

EUROFER Workshop on ETS Innovation Fund

on the 4 June 2019, at the EUROFER Offices, Avenue de Cortenbergh 172, 1000 Brussels

Attendance

Nb.	Name	Company/Organisation	Location
1.	Becker Roswitha	TKSE	Germany
2.	Boneva Melina	EC, DG CLIMA	Belgium
3.	De Maré Carl	ArcelorMittal	Belgium
4.	De Vet Jan Maarten	Ecorys / SET-Plan Action 6	Belgium
5.	Doubrava Roman	EC, DG CLIMA	Belgium
6.	Ghenda Jean Theo	EUROFER	Belgium
7.	Gielis Stefan	CO2 Value Europe	Belgium
8.	Hajek Filip	Ocelarska Unie – Steel Union	Czech Rep.
9.	Holzleitner Christian	EC, DG CLIMA	Belgium
10.	Järvinen Kimmo	Association of Finnish Steel and Metal Producers	Finland
11.	Jeckel Robert	ArcelorMittal	Belgium
12.	Jungk Gunnar	TKSE	Belgium
13.	Kansbod Jesper	Hybrit Development AB	Sweden
14.	Klos Benjamin	WV Stahl	Germany
15.	Kohl Bernhard	Voestalpine	Austria
16.	Lecomte Eric	EC, DG ENER	Belgium
17.	Nienaltowski Bartosz	EUROFER	Belgium
18.	Oliver Santiago	UNESID	Spain
19.	Peters Klaus	ESTEP	Belgium
20.	Schulze Roland	EIB	Luxemburg
21.	Schulz-Klemp Verena	Outokumpo	Germany
22.	Tonteling Marc	EIB	Luxemburg
23.	Van der Horst Carl	Tata Steel	Netherlands
24.	Velkova Maria	EC, DG CLIMA	Belgium
25.	Wien Prado Bianca	TKSE	Germany

Introduction

The Chairman, Mr Carl de Maré, welcomed the all participants to the workshop – with particular thanks to DG CLIMA and European Investment Bank (EIB) representatives for joining the workshop for discussion with the steel companies. He recalled the compliance requirements, that in the ambit of the workshop no topics contrary to competition law may be discussed. In particular, there must be no agreements on prices or volumes. Finally, he introduced the agenda of the workshop – which was adopted as distributed.

Presentation by DG Climate Action of the Innovation Fund Regulation

Mr Christian Holzleitner, Head of Unit, DG Climate Action highlighted the essential elements, which are to be developed for the first call for proposals in 2020, namely further elaboration of selection criteria, scoring and weighing of the different selection criteria at each evaluation stage, relevant cost calculation, and calculation, monitoring, reporting and verification of GHG emission avoidance, milestones for disbursement and recovery, knowledge-sharing requirements, project development assistance. The slides presented are provided in the attachment.

Experience with the evaluation of project proposals under the NER 300 programme,

The European Investment Bank (EIB) helped the preparation of the NER 300 programme calls for proposals and did the due diligence of project proposals. Mr Roland Schulze, Managerial Adviser, Low Carbon Energy Technology at EIB, shared EIB's experience with the evaluation of project proposals under the NER 300 programme. Economic and bankability assessment is decisive for low-carbon innovations to get public supports. Continuous support of all stakeholders is needed. EIB is supporting DG CLIMA in the preparation of the call for proposals for the Innovation Fund and is open for further discussions with steel companies, whenever they need further clarifications.

Project presentations from companies in the sector

The companies have been invited to present briefly their low-carbon projects, including a description of the basic features of the projects, such as the innovative technology and final products, its technological readiness level, expected GHG emission reductions and project development timeline.

The companies have also been invited to respond to a list of questions provided by DG CLIMA as guidance for their presentations.

It can be noted that the bilateral discussions with DG CLIMA, which we have previously foreseen to do during the the workshop, has not taken place. DG CLIMA has instead suggested to have a more general exchange at this stage so the companies can present their projects to all participants in the workshop. DG CLIMA will have an external contractor who will do in-depth preparatory work for the call for proposals. DG CLIMA deems it very useful that the contractor can contact directly the companies who are willing to provide more details about their projects under strict confidentiality and test the different options with concrete project ideas. For this, DG CLIMA would appreciate receiving a list of projects and contact details of the companies who are willing to be contacted by the contractor for this follow-up stage. Hence, the EUROFER secretariat has provided DG CLIMA with a preliminary (non-exhaustive list of low-carbon projects) which will be completed after the workshop.



The steel companies Salzgitter AG, voestalpine, Tata Steel and ArcelorMittal have briefly presented their initial thoughts of projects and/or gave their feedback on the questionnaire regarding the ETS Innovation Fund, based on their experience with NER300. The slides of the presentations are provided in the attachment.

Discussion around key issues related to the preparation of the first call of the Innovation Fund

The participants discussed briefly key issues and challenges for the sector on the different elements of the call for proposals, such as the methodology to calculate and verify emissions avoidance, definition of degree of innovation, evaluation of project maturity, calculation of relevant costs, milestones for financial support disbursement, project development assistance as well as knowledge-sharing requirements.

As follow-up of the discussions DG CLIMA would welcome if EUROFER could prepare written conclusions, covering among others:

- An overview of potential projects for the first call;
- Conclusions on the challenges for the sector on the different elements of the call for proposals (e.g. methodology to calculate and verify emissions avoidance, definition of degree of innovation, calculation of additional costs, etc.);
- Proposals for further engagement of the sector in the preparation of the first call.

Conclusions

The participants recommended the EUROFER secretariat to prepare written conclusions of the workshop and share them with DG CLIMA and others participants.

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