

PLATFORM FOR ELECTROMOBILITY PLENARY FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES



Date: 05/02/2021

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Facilitator: Arne Richters

Agreed actions

Members are asked to:

- Send their feedback on AFID short paper (sent on 04/02/21) by Tuesday 9th COB to Claire
- Send their feedback on Recharge & Refuel Flagship Guidance Note by Friday 12th to Koen
- Send their feedbacks on updated MoU (to be shared shortly) to Théo
- Candidate for the positions of Chair, and, upon approval of updated MoU, Vice-Chair and Treasurer
- Contact WG CVD leader Florian shall they wish to work on private fleet electrification
- Contact Konstantin (wree.konstantin@bcg.com) shall they wish to participate in the study on employment (interview)
- Contact Théo shall they wish to participate in the research on consumer choice study led by ECF
- Contact Théo shall they have close contacts with manufacturer's representative potentially interested in joining the Platform

The relative WGs will (beside usual activities):

- Draft position papers based on CO2 standards and EU ETS agreements.
- Set up a plan with WG Comm on Fit-for-55/GreenDeal event (date, program)
- Send out a questionnaire on the future of electromobility
- Clarify social media protocol

The secretariat is asked to:

- Put in place the practical improvement to the Platform
- Organize workshops with APAs
- Prepare a workplan for a potential WG on trucks/logistic.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 23/10/2020 Plenary were approved.

Introduction of New Member

- Presentation of FreeNow by Claudia and Stéphane
- See slides in presentations attached

Presentation on hopes, dreams and aspirations of members

- Presented by Théo (see slides previously shared)
- Julia (T&E) supports the proposed ideas. Underline the need for proactive and flexible communication, as well as outreach to national authorities and APAs. Call members to stick to principles and stay positive in Platform's position.
- Marie-France (Renault-Nissan) raised doubt on the feasibility of a flexible social media communication. She supports the need to work on trucks and engage more manufacturers. The long term vision paper of the Green Deal Working Group will include some position on urban mobility.
- Marjolaine (Tesla) supports the concrete, practical changes to the Platform's functioning and the need to work on trucks as well.

Proposal to update the Memorandum of Understanding

- Presented by Arne and Théo who flagged the main modifications. A call for validation of proposal will be sent to all members with appropriate time to react. No new signature will be asked to members.
- Naomi (SolarPower Europe) supports the nomination of a Vice Chair notably to ease the distribution of the work within the Working Groups.
- Pauline (Alstom) asks for clarification on the enlargement of the activities to air and maritime which is meant to reflect to the new initiative of the industry.
- Arne (Allego) announced he candidates to chair the Platform for one more year.
- Aaron (GreenWay) requires clarification on the necessity to be present in Brussels to stay member of the Platform. Status quo is the rule on membership and criteria on presence in Brussels is not compulsory but indicative. Aaron will address his question via email due to poor connection.
- Folker (Hitachi-ABB-Powergrid) asks for clarification on the appointment procedure for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. Clarification will be provided in the MoU.

WG Updates

Batteries WG

- Emilia (3M) presented herself as the newly appointed chair of the Battery WG. She provided an overview of the WG's achievements and future priorities. She also updated the group on the upcoming outreach activities.

Clean Vehicles Directive WG

- Florian (Hitachi-ABB-Powergrid) provided an update on the CVD adoption status across Europe.

- Florian has proposed to “reactivate” the dormant WG, in order to collect information on the transposition status and eventually alert the European Commission on risks of a patchy/delayed implementation. DG MOVE has expressed interest in hearing from the WG.
- The WG is thinking of working on the electrification of private fleet. Petar (Eurelectric) expressed interest in it too and to be more engage.

Energy WG

- Naomi (Solar Power Europe) provided an update on two Directives the WG will take action on, namely Renewable Energy Directive and the Energy Taxation Directive.
- For RED II, a 3 page-position paper is being finalized. A meeting with the EC will be organize soon.
- For the ETD, revision in June will be part of the Fit-for-55 package. Thomas (Eurocities) who led the subject left. Naomi took over and reached a consensus that will be shared shortly. Matilde (Eurocities) in the comment section announces a replacement will soon arrive.

Eurovignette WG

- Théo is acting chair until a member wishes to take over.
- A 2 pager is being drafted to support the Eurovignette triologue negotiations.
- An extension of the scope of the WG is proposed to help finding a leader and increase attractivity of the WG. Two solutions are proposed:
 - Extension to all internalization of costs files. Option supported by WG members but in practices impossible in the short terms as it would mean transferring existing files from other WGs.
 - Extension to all logistic files. But Marie-France (Renault-Nissan), Sarah (ECF) and Julia (T&E) warns against overlapping activities with European Clean Trucking Alliance. They offer to help we don’t overlap in an unhelpful way.

Green Deal WG

- Sarah (ECF) and Marie-France (Renault-Nissan) provided an update on the WG, focusing on the many activities coming up under the Green Deal umbrella.
- Publications of CO2 standards and EU ETS consultation. Two position papers will be drafted on the common positions.
- They want to give the Platform a proactive, long-term vision on the future of electromobility. A questionnaire will be sent out to members.
- An event will be organized on this topic. Julia (T&E) would like to link this event with Fit-for-55 with members talking about each of our WGs.

Infrastructure WG

- Claire (UFE) provided an update of the WG achievements and future priorities.
- She provided an overview of the 2020 activities, all around the AFID

- AFID will occupy the first part of the year with a short paper to be used with Cabinet Voleon. Outreach and potential events are being envisaged.
- EPBD will occupy the second part of the year.
- Koen (EVBox) presented a guidance note on the Recharge and Refuel Flagship (Recovery and Resilience Facility). It is a collection of ideas as to what should be supported rather than a comprehensive position paper.

Communication WG

- Jose (ENEL) thanks Théo for his support on the communication content.
- Jose reminds that the WG is here to support policy WGs in the organization and logistics. He pushes to organize in person events as soon as possible.
- Jose presented all recent update to the communication channels of the Platform. Announced a WG will be hold shortly.

AOB

EU Year of Rail Presentation

- Ethem (CER) activities, events, research etc. will be develop at EU level to promote rail mobility. The kick off will be held in March. It is still in a planning phase as the sanitary situation is slowing it down. Ethem will present more detail ideas in the WG Communication.
- Guus (EIM) underlined the challenge to phase out of diesel trains through battery trains.
- Florian (Hitachi-ABB) offers their expertise to work on it, shed light on the topic.

Report on Study

- Théo provided a report on the state-of-play of the current study on employment. The consultant (BCG) are on track with the timeline presented in December. They are however looking for more data on the impact of battery manufacturing.
- Arne announced the Platform was approached by European Climate Foundation on a study on consumer choice toward EVs. The study is meant to get the trade unions on board toward electrification on passenger cars.
- Arne issues a call for interest to feed in.

Candidate members update

- ABB, Schneider and Uber have add conversation with Arne and Théo. They may send membership application soon. Iberdrola has also reached out.

In Attendance

1. Aida Abdulah
2. Mark Aragonès
3. Sabina Asanova
4. Julie Beauvils
5. Tomoko Blech
6. Marjolaine Blondeau
7. Claudia Breure
8. Guus Bruijn
9. Luka Bruyckere
10. Maxime Bureau
11. Diego Carvajal
12. Florian Chapalain
13. Naomi Chevillard
14. Matilde Chinellato
15. Norela
Constantinescu
16. Matteo Corda
17. Saul Cuervo
18. Marion Degache
19. Laura Derosa
20. Marco Fantauzzi
21. Théo Fievet
22. Aaron Fishbone
23. Quentin Fournier
24. Folker Franz
25. Federico Fucci
26. Petar Georgiev
27. Brieuc Giard
28. Marie-Emilie
Hennequart
29. Julie Kjestrup
30. Alina Lange
31. Stephane Lopez
32. Marta Lovisolo
33. Nikos Lysigakis
34. Blandine Malvault
35. Lucien Mathieu
36. Clément Molizon
37. Francesco Naso
38. Koen Noyens
39. Charlotte Olhausen
40. Amélie Pans
41. Ethem Pekin
42. Arturo Perez de Lucia
43. Julia Poliscanova
44. Arne Richters
45. Damian Ryan
46. Jose Sanchez
47. Pauline Saoul
48. Benjamin Strandquist
49. Emilia Valbum
50. Maire-France Van Der
Valk
51. Claire Vandewalle
52. Christelle Verstraeten
53. Michael Villa
54. Sarah Walker
55. Mika Zaurin Casanova