

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 1 Business

Meeting # 7

Date: May 9th, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – May 10th, 2023

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology		
University of Gothenburg	Lena Pedersen	Present
Jönköping University	Roy Andersson	Present
Karolinska Institute	Richard Cowburn	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Christina Murray	Not present
Linköping University	Therese Lindkvist	Present
Linnaeus University	Torbjörn Håkansson	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Present
Lund University	Lisa Thelin	Present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Not present
Mälardalen University	Daniel Boqvist	Present
	Mikael Hjorth	Not present
Stockholm University	Mats Berglund	Present
Uppsala University	Cecilia Nilsson	Present
	Magnus Strandås	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 (SACC USA presentation)
 - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. Review of project plan
 - a. Updated Goals & Activities can be found on SIREUS Member area under “Goals & Activities”
 - b. Feedback from the group about the Project Plan

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3. Thematic Areas
 - a. A preview of the website can be found here ([Thematic Areas](#))
 - b. We need help with definitions and links.
4. Start Mapping of Target Companies
5. Next meetings

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 took a couple of minutes explaining how much Jörgen Sjöberg, who passed away a couple of weeks ago, meant to SIREUS and to Christer personally. Everyone agreed that it was a tremendous loss. He continued with welcoming Magnus Strandås, UU to the meeting.
 - b) The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. He mentioned that the SACC USA presentation can now be found on the SIREUS website and that he had talked with Karin Hammar about the request from Lisa, LU regarding support on the VISA process for US talents.
 - c) Christer then informed the group about the overall progress of SIREUS and the other working groups. He mentioned the continues work with affiliated universities, the Vinnova application (unfortunately not granted) and the upcoming delegation to Sweden by UTSA and the SIREUS MEMBER forum event on May 31st in conjunction with the NAFSA conference. Roy asked if he could invite industry partners as well and was encouraged to do so. Christer also mentioned that we have now included “Scholarship” information on the website. Maria thought it looked good and encouraged SIREUS to send out information when the website is being updated, so everyone can find it easier. Lisa mentioned about the NSF, Vinnova and VR announcement and encouraged Christer to try to find out what it could mean to SIREUS.
2. Christer presented an updated version of the goals & activities of the project plan. He encourages everyone to review the document as it is readily available (on the website – members area). **The plan is that on May 15th we will conclude the process for input for this time and the plan will be presented to the Steering Committee on May 30th. All input can be provided direct to Christer for consolidation.** A conversation followed about the goals & activities. Overall, the group felt OK with the direction. Roy mentioned again that we need to include industry in a better way in our activities.
3. The next topic for the meeting was to review the project around Thematic Areas. Christer reminded the group about the process and showed the preliminary result on the website. As everyone has had the opportunity over the last couple of days to review the website (the section is not released yet), an interesting conversation followed.
 - Everyone expressed their pleasure with the structure and “look & feel”.
 - Christer thanked Maria, Mikael and Lena for their input to definitions and encouraged everyone to review the website and if they could **contribute to definitions not yet published, it would be really appreciated. Let Christer know what you can help with.**

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- The group felt that placing the **Thematic Areas under “Researchers” would not be optimal.**
 - Christer urged everyone to check the links on the pages and **add more links from the universities as they find appropriate. Send the requests to Christer.**
 - Lisa recommended us to closely follow up **the web statistics** once we launch the Thematic Areas information. Christer appreciated the comment and explained that we are following up with both our website tool and google analytics.
 - Maria asked for affiliated universities areas of strength and interest. Christer mentioned that the plan is to add **links for the affiliated universities**, once we have more SIREUS members adding links.
 - Torbjörn liked the result and encouraged us to connect with RISE. He will introduce Christer.
 - Therese mentioned that SI is working on a toolkit for Swedish research. Christer will reach out to SI to find out more about synergies.
 - Maria mentioned about their project with **co-published articles** between Swedish researcher and American researcher. She has had meeting with the SIREUS team and the plan is to start with this mapping very soon. She also mentioned the GTI initiative, which Christer answered that we already are working with them for quite some time (and they have their office next to SIREUS in House of Sweden).
 - Lotta encouraged us to also explore nuclear energy as this is of high interest in both Sweden and the US.
4. Mapping of companies in thematic areas was not covered during this meeting. However, Christer mentioned that this will be a natural extension of the project with thematic areas. Trying to find companies that are interested in internships and/or research in certain specific areas. He proposed to discuss this further during the next meeting.
5. Next scheduled meeting is on June 13th @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for rest of 2023 - invites have been sent out for 2023 as follows,
- a. June 13th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - b. August 22nd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - c. October 3rd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - d. November 28th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- The meeting calendar is also published on the website (private area).

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

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