

## ETN Monthly News Summary – March 2013

### **ETN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP:**

**Last chance to register to the ETN Annual General Meeting and Workshop:** The deadline for registration has been extended until Friday 5 April 2013! Please register online for the AGM and the site visit at Sesta Facilities by [clicking here](#). You will also find the updated agenda attached to this email. For more information about the AGM and Workshop, please login and [click here](#).

**NOTE:** Please make sure the membership fee for your organisation (2013) has been paid before the AGM.

### **ETN BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION 2012-2013:**

**Call for ETN Board Member Candidates:** The ETN Board members for 2013-2014 will be elected at the upcoming ETN AGM on 16 April 2013 in Pisa, Italy. The profiles of the candidates are now available on the ETN website! For more information on the role of the ETN Board, and to view the profiles of the candidates please login and [click here](#).

### **NEW ETN MEMBERS:**

We warmly welcome **EPRI (UK)** and **TNO (Netherlands)** as ETN's new members, and look forward to working with them in the future.

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

**Please create a user account or update your user account by [clicking here](#)!** 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:**

A full [Technical Committee and Project Update](#) report, covering all initiatives, is available on the ETN website.

**H<sub>2</sub>-IGCC European Commission Review Meeting:** On 19 March 2013, the SP leaders met with the European Commission (EC) Project Officer to discuss the third year technical report and the planning of the upcoming experimental activities, both in the area of combustion as well as materials demonstration. The SP leaders and the Project Officer also discussed the possibility to extend the H<sub>2</sub>-IGCC project with 6 months to ensure that the results of the demonstration activities are processed and used to their fullest extent.

**Call for project proposals:** ETN has launched a call for project proposals, in order to discuss new ideas and initiatives at the upcoming AGM and Workshop. During the Technical Committee (TC) sessions, each initiative will be discussed in order to decide if they would be ready to pass Gate 1 (see [ETN project process](#)). If there is sufficient interest, a focused dedicated meeting should be organised by interested partners ahead of the October Workshop, to further define the project, its activities, deliverables and timeline (Gate 2). The TC sessions will provide an opportunity to initiate new projects and to strengthen on-going projects.



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## **EU POLICY UPDATES:**

**Multiannual Financial Framework: The European Parliament rejects current deal:** On 13 March, the European Parliament firmly rejected, in its current form, the future Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) proposal reached by EU leaders on 8 February. For the first time in history, the EU budget is smaller than its previous version. Final agreement between the European Council and the European Parliament is needed for the new MFF to enter into force in January 2014. In April, the Irish Presidency is set to start the negotiations with member states on budget "flexibility" and the negotiations are expected to end by the end of June. The funds available for the R&D funding programme Horizon 2020 are still unclear at the moment. For more information, please [click here](#).

**Industrial Emissions Directive (IED):** On 20 March, ETN met with representatives from the European Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Bureau (EIPPCB), who are in charge of drafting the Best Available Technologies Reference document (BREF) for Large Combustion Plants (LCP). The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain where the EIPPCB stood on defining the BAT's to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> to 50 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>, to understand their timing for the associated draft documents as well as to discuss interpretation of potential derogations. ETN advocated for three technologies to be included as BAT: water or steam injection; water-oil emulsion premixing and SCR. ETN will closely monitor the developments regarding the IED and will keep you updated on the latest developments.

**The Council adopted the energy infrastructure regulation:** The Council adopted on 21 March the regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure. The aim of the energy infrastructure regulation is to meet the EU's core energy and climate policy objectives of competitiveness, sustainability and security of supply, for 2020 and beyond. It will do so by supporting interconnections in energy, in the form of grids and pipelines, which aims to an integrated energy market and cost-effective transportation of renewable energy sources across Europe.

Following close consultations with all Member States and stakeholders, the Commission has identified 12 strategic trans-European energy infrastructure priorities, which cover different geographic regions or thematic areas in the field of electricity transmission and storage, gas transmission, storage and liquefied or compressed natural gas infrastructure, smart grids, electricity highways, carbon dioxide transport and oil infrastructure. For more information, please [click here](#).

**The Future Climate and Energy Package 2030:** On 27 March 2013, the European Commission (EC) launched a series of papers and consultations aimed at developing the 2030 framework for EU climate change and energy policy: the long awaited Green Paper on a [2030 framework for climate and energy policies](#), as well as a progress report on renewables and a consultative communication on the future of carbon capture and storage. The documents also aim to prepare the ground for the 2015 negotiations on an international agreement on climate change, which should be agreed at COP21 in France.

The EC's Green Paper on "A 2030 framework for climate and energy policies" launches the public consultations that will last until 2 July 2013, allowing Member States, other EU institutions and stakeholders to express their views on the potential climate and energy targets for 2030. Those views will feed into the EC's on-going preparations for a more concrete proposal for the 2030 framework which is set to be published by the end of 2013. For more information, please [click here](#).

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

### **ETN event:**

**ETN AGM and Workshop**, hosted by Enel, Pisa, Italy, 16-17 April 2013 (*Optional visit of Enel's Sesta Facilities in the afternoon of 15 April*)

### **Other gas turbine events supported by ETN:**

**Turbine Forum 2013:** Effective Repair & Life Extension of Turbine Components, Nice, France, 24-26 April 2013



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[ASME Turbo Expo](#), San Antonio, Texas, USA, 3-7 June 2013 (*ETN members are entitled to a discount*)  
[POWER-GEN Europe](#), Vienna, Austria, 4-6 June 2013 (*ETN members are entitled to a discount*)

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