

MINUTES
General Assembly of the ENVITECH-Net Members
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Participants:

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| Mr. Marcin Kelm, M.Ec. | – IETU (assistant) |
| Mrs. Mirosława Cyrana-Szram, M.A. | – IETU (minutes) |
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| Dr. Barbara Dąbrowska | – Technical University of Cracow, Faculty of Environmental Engineering |
| Prof. Władysław Kamiński | – Technical University of Łódź, Process and Environmental Engineering |
| Mr. Damian Kasperczyk, M.Sc. | – Institute for Chemical Engineering of Polish Academy of Sciences |
| Dr. Marek Kieszkowski | – Institute of Precision Mechanics |
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| Dr. Marian Niesler | – IMZ Institute for Ferrous Metallurgy |
| Dr. Andrzej Plewiński | – INOP Metal Forming Institute |
| Mr. Cornel Radulescu | – ICPMRR R&D National Institute for Metals and Radioactive Resources |
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| Dr. Maria Ratajska | – IBWCH Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres |
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| Dr. Katarzyna Steczko | – INIG Oil and Gas Institute |
| Dr. Piotr Stanisławczyk | – ITC Institute of Heating Technology |
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– IMGW Institute of Meteorology and Water Management

Agenda:

1. Voting:
 - a) Election of RF1 Leader (proposed candidate: Institute of Meteorology and Water Management)
 - b) Financing the development and implementation of the ENVITECH-NET information management system from membership fees
2. Presentation of the ENVITECH-NET Grant System adopted by the Steering Committee on 23 May 2006.
3. Information on ENVITECH-Net joining the EUCETSA.
4. Information on the Network's monograph: "Eco-innovative Technologies in Research and Practice".
5. Presentation of a network project:
 - establishing a network: "Environment and Technologies" from ENVITECH-NET members
 - making an application to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education for financing the project: "Development of Scientific Bases for Establishment of Environmental Technology Certification System"
6. Presentation on ETAP and CIP (Maciej Szymanowicz, EC, DG Environment)
7. Presentation on Polish Environmental Technology Platform (Beata Michaliszyn, IETU).
8. Discussion on the participation of ENVITECH-NET in FP7.
9. Activity of the Network in 2007.
10. Miscellaneous items.

1. The meeting was opened by Dr. Jan Skowronek who welcomed everybody and presented the agenda, which was accepted by consensus. Then he introduced and welcomed Mr. Cornel Radulescu from ICPMRR - R&D National Institute for Metals and Radioactive Resources, Romania.

The first item of the agenda was IETU's resignation from the position of the Leader of RF1 and voting on the election of a new Leader. The new Leader - Institute of Meteorology and Water Management was adopted by the majority of 11 votes.

After the voting Dr. Jan Skowronek asked Mr. Marcin Kelm to make a short presentation of an Integration4Water system, which was supposed to serve as a basis for developing the ENVITECH-NET information management system. With the majority of 23 votes, and 1 vote abstaining it was decided that the system should be developed. It was agreed that the undertaking would be financed from membership fees but employing external IT specialists would also be required. KOMAG offered its assistance after receiving a detailed specification of tasks to be done.

2. The next item of the agenda was a presentation and discussion on the ENVITECH-NET Grant System. Prof. Władysław Kamiński filed a motion for increasing the amount of grant from 1500 PLN to 2500 PLN. The motion was voted but rejected, with 16 votes against and 3 abstaining.

3. Then Mrs. Izabela Ratman-Kłosińska informed on the ENVITECH-NET joining the European Committee of Environmental Technology Suppliers Associations (EUCETSA) - organization representing trade associations of environmental technology equipment suppliers, in the area of air, water, soil and waste technologies, the main objective of which is to promote international competitiveness of Europe's environmental technology industry. Further information on EUCETSA can be found at: <http://www.eucetsa.net> .

4. Afterwards, Dr. Jan Skowronek informed on publication of the monograph on eco-innovative technologies: "Analysis of the Development of Environmental Technologies in Poland". It was planned that the next issues would be focused on particular research fields.

5. The next item of the agenda was a discussion on submitting applications for establishing the network: "Environment and Technologies" and for financing the project: "Development of Scientific Bases for Establishment of Environmental Technology Certification System".

6. Afterwards Mr. Maciej Szymanowicz from DG Environment, EC made a presentation on Environmental Technology Action Plan (ETAP) and Competitiveness and Innovation Program (CIP) – *presentation attached*.

7. The next item of the agenda was a presentation by Mrs. Beata Michaliszyn on the Polish Environmental Technology Platform. Mrs. Michaliszyn started her presentation from a short briefing on the Lisbon Strategy and functioning of European Technology Platforms and then focused on the mission and objectives of the Polish Environmental Technology Platform, to end with the description of the development of environmental technologies in Poland and presenting a SWOT analysis.

8. As far as the ENVITECH-NET activity within the FP7 is concerned, Dr. Jan Skowronek asked the members for notifying the Network Coordination Office of any Expression of Interests submitted by them for FP7 calls. It was agreed that each member of the Network should find one foreign partner interested in joining the Network (preferably by the end of the year), so that the Network could become more international. Mrs. Ratman-Kłosińska informed that the Coordination Office is going to present ENVITECH-NET during the Info Day on FP7 in Brussels. The possibility of organizing a meeting during a Green Week / II Eco-Innovation Forum in Brussels was also discussed.

9. As for the activity of the Network in 2007 the organization of the following internal seminars was mentioned: Water Resources Management (RF1) – initially planned for 12 December 2006 and Groundwater and Soil Protection (RF4) – initially scheduled for 14 December 2006. Mrs. Ratman-Kłosińska informed that following the experience of POLEKO 2006 the Network Coordination Office was going to promote ENVITECH-NET during POLEKO 2007 but a different form of promotion (not a poster

session) should be chosen. Dr. Jan Skowronek declared that the Network Coordination Office could also support initiatives undertaken directly by the Network members.

10. Since there were no further issues to discuss Dr. Jan Skowronek thanked everybody for their participation and closed the meeting.

Attachments:

1. Presentation of Mr. Maciej Szymanowicz