

# Working Group Minutes

August 2022

Working Group 1 Business

Meeting # 2

Date: August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Jörgen Sjöberg	Present
University of Gothenburg	Lena Pedersen	Not present
Jönköping University	No representation	
Karolinska Institute	Richard Cowburn	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Christina Murray	Not present
Linköping University	No representation	
Linnaeus University	Torbjörn Håkansson	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Present
Lund University	Lisa Thelin	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Not present
Mälardalen University	Daniel Boqvist	Present
	Mikael Hjorth	Present
Uppsala University	Cecilia Nilsson	Present
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

## Agenda

1. Welcome
  - a. Update on WG participants
  - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Review of feedback from the group
3. Proposal for change of some goals, subgoals and/or activities
4. "Top 5 activities"
5. Working Group leadership
6. Next meeting
7. AOB

## Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting. This ppt presentation will be sent out alongside the minutes. An updated and complete “Goals & Activities” document will also be sent out.

## Minutes

1. After a brief introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed.
2. Christer thanked the participants for the feedback on the project plan and presented a summary of the feedback. Below are some of the topics that were discussed.
  - a. We must accept the fact that many universities are still working on their US Strategy and therefore have difficulties to be specific in their priorities (1.2.5)
  - b. We also must accept that many collaborations are between researchers from different universities and/or businesses. The staff (researcher & professors) “owns” the contacts. Therefor it is very difficult to map the existing collaborations and contacts from a central role at the universities.
  - c. “We have to realize that the best way to drive the SIREUS initiative is to grow organically, i.e. use what we have and grow from there”
  - d. Torbjörn from LNU shared their structured approach with “Kunskaps miljöer”  
<https://lnu.se/mot-linneuniversitetet/kunskapsmiljoer/>
  - e. Richard from KI mentioned that SIREUS may want to explore the possibility to work with UIDP  
<https://uidp.org/>
  - f. The group talked about the goals & subgoals. Is there any possibility to change or add to the subgoals? Christer answered ABSOLUTELY! This is one of the tasks of our working groups. The members will look into changing and/or adding subgoals as the next step. **[Action: Each participant reviews the project plan and be prepared to discuss this during the next meeting]**
  - g. The group also emphasized that to get real talent mobility, there also needs to be available funds for researchers. Christer mentioned the initiatives to reach out to organizations / institutions for funds and emphasized that it is a real challenge, but it is not forgotten.
  - h. Jörgen from Chalmers mentioned that one of the benefits with SIREUS is that it could facilitate a closer contact and communication between the universities. We should plan events with that in mind as well. Another event could be a virtual forum where a company explains how they see collaboration with academia could benefit both parties. **[Action: Christer will explore this idea]**
  - i. Jörgen also mentioned that there need to be a process for synchronization between working groups and the steering group. Christer mentioned that the website is being build so that all participants in the steering group and working groups will have access to all minutes and presentations. There are also plans where we could have sessions where the different working groups can present to each other.
3. Christer presented an updated project plan after the feedback from the group. Once all the working groups have had the chance to comment, an updated document (XLSX) will be sent out to all working group members. **[Action: Christer update and send out]**
4. Top 5 activities were not covered during this meeting and will be brought forward to the next meeting. It would be beneficial for the conversation if all the members could be prepared for this conversation.

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5. Working Group leadership. Christer mentioned again that he would welcome a member of the working group to volunteer to be the group leader for the working group. If you are interested, please contact Christer.
6. Next scheduled meeting is on September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00. Christer proposed that the following meeting to be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 13.00. The group agreed and Christer will invite to that meeting as well.
7. No other topics was discussed, and Christer thanked the members for the meeting.

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