



Management Board conference call (via GoToMeeting)

Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at 13:00h

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Agenda

1. Communication
2. Official launching of the SRIA 2018-2020 (planning of actions)
3. Update of the website (according to the SRIA 2018-2020)

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

I. Communication

Andrea proposes to change the Joint Programme's current title "Bioenergy" to "EERA Bioenergy and Biofuels". According to potential new members, JP's title "EERA Bioenergy" doesn't convey the existence of working lines on biofuels. Andrea reflects on what may be the cause of the withdrawal of some members from the Joint Programme. The Management Board assumes some members are changing their research priorities from bioenergy to bioproducts.

After a discussion on the convenience or not of changing it, the Management Board decides to maintain the current title "Bioenergy" in line with ETIP Bioenergy and considering that it already includes bio-power, bio-heat and biofuels. However, in order to clarify the wide scope of the Joint Programme, it's decided that a claim (or JP sub-title) shall be included in the communication and dissemination material. The JP's subtitle or claim could be for instance: "Biomass for biofuels, power and heat production, in the broader bioeconomy/ context". Margarita is requested to come up with several shorter options for the claim and present them to the Management Board.

Berta points out the preparation of the SRIA as a period in which the ordinary activities of the Joint Programme slow down (webinars, workshops, etc.). However, she is currently organizing webinars focused on H2020 projects preparation, and she encourages the other SP Coordinators to do so.

Andrea informs about an upcoming meeting in which EERA Bioenergy must be represented. On May 9th there will be a meeting in Bologna organized by the JP Fuel Cells and Hydrogen. JP Bioenergy has been invited to participate in the "hydrogen from biomass" topic. He asks for volunteers to participate on behalf of EERA Bioenergy to explain the SRIA 2018-2020. Berta will check her availability to do it.



2. Official launching of the SRIA 2018-2020 (planning of actions)

Margarita asks the Management Board for their opinion on the strategy to be followed to officially launch the SRIA 2018-2020.

Berta suggests a press release for the time being. Jean suggests we can publish an executive summary only with the highlights of the SRIA included.

Margarita suggests checking with EERA aisbl the possibility to support EERA Bioenergy on the dissemination of the SRIA. Maybe it would be possible to hold a short event in Brussels, with the presence of Andrea and Adel El Gammal (EERA secretary), just to 'formalize' the presentation of the SRIA. Pictures could be used in the press release, in social networks and in communication materials (EERA Bioenergy website and newsletter, ETIP Bioenergy and European Commission websites, EERA aisbl Twitter, etc.).

Margarita will contact EERA aisbl Communication manager (Anita Schneider) and she will propose a communication strategy to the Management Board.

3. Update of the website (according to the SRIA 2018-2020)

This point will be discussed later on as most of the Management Board members had to leave the conference call at the present moment. Andrea will review the proposal of changes to be made in the website (slides send before this meeting to the Management Board) and he will give feedback about it so that the Secretariat can start asap working on it.