular MS.
- The proposal for the "Solar" ERA-NET – to be submitted not later than 28 February 2012 - shall *inter alia* contain the foreseen budget per MS and the description of the general principles on which the joint calls will be implemented, including regarding the budget decisions. A description of the topics for the first joint call would also be needed even if further refining of the description is possible afterwards.

3. PV Technology Platform - Strategic Research Agenda Second Edition

The Second Edition of the Strategic Research Agenda was presented by Prof. N. Pearsall (UK representative in the SEII Team and Chair of Working Group 3 of the PV Technology Platform). Please refer to the presentation in Annex 2 for details.

4. European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)

A presentation was given on the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) and in particular on the ESFRI Energy Strategic Working Group (ESWG). The SEII Team is invited to provide to the ESWG information on priority research infrastructures. Please refer to the presentation in Annex 3 for details.

5. Forward looking agenda of potential MSs funding for the Solar Initiative

The purpose of the exercise was described. MS are free to add further item lines to the two templates (one for the PV sector, one for the CSP sector) which were circulated on 6 December 2011. Please refer to the presentation in Annex 4 for details.

6. Outcomes of the SET-Plan Conference

Almost all of the "best examples" which were presented at the Conference were FP7 projects.

The Conference concluded with the Warsaw Declaration which stresses the importance of ensuring financing for the implementation of the SET-Plan in the next Multiannual Financial Perspectives.

The next SET-Plan Conference will take place in Ireland in the beginning of 2013.

7. SET-Plan Energy Education and Training Initiative

The purpose of the initiative was described. Please refer to the presentation in Annex 5 for details.

After the presentation of the initiative, main items of the discussion were as follows:

- The SEII Team will propose experts for the PV and CSP working groups to the SEII Secretariat for transmission to and discussion with the SET-Plan Secretariat that is coordinating the whole exercise. The SEII Secretariat will then confer with the Coordination Group of the SEII Team for final decision on the experts who will take part in the working groups.
- The working groups of the initiatives should include responsables of human resources of PV/CSP companies that are confronted on a daily basis with the problem of recruiting/managing staff.
- It was pointed out that there are already on-going actions which seem to pursue the same objectives of the SET-Plan Energy Education and Training Initiative (e.g., an action supervised by the CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training).
- There were also comments that some relevant stakeholders (e.g., EUREC, the European Renewable Energy Research Centers Agency) are not represented in the core group of the SET-Plan Energy Education and Training Initiative.

8. SETIS mapping exercise

The mapping exercise will become fully digital by means of the Energy Research Knowledge Center (ERKC) which will be available on SETIS website. One representative for each MS will be granted access to the ERKC in order to keep the information up-to-date.

The 2011 Technology Maps of the SET-Plan are now available on the SETIS website.

9. Follow-up actions and timeline

- 23 December 2012: Industry to indicate their representatives in the Working Group of the SEII Team which will have the task of drafting the topics for the joint calls of the "Solar" ERA-NET, for subsequent approval by the SEII Team [Note: the following names have been provided: Mr G. Liberati and Mr E. Garcia Iglesias for the CSP sector; Ms E. Despotou and Mr W. Sinke for the PV sector]
- 15 January 2012: SEII Team members to propose experts for the SET-Plan European Energy Education and Training Initiative
- 16 January 2012: Working Group to circulate to the SEII Team the draft topics for the first joint call of the "Solar" ERA-NET
- 31 January 2012: MS to submit their Forward Looking Agenda for the PV sector and for the CSP sector

[Reminder: SEII Team members are invited to propose new ideas for energy research infrastructures]

10. Next SEII Team Meeting

- The next meeting of the SEII Team is scheduled on 30 January 2011 at 11 AM. The main aim of the meeting will be to make a final decision on the topics of the first joint call of the "Solar" ERA-NET.

Annexes:

- 1. Up-to-date expressions of interest for the "Solar" ERA-NET**
- 2. Presentation of the PV Technology Platform Strategic Research Agenda – Second Edition**
- 3. Presentation of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)**
- 4. Presentation of the forward looking agenda of potential MSs funding for the Solar Initiative**
- 5. Presentation of the SET-Plan Energy Education and Training Initiative**

List of MS/Industry/EERA attendees

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Also present:

Mr G. Arrowsmith (Working Group 3 of the PV Technology Platform)

Mr P. Odru (National Research Agency of France)