

## ETN Monthly News Summary – June 2013

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP:

The minutes of ETN's AGM and Workshop are now available! To view the minutes, please [click here](#).

### ETN IS MOVING TO A NEW OFFICE!

After careful considerations of the available premises on the market, both for buying as well as renting, the ETN Board has decided to rent a property as this was currently the best option on the market in Brussels. ETN members are always welcome to come and work at the ETN office, which is located on Chaussée de Charleroi 146-20, 1060 Brussels. The new office also has a meeting room available for ETN members wishing to organise meetings in Brussels, upon request. Please note that the ETN office will move to its new premises in the week of 15 July - therefore you might experience some difficulties to reach the ETN office during that week.

### NEW ETN MEMBERS:

We warmly welcome **OMV (Austria)** and **NEM (The Netherlands)** as new members of ETN, and look forward to working with them in the future. Including the latest members, ETN has now **101 members** from **18 countries!**

### ETN MEMBERS-ONLY WEBSITE: YOUR INPUT IS REQUIRED!

Please create a user account by [clicking here](#)! The user account allows you to access members-only pages and to find meeting documents, conference and event proceedings and much more. Once you have created your user account and it has been approved by the ETN administrator, your contact details will appear in the Membership Directory, and you can begin using the members-only features.

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES:

**Hot Borescoping Project:** On 29 May, the partners of the hot borescoping project (EDF, Vattenfall, Alstom and Chromalloy) met to discuss the progress of the initiative. Given there are different techniques which could be used for hot borescoping, the partners decided to perform a [survey](#) to determine which option would be prioritised by the ETN Users. The survey document, written by Alstom, makes a SWOT analysis for each technique Alstom had previously considered for hot borescoping. The outcome of this survey would be used to form the targets for the project.

We would like to encourage all the gas turbine operators and maintenance companies to complete the [survey](#) and send it back to the [ETN office](#). Please also contact the ETN office in case you would like to attend the next hot borescoping teleconference, set to take place in September 2013.

### EU POLICY UPDATES:

**EU Budget 2014-2020:** On 27 June 2013, the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission have reached an agreement on the European Union budgetary framework for the next seven years. The EU's overall budget, a package of 960 billion euro, still needs to be approved by the member states and by a majority of the European Parliament.

**Horizon 2020:** On 25 June, the Irish EU presidency reached an agreement with the European Parliament and the European Commission, after nine "trilogue" meetings held during the last six months. They agreed on a 70.2 billion euro budget for the next R&D funding programme, running from 2014 to 2020.

The figure of 70.2 billion euro is final, although the overall EU budget still needs a final sign off by EU member states. The next step is a vote in the European parliament's Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee in July 2013. Legislative acts on Horizon 2020 should be adopted by the European Parliament and Council by the end of 2013. Horizon 2020 is set to start on 1 January 2014.

- **Calls for proposal under Horizon 2020**

The European Research Council is planning to provide a provisional schedule for the 2014 calls late in 2013. It expects that the calls for Starting Grants will take place in the first and second quarters of 2014, the calls for Consolidator Grants will be in the second quarter of 2014 while the calls for Advanced Grants will be in the fourth quarter of 2014. For more information, please [click here](#).

- **Horizon 2020 reserves 10% for energy**

MEPs and member states have agreed that 10.5% of the 70.2 billion euro R&D budget will be spent on energy. EU's nuclear programme, Euratom will get 2.1 billion euro, and a further 5.2 billion euro will be reserved for other types of energy, of which 85% will be reserved for non-fossil fuel activities: renewables, end-use energy efficiency improvements, energy storage and smart grids. The remaining 15% can be spent on efficiency improvements to gas at power plants and on projects to support fossil fuels. Horizon 2020 will fund not only research, but also market uptake projects for renewable energy and energy efficiency products, taking around 15% of the total budget (from the 85% dedicated to non-fossil fuels).

**Future 2030 climate change and energy targets:** The EU consultation on 2030 climate change and energy targets is set to end on 2 July 2013. To date, the European Commission has received more than 70 contributions from stakeholders. The EC plans to provide a summary report as well as an impact assessment, aiming to propose ambitious targets for 2030 on climate change and energy by the end of 2013.

**NER300:** The deadline to apply to the second call under the NER 300 is coming on 3 July. Up to now, 9 CCS projects and 64 renewable projects are in the competition. Proposals will be sent to the European Investment Bank for review, which is set to be completed early in 2014.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING GT EVENTS:**

**ETN event:**

**ETN Annual Workshop**, kindly hosted by City University London, 9-10 October 2013, London, UK.

***ETN's News Summary is distributed internally to ETN members at the end of each month.***

***ETN's Quarterly Newsletter is circulated to members and external contacts every quarter. The next edition will be July-September 2013.***