

Working Group Minutes

November 2022

Working Group 1 Business
Meeting # 4
Date: November 22nd, 2022

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – December 9th, 2022

Participants

| University | Contact name | Present/Not present |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Chalmers University of Technology | Jörgen Sjöberg | Present |
| University of Gothenburg | Lena Pedersen | Present |
| Jönköping University | Roy Andersson | Not present |
| Karolinska Institute | Richard Cowburn | Present |
| KTH Royal Institute of Technology | Christina Murray | Present |
| Linköping University | No representation | |
| Linnaeus University | Torbjörn Håkansson | Present |
| Luleå University of Technology | Maria Vyatkina | Present |
| Lund University | Lisa Thelin | Present |
| Mid Sweden University | Anna Lindahl | Present |
| Mälardalen University | Daniel Boqvist | Present |
| | Mikael Hjorth | Not present |
| | Helena Blackbright | Present |
| Stockholm University | Mats Berglund | Present |
| Uppsala University | Cecilia Nilsson | Not present |
| | Philipp Bauer | Present |
| Partners | | |
| Swedish Embassy | Charlotte Kramer | Present |
| Swedish Institute | Lisa Truedsson | Not 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. Update on SIREUS progress and other WG
3. Discuss & Decide "Areas of Interests"
4. Start Mapping of Target Companies
5. Discuss the project plan & what is important
6. Next meetings

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 archived on the SIREUS website alongside the minutes.

Minutes

1. Christer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, especially Mats Berglund from Stockholm University who also have joined the SIREUS program. Also, Roy Andersson from Jönköping University as new to the working group (he could not make it to this meeting but gave his regards). After the introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed. There were a lot of very good comments and call for action. **These minutes should be used going forward so we do not forget the feedback.** It was proposed and decided that the focus of the meeting today was to agree on "Areas of interests" for the members.
2. Christer briefed the participants about the SIREUS progress and what is going on in other working groups. He mentioned events that have been held and the upcoming "Chancellors" event in Washington DC in late February. He also briefed the group about the SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities that start to have traction. The plan is to have 10 American universities signed up by the event in February. He further briefed that the plan is to launch another complementary program, "SIREUS Affiliation of Companies" during the event in February. The idea is to connect companies with need of qualified research to the SIREUS network. Details are being worked on and will be presented to the steering committee during January. Christer mentioned that he has communication with AstraZeneca about the concept of the program. Lisa, LU mentioned that also Nvidia and Micron could be interesting companies to reach out to.
3. The main conversation during the meeting was to come to a conclusion of "Areas of Interests" for the group. As a start of the conversation, Christer referred to the presentation.
 - a. AI, Big Data
 - b. Life Science – Precision Medicine, ...
 - c. Green Transition – Smart Cities, Energy
 - d. Society – Climate change, Democracy, ...

The group then had an open and creative conversation about the topics.

Automation, Swedish Industrial Technology (with the drivers being Cloud, IIoT, Advanced Data Analytic and IT Security) was suggested from MDU.

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Sustainable Industrial Production, Precision and Prevention Health, Semiconductor (“Chip Act”), Marine Science, Social impact in Life Science and in AI/Big data is important to highlight. Christer will work on a revised list of Areas of Interests and include feedback from the Embassy and other working groups.

Christer will present the list during our next WG meeting.

4. Christer showed an example that we might be able to use when mapping of the companies in these areas. Both existing contacts and desired target companies. The group did not have time to further explore this aspect.
5. The project plan was not discussed at this meeting; however, Christer mentioned the complete project plan and activities can be found in the SIREUS archive on the website. He also mentioned that we as a WG need to revise the project plan according to our desired direction and activities.
6. Next scheduled meeting is on January 24th @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the revised meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation) and will send out invites for 2023 as follows,
 - a. January 24th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - b. March 21st @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - c. May 9th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - d. June 13th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - e. August 22nd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - f. October 3rd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - g. November 28th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)

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

No other topics was discussed, and Christer thanked the members for the meeting.

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