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**TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR THE ELECTRICITY NETWORKS OF THE FUTURE  
OUTCOME OF THE 2ND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN BRUSSELS, 23 JUNE 2005**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Council meeting and after approval by the Chairman, please find below a brief summary of the outcome and actions still pending:

**1. Participants**

All AC members were present, except Mr Paul Smith (who was replaced by Mr Louis Fischer, ESB), Mrs Wassiluk-Hassa and Mr Pier Nabuurs.

**2. Progress Report**

The EC informed the AC members that candidates who have not been selected to be part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Advisory Council have been informed of the results of the selection procedure. The EC did not send them the list of the 1<sup>st</sup> AC members, but this list will be published on the EC web site.

The EC informed AC members that the first discussions with a potential Mirror Group have started. All Member States will be contacted by the EC in Autumn.

**3. Introduction of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen**

Based on the consultation with AC members after the 1<sup>st</sup> AC meeting, the EC proposed the following appointments:

- Chairman: Christian Sasse, Areva T&D
- Vice Chairman: Juergen Schmid, ISET e.V.
- Vice Chairman: John Scott, OFGEM

In view of other candidatures, the AC decided to set up a small Executive Group under the Chairman which will propose to the AC the initiatives to lead the Platform in its initial steps. The members of this group will include the Chairman, the two vice Chairmen as well as:

- Yves Bamberger, EDF R&D
- Ronnie Belmans, K.U. Leuven
- Nils Leffler, ABB Power Technologies
- Norberto Santiago Elustondo, ZIV S.A.

#### 4. Objectives, output and deliverables

The AC should provide a vision paper on Electricity Networks of the Future for 2020 and beyond by December 2005. In order to proceed with the selection of the most important issues, **the following actions** have been agreed on:

- **Action:** By **6 July**, each member should send to the EC ([rtd-energy-futurenet@cec.eu.int](mailto:rtd-energy-futurenet@cec.eu.int)) the following documents in word-format:
- 1) A one-page individual vision outline;
  - 2) A one-page draft Table of Contents for the Vision Paper. Ronnie Belmans will then collate them and propose a Table of Contents by 13 July taking into account all the propositions.
- **Action:** The Executive Group will hold a telephone conference **on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am** (Brussels time). The chairman will arrange details. Before the end of August, **the Executive Group will define a detailed plan of further actions** to be undertaken as well as a **detailed description of the contents of the Vision Paper** and a **“Draft Summary”** based on the vision outlines sent in by all members.

As an example, the Vision Paper published by the Technology Platform for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells was distributed among participants during the meeting. Other Technology Platform Vision Papers are available on the Cordis (<http://www.cordis.lu/technology-platforms/summaries.htm>) and on the Europa web site ([http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/index_en.htm)).

#### 5. Web site

The EC informed the AC members of its intention to partially support the secretariat and web management and that this will be an issue in the next Call for proposals.

The EC asked AC members to consider possible ways in which they could contribute to the secretariat. In the time being, the EC will support the Chairman with limited secretarial tasks such as organising meetings, reporting on the outcome of the meetings, recording and distributing documents, etc.

Furthermore, the FP6 cluster IRED has agreed to provide web site administration and documentation in the time being. (see web site: <http://ired-cluster.org/>). Juergen Schmid is the Chairman of the cluster.

→ **Action:** Juergen Schmid to help arrange web-site launch

The official EC web site will also publish documents relevant to the general public to ensure transparency, and provide a link to the IRED cluster web site.

## **6. Brainstorming**

A brainstorming session was organised during the meeting and the AC members were divided into the five groups proposed in the agenda. John Scott has collated the results of each group and will report on the outcome by the end of June. The intention of this summary is to provide basic ideas for the individual papers to be sent in by 6 July.

## **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 8 and 9 September in Brussels, as proposed by the Chairman (see e-mail of 27 June). The agenda and place of the meeting will be sent to you in due time.

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