

Working Group Minutes

August 2022

Working Group 3 Innovation

Meeting # 2

Date: August 18th,2022Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – August 19th, 2022

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Åsa Valadi	Present
University of Gothenburg	Jonas Rimbäck	Present
Jönköping University	No representation	
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Siimon Vaske	Present
Linköping University	Åsa Wallin	Present
Linnaeus University	Johan Höglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Jennie Hägg Wilhelmson	Present
Lund University	Niclas Nilsson	Present
Mid Sweden University	Sandra Olofsson	Present
Mälardalen University	Christer Nygren	Present
	Radu Dobrin	Not present
Uppsala University	Malin Graffner Nordberg	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Review of feedback from the group
3. Proposal for change of some goals, subgoals and/or activities
4. "Top 5 activities"
5. Working Group leadership
6. Next meeting
7. AOB

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 sent out alongside the minutes. An updated and complete “Goals & Activities” document will also be sent out.

Minutes

1. After a brief introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed.
2. Christer thanked the participants for the feedback on the project plan and presented a summary of the feedback. He especially thanked Johan from LNU for excellent feedback regarding our website. The comment about that SIREUS ought to include more explicitly the Climate topic in the project was very important and will be acted on. Below are some of the topics that were discussed.
 - a. The overall theme of the conversation was: *“Prioritize and get going...build on existing...then accelerate”*
 - b. Malin from UU has proposed to explore the possibility to create an “Inspiration week” in the US for startup companies. Siimon from KTH briefed about the Brighter program. This year the destination is Colorado Boulder. The event is during the week of October 30th – November 4th. Christer has contact with Nicole Forsberg and will check if there is possibility to have some SIREUS members present to learn about the program. ***[Action: Christer will follow up with Nicole]***
 - c. Christer mentioned that he has a dialogue with SACC Arizona of maybe doing a similar event in Phoenix, if possible, later this year. ***[Action: Christer will get back to the group]***
 - d. Åsa from LiU (on her way to Stanford) mentioned that the organization SNITTS planned a visit to Nordic Innovation House in Silicon Valley during the 2023 ***[Action: Åsa will follow up and let the group know if there are possibilities for SIREUS members to participate]***
 - e. Another possibility for events might be virtual events with different topics that is relevant for the companies connected to the IK. ***[Action: Christer has started with some planning and will get back to the group]***
 - f. Maria from the Embassy informed about the role as being the bridge between Sweden and US for innovation. She mentioned specifically the CHIPS program (53B\$) that is approved, and Johan added that we should not forget about the large Climate bill that recently was approved (370B\$)
 - g. Another topic was the analysis of what is needed and what risks are there with cooperation from both Sweden and the US. Siimon added that one of the risks he sees are how can we keep some value in Sweden. Due to the Swedish regulation that the researcher owns the IP, there are examples of small companies that moved to the US and raised substantial money within a couple of months and Sweden did not have any benefit of that research. Maybe a seminar topic for a joint Swedish and US conference.
3. Christer presented an updated project plan after the feedback from the group. Once all the working groups have had the chance to comment, an updated document (XLSX) will be sent out to all working group members. ***[Action: Christer update and send out]***
4. Top 5 activities were partly covered during this meeting and will continued to be covered during the next meeting.

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5. Working Group leadership. Christer mentioned again that he would welcome a member of the working group to volunteer to be the group leader for the working group. If you are interested, please contact Christer.
6. Next scheduled meeting is on October 4th @ 15.00. Christer proposed that the following meeting to be held on November 24th @ 13.00. The group agreed and Christer will invite to that meeting as well.
7. No other topics was discussed, and Christer thanked the members for the meeting.

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