



SIGs - Incorporating LTI

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Special Interest Groups

- Objective: develop a vision statement for the industry
- Chair/Moderator: Ruben Riestra
- Articulate/promote it vis-à-vis other stakeholders (researchers, buyers, investors) and policy makers
- Version 0.2 requires your input
- Ongoing debate – one2one interviews – feedback questionnaire
- Version 1.0 by the end of the year

- Five themes:
- iHealth (Adriane Rinsche – Bradley Harrad)
- iServices (Jochen Hummel – Margaretha Mazura)
- iEntreprise (Claude de Loupy – Philippe Wacker)
- iMediators (Paul Welham – Ruben Riestra)
- iSkills (Ian Butler – Margaretha Mazura)
- See explanation of themes in briefing document in Innovation Agenda SIG Library
- Feed into vertical value chain-based innovation roadmaps
- Initiate collaborative projects addressing opportunities, removing inhibitors and implementing solutions
- Organise 1 Buyer Focus Group

- Objectives: Encourage the bundling of resources, intensified networking and closer collaboration between LT SMEs - Facilitate access to EU funding and accompany project development
- Chair: vacant
- Moderator: Philippe Wacker & Margaretha Mazura
- Getting to know each other / LT Directory
- Develop Vendor Directory (profile – contact info - who does what: keywords & grid)
- Maximise the partnering potential of the Buyer Focus Groups
- Facilitate project development (Project Factory)
- Facilitate technology transfer by initiating research pull (engage dialogue with research community)



Incorporating LTi

Company Lt by guarantee



- Not-for-profit (mutual trading status)
- Based in the UK
- Liability limited at 1 £
- Core members (Board members) sign Memorandum of Association
- Set up costs: ~250 £
- Maintenance costs: ~250 £/pa initially (preparation & filing of accounts – VAT return)
- Membership fee: ?
- One AGM / year to approve accounts
- One Director (Chairman of the Forum)
- One Company Secretary (Secretary General of the Forum)

- Club set up by the Lt Company
- Operates from Brussels
- Members are current members of de facto association (ie 107 full members + associate members)
- Membership fee possible after LT COMPASS runs out
- Joining: same procedure as now
- General Assembly
- Board of Directors (Chairman + Members)
- Secretary General & Secretariat
- One AGM / year – LT-Innovate Summit
- Yearly workplan
- Activities as foreseen in the workplan and as instructed by the Board (+EC for the duration of LT COMPASS)

- Appoint new Board of Directors of the Forum
- Board of Advisors will be comprised of “Advisors”
- Steering Committee remains in place
- Members of Board of Directors + other interested parties to step forward as Core members of the Ltd Company
- Sign the Articles of Association by 15 October
- Designation of Director (Jochen Hummel) & Company Secretary (Philippe Wacker) by written procedure: 1 st “virtual” AGM of the Ltd
- Filing of the paperwork in the UK completed by the end of the month

Board of Directors / Forum



CURRENT

Andrew Bredenkamp, President, Acrolinx
Stefan Geissler, CEO, TEMIS GmbH
Jochen Hummel, CEO, ESTeam
Istvan Lengyel, CEO, Kilgray
Claude de Loupy, CEO, Syllabs
Michael Mende, CEO, SpeechConcept
Adriane Rinsche, CEO, The Language Technology Centre)
Marco Varone, President, Expert System
Paul Welham, CEO, Cereproc

NEW

Jose Gonzalez, CEO, Daedalus
Andrejs Vasiljevs, Chairman, Tilde
Heidi Depraetere, Director, Crosslang
Alexander Rylov, Director, Abby
Jerzy Nedoma, CEO, XTRF Management Systems

ANY OTHER CANDIDATES?

Condition: to be a top executive of a European LT vendor company