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Abstract for dissemination (PU)

This document presents the steps that were followed in order to formulate the Advisory Board of the ECOFLEX project: a pool of potential members, preparation of invitations, final AB composition, first meeting organization, plan of AB meetings during the project lifespan.

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1. ECOFLEX AB members and roles

The ECOFLEX Advisory Board (AB) will offer broad expert and user consultation. It is assembled with different actors in the value chain in Belgium (TSO, aggregators, technical

parties and knowledge partners) and its objective is to follow the project progress and steer the project planning. The members of the AB are:

Name	Company	Comment
Alexandra Vanhuysse	Snowball	
Anton Koninckx	VEKA	
Bart Vannoppen	VOLTA	
Guillaume Cambier	ORES	
Thomas Buisseret	ORES	
Luc Huysmans	FEBEG	
Marijn Maenhoudt	CREG	
Michel Verschuere	YUSO	
Kevin Milis	Synergrid	
Patrick Reyniers	Synergrid	
Simon Lachi	RESA	
Simon Gerard	RESA	
Eric Monami	Edora	
Mathieu Waucomont	CWAPE	Not available the 20 th of Sept.
Jo Robbelein	FOD Economie SPF Economie	Not available the 20 th of Sept.
Alan Delferiere	FOD Economie SPF Economie	Not available the 20 th of Sept.
Joni Rossi	Flux50	

1.1 First AB meeting

The 1st AB meeting took place on September 20th, 2023, on the premises of FLUX50. The agenda included the following items:

- Welcome, Project & Partners introduction
- Presentation of the AB and its members
- Break
- ECOFLEX general concept
- Results, Outputs
- Pilot Sites
- Q&A
- Networking coffee break
- Next steps and closure of the meeting

Partners who supported and participated in the AB meeting:

- Stella Arapoglou (VUB)
- Andy Putratama (VUB)
- Rémy Cleenwerck (UGENT)
- Joni Rossi (FLUX50)
- Marc Vermeeren (FLUX50)

Advisory Board members who participated:

- Alexandra Vanhuysse (Snowball)
- Anton Koninckx (VEKA)
- Bart Vannoppen (VOLTA)
- Guillaume Cambier (ORES)
- Thomas Buisseret (ORES)
- Luc Huysmans (Febeg)
- Marijn Maenhoudt (CREG)
- Kevin Milis (SYNERGRID)
- Simon Lachi (RESA)
- Patrick Reyniers (SYNERGRID)

1.2 Results

As this was the first AB meeting, it was more of an introductory session: the main project objectives and the structure of the different WPs were presented, in order to explain the project scope. The attendees showed great interest in the topic. Afterwards some preliminary results

as well as the main challenges were highlighted and discussed. Thanks to the expertise of the attendees, the AB meeting quickly became interactive. This resulted in fascinating discussions which provided valuable feedback for the continuation of the project. However, not only a lot of input was generated, but also interesting food for thought and research questions raised. Some examples are listed below:

List of questions and topics of interest:

1° Given that the scope of the project is very broad, to what extent will this project provide a final solution and for whom (e.g. prosumers, aggregators, etc.)? And given this scope, how do you see the timeline?

2° Where will the final version of the Unified Flexibility Platform run and what protocols will it work with, i.e. is it likely to be open source and therefore accessible to everyone?

3° How and to which extent will the obtained results be useful for the pilot sites? Additionally, how will these pilot sites test this unified flexibility platform? Can you also refer to the timeline for this.

4° Will the algorithms that are developed take into account economic parameters, so that bidding to the market is not only based on price signals, but also, for example, on the degradation costs of a battery?

Next steps

To address the questions of the attendees, AB members will receive a package of information material that will include more details on the project (i.e., timeline, list of deliverables etc). The next meeting will take place in 6 months. All WP leaders and Partners will be invited to participate.