



Member Bulletin - 31 January 2024

Dear MI Members and Collaborating Organizations,

We hope this email finds you well and you had a joyful start to the new year. The Secretariat just returned from our annual Away Days; thank you so much to Canada for hosting. We spent the week discussing our ambitions for 2024 and planning a productive year, and look forward to developing a successful Annual Gathering and Ministerial. In this month's bulletin you will find some exciting updates from our Missions and Innovation Platforms, as well as more details on the upcoming Public Funders Dialogue in March.

MI Steering Committee

- A MISC meeting was held on 17 January, and the minutes from that meeting will be circulated this week.

Missions

- All Missions are working on their 2024 workplans – identifying proposed deliverables for the year and KPIs each Mission intends to track.
- The Clean Hydrogen Partnership is hosting an online workshop on hydrogen valley policy on February 21 (13:00-15:30 CET). The aim of the [Hydrogen Valley platform](#) that hosts this workshop is to feature ideas, best practices and barriers to hydrogen valley development and exchange on opportunities to further collaborate and learn from each other. Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/LCJKydHFhB>

Innovation Platform – Collaborate

- The first [Sunlight to X](#) Innovation Community **Workshop** will be held on **09 February 2024** in Ventura, California, USA, just after the Gordon Research Conference on "Renewable Energy: Solar Fuels". The one-day workshop will include an overview of the IC; presentations from key stakeholders leading national initiatives on challenges, research directions, and opportunities; panel discussion on expanding the definition and value proposition of "solar fuels" in the context of Sunlight to X, and open discussions. Please contact Philippe.Schild@ec.europa.eu for more information.

Innovation Platform – Insights

- **On January 31 from 10:30-12:00 CET**, MI and [KAPSARC](#) are hosting an [MI Think Tank](#) event – focused on the Circular Carbon Economy. The Circular Carbon Economy (CCE) builds on the principles of circular economy and applies them to managing carbon

emissions: to reduce the carbon that must be managed in the first place, to reuse carbon as an input to create feedstocks and fuels, to recycle carbon through the natural carbon cycle with bioenergy, and, unique to circular carbon economy, to remove excess carbon and store it. Realizing a CCE requires efforts to bring down costs of key technologies. As Mission Innovation (MI) Member governments advance collaboration to scale-up relevant technologies from carbon management to clean fuels – the CCE can provide a useful framework to guide action and investment. [Click here to register for the event.](#)

Technical Advisory Group

- The final TAG review report was shared with the Mission team this week. The next All-TAG members meeting will be held in late February to discuss the lessons learned from the Mission review process, the overarching report content, TAG engagement at the Annual Gathering and other governance-related topics.

Public Funders Dialogue

- In the recent months, the MI Public Funders Dialogue team has been working to establish a **shared vision between MI Missions and two prominent funding networks – CETPartnership and DUTPartnership** – to garner support for MI Call 2024. An important step in this process was the organization of the 5th MI Public Funders Dialogue on November 21, 2023.
- During this dialogue meeting, the primary focus was on delineating the thematic priorities for the Joint Call 2024 (MICall24), fostering collaboration among public funding networks and stakeholders. Discussions centered around how partnering with the two funding networks could contribute to the realization of MI Missions' objectives. Participants were introduced to a shared vision for the Joint Call 2024, with a potential public commitment exceeding 300 million USD, supporting various aspects of MI Missions' objectives.
- Currently, there are ongoing call scoping activities, including an open consultation for the DUTPartnership and bilateral meetings for the CETPartnership. **If you or your organization are keen to delve deeper into the call scoping and related activities, please do not hesitate to contact the MI Public Funders Dialogue team via Jonathan.rodriquezpolit@energimyndigheten.se.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for the upcoming Public Funders Dialogue meeting on **March 19, from 15:00 to 17:00**. This session will primarily focus on presenting the topics resulting from the MICall24 scoping process as well as offering concrete guidance to funders on the call process interested in joining the Joint Call 2024 by including a step-by-step introduction guide for Funders.