

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 3 Innovation

Meeting # 11

Date: November 30th, 2023

Minutes prepared by Märta Ernfors – November 30th, 2023

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Tomas Faxheden	Not present
	Charlotte Emlind Vahul	Present
University of Gothenburg	Jonas Rimbäck	Not present
Jönköping University	No representation	Not present
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Siimon Vaske	Not present
Linköping University	Åsa Wallin	Not present
Linnaeus University	Johan Höglund	Present
	Annett Wolf	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Marita Holst	Present
Lund University	Niclas Nilsson	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Sten Wigert	Present
Mälardalen University	Christer Nygren	Not present
	Radu Dobrin	Not present
Stockholm University	Maryam Hansson Edalat	Not present
	Tor Regberg	Present
Uppsala University	Malin Graffner Nordberg	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
	Jenny Majidyar	Not present
SACC Trainees	Märta Ernfors	Present
SACC USA	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. Thematic Areas
 - a. Implemented on the website – updated status.
3. Individual University Plan
 - a. Updated status
4. SIREUS RESEARCH forum
 - a. Premier Dec 11, 2023 @ 16:00 CET
5. SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum
 - a. Destination Start Up / - Denver Annually! March 20-21, 2024
 - b. Innovation Tour Texas Feb 5-9, 2024
6. 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.
 - b) The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.
 - c) Christer updated the group about what's been going on with SIREUS since the last meeting. The Study in Sweden trip with WG4 started in New York (Nov 2nd), and continue to Washington State University, Pullman (Nov 4th), and Chapman University in California (Nov 6th). The trip was very successful, and all the participants thought it was well organized and productive. The group had a feedback session after the last stop and will solidify the feedback for next year's planning during the upcoming WG4 meeting. Christer then mentioned the Innovation trip to Texas (WG3) that is scheduled for February 5th -9th 2024. The three stops in Texas will be Austin, Houston, and San Antonio. Another planning group is working on the upcoming SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum in Denver in conjunction with Destination Start-Up, now to be held March 21st-22nd, 2024. 5-6 SIREUS members will join the trips. The SIREUS VIRTUAL forum is now called the SIREUS RESEARCH forum, and the first forum is scheduled for December 11th @ 16.00 CET (or 10 am EST). An invite has been sent out and as of today, there are 25 attendees registered.

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He also mentioned that we are in the early planning of a SIREUS CHANCELLORS forum in Stockholm during the spring, week of May 13th, more information will be distributed as the planning becomes more detailed.

2. Christer presented an overview of the links currently provided by the universities to the different thematic areas (<https://www.sireus.org/thematic-areas>). This allows the universities to emphasize their strengths and focus areas on which they are, or strive, to be recognized. He showed a summary of which Swedish universities had provided these links so far (with a blue indicator on the presentation). Christer mentioned that he has started contacting American universities and asked for links but has not received any answers.
3. Christer presented the Individual University Plans. The aim of the individual plan is to gain insights into any specific objectives each university might have for being part of the SIREUS project. Individual plans will be implemented on the webpage under “University Specific Documents” that will only be accessible for the specific university they concern. This is to optimize the individual plans for each university, and for SIREUS to make it possible to help with the specific areas that each university wants to focus on. Christer further showed a snapshot of how the individual page would look like on the webpage.
4. Christer presented the SIREUS RESEARCH forum where the first forum is scheduled for December 11th @ 16.00 CET (or 10 am EST). An invite has been sent out to all SIREUS members and it is being pushed for in social media. Marketing material was asked for so that the universities can promote this through their channels.
5. Christer continued to present the SIREUS Affiliation of Companies and the soft launch which has gone out to Ericsson, Astra Zeneca, Volvo Group, SAAB, and Einride for discussions and the opportunity for feedback and input. Meetings have been completed with these companies and the document has been updated and the final version will be sent out to the companies for their last approval. It will then be followed by an MOU that will make it possible for companies to help Swedish universities with internships, post doc possibilities, guest lectures, workshops, tailored learning programs, etc.
6. Next scheduled meeting is on January 23rd @ 15.00 CET, 09.00 EST.

Christer then presented a proposition for preliminary dates for the working group meeting for 2024. Calendar invites will be sent out.

- a) January 23rd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- b) March 27th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST) – please note it is on a Wednesday.
- c) April 29th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- d) June 4th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- e) August 27th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- f) October 8th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- g) November 19th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

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

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No other topics were discussed, and Christer thanked the members for the meeting and for being very supportive during the whole of 2023 and wished everyone a happy holidays season.

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