



Subject | Minutes of the Second Management Committee Meeting of COST Action CM1404 “Chemistry of Smart Energy Carriers and Technologies (SMARTCATS)”

Thessaloniki, Greece
26/08/2015

1. Welcome to participants

The participants were welcomed by Dr Mara De Joannon, MC chair, Dr. George Skevis, MC vice Chair and by Dr Antonella Napolitano GH Manger of the Action. Mara De Joannon chaired the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda (**Annex 1**) for the 2nd Management Committee (MC) meeting was adopted.

3. Establishment of the Quorum

The quorum was reached: 20 country representatives out of 23 attended the meeting.

4. Updates from the Action Chair

Status of the COST Action

The Chair informs the MC on the Action participating countries and on the increase of Inclusiveness Target Countries. The Chair also shows the list of companies participating in the Action.

COST H2020 and Grant Agreement

The Chair informs the MC about the changes occurring in the COST Association due to the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) “COST H2020” and the first one-year Specific Grant Agreement signature with the European Commission and how these changes can potentially affect SMARTCATs. She also informs the MC that a new Action Grant Agreement is going to be signed as a consequence of the new agreement between European Commission and the COST Association.

Potential COST budget cut

The Chair also inform the MC about the potential budget cut that will occur due to the EFSI drawing budget from H2020 program and also about the main criteria that have been identified for Action evaluation during the next years. The Chair asked to the participants to suggest initiatives and activities aimed to increase the impact of the Action in term of identified criteria.

5. Follow-up of MoU objectives.

Progress of 1st year Action activities

The Chair illustrates the progress of the activities foreseen in the Work and Budget plan of the 1st year. She summarizes the information of the 1st general meeting and workshop. About the STSM program, the Chair informs MC that the call will be launched as soon as the new Action Grant Agreement will be signed. She also summarizes the dissemination activities programmed for the Action.



Outlook of 2nd year Activities

On the basis of the MoU timetable, not taking into account the potential budget cut, the Chair recalls that the activities planned for the 2nd year are a training school, the general meeting and the related workshop as well as the STSM program. To meet the criteria of Inclusiveness for the Target Countries, it is very important to organize such activities as much as possible in the target countries participating in the action. The Chair informs the MC that Tamas Turanyi (Hungarian MC member) is candidate for organizing the training school at Budapest whereas Mario Costa (Portugese MC member) is candidate for organizing the 2nd General meeting and Workshop at Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon. The STSM program will be organized as the 1st year program. About dissemination activities, the MC suggests to publish a book on the topics of the Action. The Chair also informs the MC that a booth of the Action will be organized at the International Symposium on Combustion.

The MC approves the activities of the 2nd year

6. Candidature from International Partner Countries

The Chair presents the candidature of Fei Qi, School of Mechanical Engineering Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China for participating at the COST Action. Fei Qi was already present as IPC in the Action proposal. His participation needs to be approved again because he changed affiliation.

The MC approves the participation of School of Mechanical Engineering Shanghai Jiao Tong University and of Fei Qi at the Action.

7. Candidature from Near Neighbour Countries

The Chair presents the candidature of Nelly Verulava from Georgian Centre for Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection. Nelly Verula presents her Institute and the research projects in which she is involved. She describes the benefits that her Country could bring to the Action.

The MC approves the participation of Georgian Centre for Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection and of Nelly Verulava at the Action

8. Closing

The MC Chair thanked all the attending MC members and closed the meeting.

List of Annexes

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Annex 2 - Attendance list

Annex 3 - MC Chair presentation