**ceFIMS Meeting**

27 September 2012

**Chair: Dr. William Donnelly, Ireland, WIT, ceFIMS**

**1. Agenda**

**Thursday 27 September**

**14:00**Welcome by Willie Donnelly (ceFIMS)

**15:10**FuturICT by Sjoerd Meihuizen

**14:10**Introduction by Jorge Pereira (European Commission) on the future needs to continue to improve the FIF

**14:30**Discussion on the desired future direction of the FIF meetings by the FIF members.

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**15:30** Coffee

**15:45**How can the ceFIMS project best facilitate the required direction?

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**2. Attendees**

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| **Name** | **Country/EC** | **Organisation** |
| Jorge Pereira | EC | EC |
| Piotr Kepski | Poland | Ministry of Science and Higher Education |
| Artur Binczewski | Poland | PSNC |
| Tomasz Puculek | Poland | Ministry of Science and Higher Education |
| Vilmos Nemeth | Hungary | National Innovation Office |
| Sjoerd Meihuizen | Netherlands | NWO |
| Andrius Pleckaitis | Lithuania | INFOBALT |
| Pauli Kuusmanen | Finland | TIVIT |
| José Tomás Romero | Spain | AMETIC |
| Pedro Carneiro | Portugal | FCT |
| Pedro Matos | Portugal | FCT |
| Willie Donnelly | Ireland | WIT |
| Kevin Quinn | Ireland | WIT |

**3. Action Items**

N/A

**4. Discussion**

**Welcome by Willie Donnelly (ceFIMS)**

**FuturICT by Sjoerd Meihuizen**

**Sjoerd Meihuizen** introduced the FuturICT project which is a 10 year project looking at fundamental research. It has a budget of €500m each year.
Last few years have been quite active.

Nine top sectors identified in Netherlands where Public Private Partnerships are desired.

ICT is not officially one of these but ICT relates to the nine sectors

* Chemistry
* Energy
* Agriculture & Food
* Health
* Creative Industry
* Logistics
* Water
* Intelligent Products (High Tech Systems)
* Smart Grids

Funding available for program for calls for researchers.

FuturICT is following the FET flagship. This is where the EU wants to launch 2 big projects next year.

FuturICT wants to be one of these.

**Willie Donnelly** asked if 10 years is too long for a single project?

**Vilmos Nemeth** informed the meeting that Hungary is creating 3 FuturICT centres next year.

**Piotr Kepski** indicated that the Polish ministry is supporting FuturICT. But it would be difficult to merge FIF with FuturICT. FIF is too small to merge with this.

Also FuturICT has a focused scope. This could narrow the scope of the FIF.

**Willie Donnelly** gave the opinion that it might make more sense for FuturICT to have connections with the FIA rather than the FIF.

**Introduction by Jorge Pereira (European Commission) on the future needs to continue to improve the FIF**

**Jorge Pereira** indicated that there is a need to continue a support for the FIF. In fact, the need for a secretariat has increased.

To this end the Commission have created Objective 1.7c in Call 10. Any submissions to this would need to cover areas 1) and 2).

It would therefore need to cover experimental activities and FIF.

INFINITY runs to 2014. New CSA should coordinate with the “Support of SME” call and with INFINITY and with FUSION.

This area has a broad scope for “only” €500k.

FIF mandate is quite light, has a broad range of interests. However, it is very well attended for a voluntary board.

Membership of the new member states should be particularly encouraged.

All submissions will be judged on their merits. The successful proposal would need to deliver results.

From the Commission it would be preferred if the project started around Apr/May 2013 or as late as Sept 2013. The project should provide a bridge into H2020. Therefore it would have to be at least 2.5 years, preferably 3 years.

It would not be a function of the CSA to create the national FIF chapters, that would be too expensive, but the successful CSA should coordinate them.

The successful would be required to provide an open database on information from Networks to Services. It must be possible for the users to update it themselves not the CSA personnel. It must be usable.

Plan to distribute the information:

FIF is not an open forum. Information distributed by the Ambassadors.

The CSA could also support the creation of a database of SMEs for projects.

**Willie Donnelly** suggested that ceFIMS create a submission for this CSA. The new CSA must compliment what is already there

**Vilmos Nemeth** suggested that there needs to be infrastructures to support the National Chapters.

**José Tomás Romero** reiterated the need for a database of SMEs – both in ICT and in the different verticals.

**Andrius Pleckaitis** gave the opinion that it should not be a big task to have all the SME information. Usually some organisation in each MS has a database of all of the SMEs.

**Pedro Matos**  suggested that the reviewers need to give more feedback for the award nominees as an incentive for more engagement. Also more information about the nominees can be provided to the FIF members.

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Some discussion on the steps required to hold meeting in each country.

Including how to engage SMEs in particular and how to follow up, how to support initiatives from the FIF