

# Wind Implementation Working Group



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# 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Capucine Vannoorenberghe (WindEurope, IWG Wind Secretariat) introduced the kick-off meeting of the SET-Plan Implementation Working Group on Wind energy (IWG Wind) and reminded the objectives of the meeting:

- To discuss some of the key points that will impact the work of the IWG Wind until 2025 (points included in the draft Terms of Reference previously shared with IWG Wind members);
- And to agree on the key activities to be included in the IWG Wind's work programme until 2025.

She then introduced the agenda and reminded few important points regarding the SET-Plan organisation and the role of the IWGs within the SET-Plan governance.

Capucine then welcomed Belgium as a new member in the IWG Wind. The Belgian representative, Pieter-Jan Provoost (Agoria) introduced himself and confirmed that the Belgian Ministry of Energy provided him the mandate to represent Belgium in the group.

Enrico Degiorgis (Policy Officer, DG RTD) from the European Commission then did an introductory presentation focusing on the SET-Plan revamp, the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 wind energy projects and the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024 wind energy-related calls.

## 2. IWG WIND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Capucine then presented the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) sent to the IWG members several weeks ago.

The discussion was then structured around key points mentioned in the ToR concretely impacting the work of the IWG including:

- List of areas for actions
- SET-Plan strategic targets
- Implementation Plan
- Link with the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)
- IWG Goals
- Role of the IWG members / Role of the Secretariat

Key points from the discussion are summarised below:

- It was not clear for some members if the IWG was about providing recommendations or also implementing R&I actions at the national level. The European Commission clarified this point and explained that the current revision of the SET-Plan intends to ensure that IWGs take impactful actions at the national level. Additional representatives from the Member States may need to be involved in the group to support the decision-making. But the IWGs are about implementation and coordination between Member-States, industry and research institutes.
- An IWG member stressed the fact that the group should be the forum to ensure the EU targets are delivered and that the European wind industry is competitive.
- The European Commission stressed the fact that non-technological topics need to be considered within the scope of the IWG. Including permitting but also energy system integration (inc. batteries, energy storage, grids) which should be one of the focuses of the group both for onshore and offshore wind.

- The Secretariat invited IWG members to share contacts of colleagues in the Ministries in charge of defining national funding programmes. These contacts will be invited to join the IWG Wind.
- An IWG member also stressed that it was important to avoid overlapping activities between the different Member States but also between Member States, EU and international initiatives.
- IWG members agreed with the role of the IWG members proposed by the Secretariat in the ToR. The only concern that was raised was about the difficulty that some Member States could have in setting a list of actions that must be implemented at national level.
- The European Commission confirmed that the SET-Plan Steering Group could invite Member States to nominate representatives from the national Ministries to represent their country in the IWG Wind. The European Research Area (ERA) could also be a channel for reaching out to additional stakeholders.
- It was said that it will be important to clarify what the mandate provided by the Ministries will cover. In some Member States it will also be complicated to commit on budget. But getting a clear mandate from the national Ministries was seen as a good idea to empower members of the IWG.

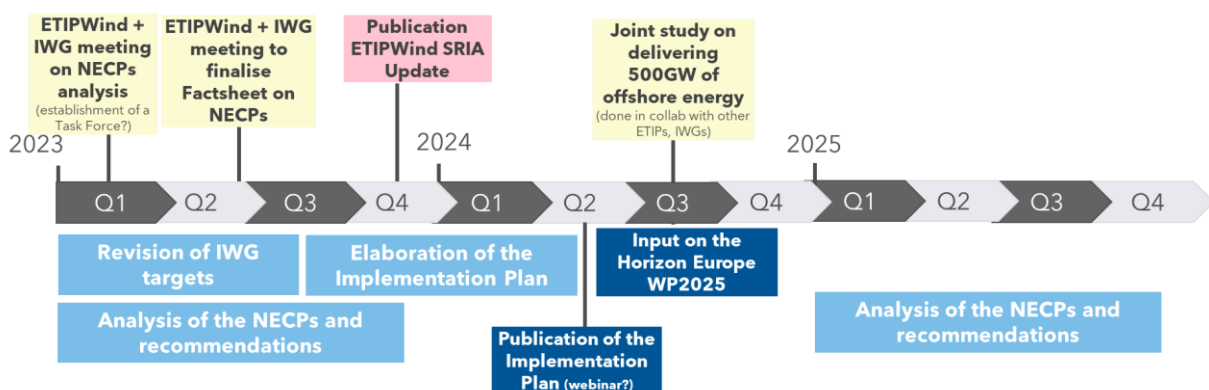
### 3.IWG WIND CHAIR – ELECTION PROCESS

The Secretariat then introduced the election process of the IWG Wind Chair by reminding the role of the Chair. It was said that a duration of the Chair’s mandate should be added to the Terms of Reference (1.5 years or 3 years, tbc).

As the Secretariat did not receive any application for the role of the IWG Wind Chair, Capucine invited members to raise their voice in case there was any last-minute application. There was no expression of interest so the election of the IWG Wind Chair was postponed to the next meeting.

### 4.IWG SUGGESTED WORK PROGRAMME

Capucine then presented the proposed timeline of actions drafted by the Secretariat for the IWG Wind until 2025. The proposed timeline can be found below.



In addition to this proposed list of actions, other activities will be organised on a regular basis such as regular IWG meetings (including one joint meeting per year with ETIPWind), collaborations with other IWGs and Member State-driven networks (e.g. NSEC – North Seas Energy Coalition).

Main remarks from IWG Wind members on the proposed list of actions are summarised below:

- A member also suggested to collaborate with the Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP) and to focus on the topics included in the Mission Innovation.
- The link between the IWG's input and the Horizon Europe Work Programmes was unclear for some members. The European Commission explained they usually take inspiration from various references to draft the Horizon Europe Work Programmes. These references include the ETIPs' Strategic Research & Innovation agendas but also conferences, list of priorities, reports from different stakeholders, etc. The role of the IWG is to input this first draft that the European Commission prepares for the Member States Programme Committee. Of course the European Commission has a limited funding amount so it would be beneficial that national governments collaborate on joint calls that the EU could top up funding.

## 5. IWG WIND'S NEW VISUAL IDENTITY

The Secretariat then presented the new visual identity for the IWG Wind (*below*) as well as its dedicated [website](#), [LinkedIn page](#) and Teams repository.



## 6. NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

In terms of next steps and agreed actions, the following points were mentioned:

- It was confirmed that the scope of the Implementation Working Group on Offshore Wind will be enlarged to include onshore wind aspects. The name of the group will be changed to: "Implementation Working Group on Wind Energy (IWG Wind)".
- The Secretariat will communicate the new scope of the IWG Wind to the SET-Plan Secretariat and the SET-Plan Steering Group.
- The next IWG Wind meeting will be scheduled end of February/beginning of March. The objective will be to take stock of the communication on the revised SET-Plan, to invite a representative from the IWG HVDC but also to have a round of presentations on the national funding programmes for energy research and innovation available in the respective Member States of IWG Wind members.
- A joint meeting will soon be organised with ETIPWind to start discussing the analysis of the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs).
- The Secretariat will update the Terms of Reference according to the comments received during the meeting and will reshare them with IWG Wind members.
- Based on the contacts provided by the IWG Wind members, the Secretariat will invite additional representatives to join the IWG Wind.
- The IWG Wind members were invited to join the WindEurope's annual event in Copenhagen for networking opportunities.

IWG Wind members agreed with these next steps.

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