

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 1 Business

Meeting # 12

Date: January 23rd, 2024

Minutes prepared by Sara Lindenius – January 23rd, 2024

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Mikael Enelund	Not present
University of Gothenburg	Lena Pedersen	Not present
Jönköping University	Roy Andersson	Not present
Linköping University	Therese Lindkvist	Present
Linnaeus University	Torbjörn Håkansson	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Not present
Lund University	Lisa Thelin	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Not present
Mälardalen University	Daniel Boqvist	Not present
	Mikael Hjorth	Not Present
	Ibrahim Jabarkhel	Not Present
Stockholm University	Mats Berglund	Not present
Uppsala University	Cecilia Nilsson	Not present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Charlotte Kramer	Present
SIRUES Trainee	Sara Lindenius	Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. Thematic Areas
 - a. Implemented on the website – updated status.
3. Mapping of target companies/areas
 - a. Individual plan
4. SIREUS Affiliation of Companies
 - a. Update status
5. SIREUS RESEARCH forum
6. SIREUS 2nd half evaluation
7. Next meeting

Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used following the agenda that was sent out prior to the meeting. This ppt presentation will be archived on the SIREUS website alongside the minutes.

Minutes

1. a) Christer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He informed that a few participants have withdrawn from the working group due to various reasons, but they will be replaced by new representatives from the universities.

b) Christer had no specific items to address in this meeting concerning the minutes from the previous working group meeting.

c) Christer updated the group about what has been going on with SIREUS since the last meeting. He mentioned the SIREUS RESEARCH forum, one of the current projects the team is working on. He also mentioned that an evaluation of the project has been started. Both subjects, he gets back to later in the meeting.

2. Christer briefed the working group on the progress made in updating the website with thematic links. He mentioned that SIREUS has received links from all participating universities in the working group. However, SIREUS recently got the links from Mid Sweden University so their links will shortly be published on the website. Christer shared that he has received positive feedback from the member universities regarding the thematic areas and that that he is working on receiving links for the thematic areas from American affiliated universities.

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Christer also informed the working group that he had a meeting with Vinnova and that they had a positive view of the thematic areas and links. He intends to meet with the Vinnova team during his next visit to Stockholm.

3. Christer requested the participants to visit the Archive on the SIREUS website's member area. He reminded them that they can find their private plans under the University Specific Areas page. Christer emphasized that access to their private plans is restricted to each individual university and the SIREUS team. In other words, the private plans cannot be viewed by anyone else. Christer noted that the SIREUS website therefore serves the dual purpose of not just presenting information but also functioning as an archive.

4. The next topic for the meeting was Affiliated Companies, which is the most relevant area for Working Group 1. Christer mentioned that the SIREUS team has started with a soft launch of the concept. Christer has sent out MoU's (Memorandum of Understanding) to Astra Zeneca, Ericsson and Volvo. Christer was happy to announce that Ericsson already has signed their MoU. He was also proud to present that the collaboration is on a "Research Leadership level", meaning that the collaborations is with the managers of research and innovations at the at the highest level of the Swedish companies. Christer mentioned that once SIREUS receives a few more signed MoU's, the Affiliated Companies' concept will officially be launched. He also emphasized the significance of the Affiliated Universities and the value they can bring to the exchange.

5. Furthermore, Christer provided details about the upcoming SIREUS RESEARCH forum set to occur on the 24th of January. The theme of this month's SIREUS RESEARCH forum is Technology Transfer, and the co-host of the forum is Nicole (Forsberg) Sheppard, Business Development Executive at University of Colorado Boulder. The speaker at the event is Stephen Susalka one of the foremost experts in the technology transfer area and CEO of AUTM. Christer also mentioned that one of the goals is to build a database with the collected information about the researchers with the help of these forums.

6. Because SIREUS is entering its last year, Christer presented that an evaluation of the SIREUS project will be done. Participants from the working groups will in a series of meetings discuss what the SIREUS project has contributed to and how it can be developed. On the 16th of April the evaluation will be presented to the steering committee. On the 28th of May the steering committee will decide the project's future.

Christer raised the question within the working group regarding the frequency of their meetings. The participants collectively agreed that the meetings weren't too frequent but suggested that the duration could be an issue. They proposed shortening the meetings to around 45 minutes to one hour, believing that this adjustment would likely attract more attendees. Additionally, the participants emphasized the importance of attendance, highlighting it as crucial alongside the consideration of meeting frequency.

Christer also presented who is included in the evaluation teams, which can be found in the published PowerPoint. The individuals in the evaluation teams will represent the universities and the participants in all working groups.

7. Next scheduled meeting is on March 19th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)

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- b. April 29th-@ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- c. June 4th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- d. August 27th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- e. October 8th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- f. November 19th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)

The meeting calendar is also published on the website (private area).

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