

Working Group Minutes

November 2022

Working Group 4 Sweden

Meeting # 4

Date: November 23rd, 2022*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – December 9th, 2022*

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Linda Millsvik	Present
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Present
Karolinska Institute	Johanna Gasslander	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Åsa Andersson	Not present
	Hans Lundin	Present
Linköping University	Therese Winder	Present
Linnaeus University	Stefan Haglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Robert Omberg	Not present
Lund University	Maria Lindblad	Present
Mid Sweden University	Ellen Horbach	Present
Mälardalen University	Johanna Forsström	Present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson	Present
Uppsala University	Lina Solander	Present & Group Leader
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidiyar	Present (part of meeting)
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Present
SIREUS Trainees	Louise Andersson	Present
SACC USA	Karin Hammar	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Review of activities
 - a. Study in Sweden, November 1st, Washington DC
3. Proposal of metrics/KPI for subgoals & activities
4. Any update on subgoals/activities
 - a. FAFSA – Status & actions
5. 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. Lina opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, especially Tina Larsson from Stockholm University who also have joined the SIREUS program. After a brief introduction, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed.
2. Lina presented the agenda for the meeting and emphasized that the main topic for the meeting was to discuss the event “Study in Sweden” November 1st @ House of Sweden, Washington DC. What worked and what needs to be improved. Christer and Louise presented the main feedback and lessons learned. The group had an open conversation and agreed on the feedback – it was a great event. The conversation then turned to the possibility to repeat the Study in Sweden event at another location in the US and whether it should be held annually in Washington DC. The conclusion from the group was that it would be interesting to try to hold a similar event at another location (or locations), but it needs to be more than a 3-hour event at one place. Maybe it should be combined with an alumni event and a university round table conversation? It would also be interesting to see the interest to hold the event annually in Washington, DC, since most universities will attend the student fair in Mexico as was the case this year. **Lina was asking for feedback on the questions and will further discuss the possibilities with Christer.** The proposal will be a topic for the next WG meeting.
3. **Proposal of metrics/KPI for subgoals & activities.** This topic 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 and the WG need to bring up the topic about KPI during the next WG.
4. **Any update on subgoals/activities.** One of the topics that have been discussed and needed attention is financing and scholarships. Lina, Maria et al had a meeting at the Embassy during the event early November. Jenny was not part of the meeting at this point, but Christer related information that the topic is up on the diplomatic agenda and Jenny will inform us ongoing about the status. The group had a conversation and the FAFSA situation is still not clear on what to do, especially for UU and LU. Lina can provide more details if someone needs it.
5. Next scheduled meeting is on January 26th @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the revised meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation), please note that the meetings start 13.00 CET (7am EST) to

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accommodate that Åsa Wallin, WG3 has a practical possibility to participate in those meetings and will send out invites for 2023 as follows,

- a. January 26th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- b. March 23rd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- c. May 11th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- d. June 15th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- e. August 24th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- f. October 5th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
- g. November 30th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)

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

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

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