

## Working Group Minutes

Working Group 1 Business

Meeting # 5

Date: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### 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	Not 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	Not present
	Mikael Hjorth	Not present
Stockholm University	Mats Berglund	Present
Uppsala University	Cecilia Nilsson	Present
<b>Partners</b>		
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. The minutes from previous meeting was reviewed and then Christer proposed, and it decided that the focus of the meeting today was to agree on “Areas of interests” for the members. We should also try to discuss the project plan and what is important for us going forward.
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 “Entrepreneurs” event in Denver during February and the “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 and some universities have already signed up. The plan is to have 10 American universities signed up by the event in February.
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 from this group.
  - a. AI, Big Data
  - b. Life Science – Precision Medicine, ...
  - c. Green Transition – Smart Cities, Energy
  - d. Society – Climate change, Democracy, ...

Also, the recommendation from the Steering Committee ad-hoc group was presented.

**Thematic areas** – Below is a list of proposed thematic areas for SIREUS. *WG1 is also working on this and will handle this question.*

**Digitalization** (AI, Big Data, Quant, Automation, Cloud, Cybersecurity,..)

**Green Transition** (Energy grid, Smart Cities, Battery, Renewable Energy, Forest – CO2,..)

**Life Science** (Cancer, Precision Health, Prevention Health, Art as a tool)

**Society** (Democracy, Sustainability, Climate Change, Social impact of ..., ...)

**Material Science and Space technology** – small satellites (not sure where we place this)

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

“Society is a horizontal area and also a question about equability.” [RC]

“In MIRAI, Social and Social Science is horizontal. Green Transition and Smart Cities are called Smart Cities. AI is a tool for all areas.” [MV]

“How do we include / cover the areas for CHIPS ACT (\$110 BUSD) and the GREEN DEAL” [LT]

“Agree with the others, Social horizontal, Material science is certainly involved in both Green Transition and Life Science” [CN]

“How do we communicate the Thematic areas? And where is Food Science / water and produce” [AL]

“It is difficult to make the distinction. At SU we have fundamental research in Society” [MB]

“How do we use these areas in communication with companies, universities and researchers?” [CN]

“It is great to have this discussion, but What / areas would we like to have. Can we list the areas of what we want?” [RC]

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“I agree with RC. What is our strength today and what do we need” [LT]

“I agree / we need to focus on the GAP of what we have and what we would like to have” [AL]

“What are the investment and areas of focus for industry / business from US. CHIPS Act etc...” [JS]

“Don’t forget National Security” [LT]

“What is happening globally and regionally” [JS]

“What is stated in the MOU with Affiliated universities?” [JS]

4. Mapping of companies in these areas where not covered during the meeting.
5. The project plan was not discussed at this meeting; however, Christer again emphasized that we as a group need to revise the project plan according to our desired direction and activities. (The project plan can be found in the SIREUS archive on the website)
6. Next scheduled meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation) and will send out invites for 2023 as follows,
  - a. March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - b. May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - c. June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - d. August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - e. October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - f. November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 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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