

# Working Group Minutes

November 2022

Working Group 3 Innovation

Meeting # 4

Date: November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Tomas Faxheden	Present (part of meeting)
University of Gothenburg	Jonas Rimbäck	Not present
Jönköping University	No representation	
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Siimon Vaske	Not present
	Viktor Olsson	Present
Linköping University	Åsa Wallin	Not present
Linnaeus University	Johan Höglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Marita Holst	Present
Lund University	Niclas Nilsson	Present
Mid Sweden University	Sten Wigert	Not present
Mälardalen University	Christer Nygren	Not present
	Radu Dobrin	Not present
Stockholm University	Maryam Hansson Edalat	Present
Uppsala University	Malin Graffner Nordberg	Present
	Philipp Baur	Present
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present (part of meeting)
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 activities
3. Any update on subgoal/activities
4. 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, especially Maryam Hansson Edalat from Stockholm University who also have joined the SIREUS program. Also, Siimon Vaske, KTH couldn't make the meeting, but Viktor Olsson participated instead. After the introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed. Christer did a brief presentation about the overall SIREUS progress and activities in the other working groups.
2. Activities. Christer mentioned that since there are a lot of activities within the WG3 area, most of the meeting would be focused on those activities.
  - a. **Nordic Innovation House, October 6th.** This was a LiU (Åsa Wallin) coordinated event and she mentioned about SIREUS, also Viveka Rydell Andersson (SACC SF/SV) was representing SIREUS at the event. The event was a round table format, topic Precision Healthcare.
  - b. **Colorado Boulder, October 30<sup>th</sup>.** This was a one-day SACC Colorado/SIREUS event in conjunction with the big Brighter KTH event in Colorado. Åsa was invited as an observer and will present some findings during our next WG meeting. Viktor Olsson, KTH (responsible for the Brighter program @ KTH) did a very good and in-depth presentation about the Brighter program and about the event in Boulder. A lot of questions were raised, and Viktor had answers on almost all the questions. What companies participated? What stage are they from? How do you insure value creation for both the university and companies with such an event? How did you finance the participation? Viktor mentioned that it is very valuable to have a local (SACC?) person participating. He also emphasized that the combined SIREUS/SACC day was a great way to start the week. The group agreed that this might be a model for future soft-landing events.
  - c. **SNITTS travel to Silicon Valley.** Åsa was not present during the meeting and will present the opportunity for SIREUS during next WG meeting.
  - d. **CO + AZ Destination Startup in Dener CO.** Christer briefly presented a possible event in Denver during February (see presentation). This will build on the experiences from the Boulder event and is planned in conjunction with the annual Destination Startup in Denver. The group discussed the idea and was supportive of the proposal. However, a more detailed plan needs to be presented to the universities & companies very soon. It was decided that a taskforce was formed in order make a formal proposal to the WG. The taskforce consists of Malin (UU), Niclas (LU), Nicole Forsberg (SACC CO & CU Boulder), Joacim Mattisson (SACC AZ) and Christer. The group needs to get a program formalized and out to the universities before Christmas.
    - i. *Christer sent out an email on November 23<sup>rd</sup> after meeting with additional information since the time is of an essence.*
    - ii. *Another email with a preliminary program was sent out yesterday (December 8<sup>th</sup>)*
    - iii. *On December 15<sup>th</sup> the taskforce will have the next meeting (Go/No-go)*
  - e. **Sweden Innovation Days 21-23 march, 2023.** Christer mentioned the event again, but the feedback from the group is that everyone is busy with other meetings and events and there will not be any focus on SIREUS.

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- f. **SIREUS forum.** Christer again brought up the idea of SIREUS forum. The group did not have time to elaborate on this topic and will explore it during the next WG meeting.
3. **Any update on subgoals/activities.** The update was not discussed at this meeting; however, Christer mentioned the complete project plan and activities can be found in the SIREUS archive on the website. He also mentioned that we as a WG need to revise the project plan according to our desired direction and activities.
4. Next scheduled meeting is on January 26th @ 15.00 CET. Christer presented the revised meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation), please note that the meetings start 15.00 CET (9am EST) to accommodate that Åsa Wallin has a practical possibility to participate (6 am PST) and will send out invites for 2023 as follows,
- a. January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
  - b. ~~March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~ - due to conflict with Sweden Innovation Days
  - c. March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
  - d. May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
  - e. June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
  - f. August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
  - g. October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
  - h. November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 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.

*After the meeting I talked with Åsa and she wanted to remind us about a conversation she had earlier with a couple of SIREUS members, regarding focus of our work and planned activities (translated from email):*

*"It is important to start from real needs and that it will not be tech tourism but something that creates impact. Sweden has strengths, think exchange. We are 13 (different) universities, it is important that we understand how we strengthen each other and that we have different regional and local contexts (aka national collaboration when it is favorable but not in all parts / situations).*

- *Funding for an effort like this, how? Comment: is it possible to discuss with Vinnova*
- *IP. How do we ensure that IPR does not disappear in the context of American cooperation.*
- *How to get started with operations in the United States; partnerships, sales, investments. Are there alternatives to having a company in the US, access to US capital, test beds and infrastructure.*
- *To really get results. Could the Ignite setup be a possibility? In addition, creates cooperation between the countries so that it does not become one-sided. Hands-on effects for projects/companies.*
- *Global accelerators. How do we as Swedish innovation support relate to them, what are our roles?"*

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