

## Working Group Minutes

Working Group 1 Business

Meeting # 8

Date: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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	Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Christina Murray	Not present
Linköping University	Therese Lindkvist	Not 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	Present
Mälardalen University	Daniel Boqvist <b>Mikael Hjorth</b>	Not present Not present
Stockholm University	Mats Berglund	Not present
Uppsala University	Cecilia Nilsson Magnus Strandås	Not present Not present
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Charlotte Kramer	Present
Swedish Institute	<del>Lisa Truedsson</del>	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
  - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. Project plan
  - a. Updated Goals & Activities is approved and can be found on SIREUS Member area.
3. Thematic Areas
  - a. Implemented on the website – still need help with some definitions and relevant links.
4. Mapping of existing relationships & target companies/areas
  - a. Thematic areas, regions
  - b. Internships, Capstone & Post doc
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. The participants were a bit disappointed that so few members showed up for the meeting. Probably a combination of graduation and early summer commitments.  
b) The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.  
c) Christer then informed the group about the overall progress of SIREUS and the other working groups. He mentioned that the [SIREUS MEMBER forum](#) was a success; close to 200 participants from 12 SIREUS members and 6 Affiliated members. Representatives from 16 countries and 23 US states come from 94 different universities and relevant organizations. The members that were at the forum agreed that it was very well done, and it provided an excellent opportunity to network.  
Christer then informed the group about the work with [thematic areas](#) that now are published on the web, and referred to the email regarding the launch and that we still need some help with some definitions and relevant links.  
Christer mentioned about the [Vinnova](#) application that unfortunately was not granted, this means that the financial situation for SIREUS will be difficult going forward.  
Christer mentioned that the first SIREUS initiated [academic delegation](#) took place during May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>. University of Texas at San Antonio, UTSA visited JU, GU and Chalmers. Christer extended his (and UTSA's) appreciation for the very welcoming, positive, and productive meetings at the universities. There are already follow-up activities scheduled between the universities.
2. Christer mentioned that the updated version of the goals & activities of the project plan is now approved and can be found in the SIREUS member area. He encourages everyone to review the document periodically, since this is what we have committed to do and will be measured on.

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3. The next topic for the meeting was the Thematic Areas, he appreciated all the work that the members have put in to helping with definitions and providing relevant links. The result is published on the website, but still needs some additional definitions and more relevant links. Torbjörn from Linnaeus mentioned that they have scheduled a review and will get back shortly.
4. Christer presented a picture of his interpretation of what is needed to comply with the project plan.
  - a. Goal 1.1 - Find synergies between regional chamber and SIREUS Member. Each university needs to inform SIREUS about its chosen thematic area and region they want to focus on (1.1.0). This will then make it available for SIREUS to have a dialogue with the regional chambers of desired target within their region.
  - b. Goal 1.2.1 – 1.2.3 is for the universities to do and potentially document this in the **Individual Plan that can be stored on the website in “individual containers”** – Christer will inform when this feature has been fully tested.
  - c. Goal 1.2.4 is for SIREUS and the regional chamber to do and present for the universities.
  - d. Goal 1.2.5 is for the universities to decide and communicate their chosen strategy to SIREUS.
  - e. Goal 1.2.6 is for SIREUS (with the help of Team Sweden) to try find desired companies / segment that each university wants to focus on.
  - f. Goals 1.3 and 1.4 is for the universities to indicate their need for internships, capstone and maybe post doc positions they are interested in. (Should be archived in the “Individual Container”)
5. Next scheduled meeting is on August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for rest of 2023 - invites have been sent out for 2023 as follows,
  - a. August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - b. October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - c. November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)The meeting calendar is also published on the website (private area).

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

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