

**Management Board conference call (via GoToMeeting)
Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 9:30h**

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Agenda

1. Big event organized by EC RTD with EERA bioenergy in Lisbon
2. Communications on SRIA dissemination and feedbacks
3. Update on SP workshops

Participants: Andrea, Francisco, Jaap, Jean, Raquel, Margarita, Ana

1. Big event organized by EC RTD with EERA Bioenergy in Lisbon

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation in collaboration with the SET-Plan Action 8 EU Member States, ETIP-Bioenergy, RHC-ETIP and EERA Bioenergy organize in the framework of the 27th EUBCE European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (Lisbon, 27th-30th May) the event: 'Paving the way towards clean energy and fuels in Europe. Talks with research, industry and EU Member States on bioenergy, advanced biofuels and renewable fuels' that will take place on Wednesday 29th May 2019, from 09:00h to 17:15h at Congress Center CCL, Lisbon (Portugal).

It will consist of a roundtable divided into several sessions. 16 EERA Bioenergy projects, 16 ETIP-Bioenergy projects and 11-12 RHC-ETIP projects will be presented by their coordinators. Andrea proposed Patricia Thornley (UKERC) as reporter/moderator on the EERA Bioenergy projects session. She would drive the session by asking the following questions:

- What is the *status quo* of the value chain? (Where we are today)
- What is next in the value chain? (Future innovation)
- How can bioenergy contribute to 2050 climate targets?

All Management Board members agree on this proposal. Andrea will circulate an email with more information about EERA Bioenergy responsibilities during this event.

2. Fee agreement

Andrea informs a couple of members requested an agreement on the fee contribution for the EERA Bioenergy Joint Programme members, as they need this agreement to be allowed to pay the fees.

UNIBO staff has prepared a draft to declare how we use the fees on EERA activities. The draft will be circulated for comments and approval to the Management Board, and then it will be sent to the Steering Committee to obtain the final approval.

Once the agreement is approved, Andrea suggests two options to proceed: 1) To use the agreement for new members (independently they ask for it or not); or 2) To use the agreement just under request. Andrea will send the draft to Margarita after this meeting and she will circulate it first to the Management Board and then to the Steering Committee for approval.

3. Communications

Andrea informs RISE's withdrawal from the Joint Programme as biomass for power and heating is not its research priority anymore, although they are still working on biorefineries and biofuels. Andrea believes we must improve the visibility of EERA Bioenergy activities as well as the advantages of becoming a member. Margarita as EERA Bioenergy Secretariat proposes to create new sections in the EERA Bioenergy website:

- 'Upcoming EERA Bioenergy activities' subsection in the Home page to enhance the visibility of current and next activities, both: Open and restricted to EERA Bioenergy members (webinars, etc.).
- 'EERA label' subsection in the Home page, explaining its benefits for EERA Bioenergy members and conditions.
- 'Collaborative project generation' subsection in the 'Events' section, to include all the activities that have been developed under the EERA Bioenergy umbrella to promote joint collaboration between members to generate R&D&I projects.

Jean comments on JP diagram structure located in the Home. The SP5 appears in a new position next to the other SPs instead of appearing at the bottom, as the horizontal SP it is. He reminds that SP5 was considered as a horizontal Subprogramme after the approval from the Steering Committee. Margarita explains that change was made last week under the Coordinator's request. Management Board members prefer SP5 to be located as it was before, at the bottom of the diagram. The research areas will be included as Raquel confirms they have been already set. Regarding the next website changes, Andrea asserts from now on he will send all the possible website changes copying all Management Board members to be approved.

Margarita reminds the need for choosing a final claim for the Joint Programme in order to update the whole title of the Joint Programme in all communication materials. After the Management Board agreement, the final claim for EERA Bioenergy will be: "Biobased fuels, power and heat in a circular bioeconomy".



Before the meeting finishes at 10:40h, Margarita informs that she will circulate:

- A draft version of the SRIA 2020 brochure, to get feedback from the Management Board.
- A presentation including the impact of the SRIA 2020 publication on media.