



## **ENGINE COORDINATION ACTION**

### **Minutes of the Executive Group Meeting**

**Date and Time:**

February 13, 2006 – 8h30 / 10h

**Location:**

BRGM Orléans – room J2 – 8<sup>th</sup> floor

**Participants:**

- EG Members :

O. Flovenz (ISOR), C. Fouillac (BRGM), E. Huenges (GFZ), A. Lokhorst (TNO, for E. Elewaut), A. Manzella (CNR-IG), P. Ledru (BRGM), J. Maas (Shell), L. Rybach (GEOWATT AG)

- Invited participant: J. Schuppers (EC DG Research)

**Apologies:**

S. Cloetingh (VUA), E. Elewaut (TNO), R Emmerman (GFZ),

**Agenda**

1. Formalities (Welcome/Apologies/Attendance)
2. Approval of the Minutes of the EG meeting dated 11 November 2005
3. Organization of the coordination action
4. Building relationships with the stakeholders
5. Other matters
6. Date and place of the next meeting

### **1. Formalities (Welcome/Apologies/Attendance)**

C. Fouillac welcomes the EG Members, he apologizes Sierd Cloetingh, Emil Elewaut and R. Emmermann for their absence to this meeting.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the EG meeting dated 11 November 2005**

The Minutes of the EG meeting dated 11 November 2005 are approved

### **3. Organization of the coordination action**

P. Ledru, presents the situation at the opening of the launching conference. The mobilisation of the geothermal community has been successful: 103 registered participants, involvement of 29 partners of the ENGINE network, 46 presentations that can be downloaded from the [Website](#), 19 European countries represented. Moreover, there is a significant participation of 15 non-partner research institutes, demonstrating the interest in the initiative to broaden the network.

Following the first meeting of the Executive Group, a new version of the Consortium Agreement has been prepared with the Juridical Division of BRGM and sent to all partners. It has been signed and has fulfilled the requirements of the European commission.

The confidentiality of the final report and the diffusion of the Best Practices Handbook is discussed.

### **4. Building relationships with the stakeholders**

During its former meeting, the Executive Group expressed its wish to establish contacts with private firms and other authorities either already involved in geothermal energy, or possibly interested in the near future. It has been decided to create a Stakeholders Committee in order to enhance links between R&D teams and stakeholders. The aim of this consultative body is to provide strategic guidance to the Executive Group and to Contractors in general.

A list of stakeholders has been prepared and an invitation to the launching conference has been sent to all of them. A first meeting has been organised in the framework of the launching conference on Wednesday 15 February with representatives of major companies, such as SHELL, ENEL, RWE, Electricité De France. The strategy for building relationships is discussed and it is concluded that it must facilitate an expression of the needs and priorities in research.

For the future, it has been decided to ask to each member of the Executive Group to identify a short list of potential participants to this stakeholder committee and a new letter will be prepared pointing out the reciprocal interest of the stakeholders and ENGINE partners to participate to this committee. Visits will be organised to present the progress of the ENGINE project in order to prepare a first meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

In the former meeting, L. Rybach mentioned the great importance of having good links with the IEA Geothermal Implementing Agreement, especially with its Task "Enhanced Geothermal Systems". Following this remark, P. Ledru has been invited to participate to the meeting of the Executive Committee in Paris on the 16-17 March and has been able to present briefly the objectives of this co-ordination action. Official initiative has then been taken for France joining the IEA Geothermal Implementing Agreement and being represented by the BRGM. Such delegation of the French Ministry of Industry would be of great interest as the ENGINE coordination action would then have an international audience and a direct access to new spheres of influence.

### **5. Other matters**

The issue of financial support of the activities of Executive Group members has been raised. The Project Coordinator will look into this and report back at the next Executive Group meeting.

**6. Date and place of the next meeting**

EG will hold his next meeting in Potsdam on Wednesday 10 January 2007, from 9.00am to 12am, before the start of the mid-term conference.

**Christian Fouillac  
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EG Chairman**