Minutes from the first Advisory Board meeting

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Present

AB members: Alexandra Landsberg, Bert Merz, Nils Hannerz, Paul Ekins (via Skype);
REINVENT: Lars Nilsson, Johannes Stripple, Harriet Bulkeley, Agni Kalfagianni, Andries Hof, Teis Hansen, Katja Pietzner, Ekaterina Chertkovskaya

Apologies: Achim Vanselow, Jürgen Kropp, Stefan Nyström

Overview

This was the first meeting where the Advisory Board and REINVENT had a chance to meet each other. The coverage of four material and challenging sectors in REINVENT was seen as a real strength of the project, not least since it has the potential to show the interconnectedness of problems and stimulate a creative search for solutions. Based on this, the Advisory Board members see REINVENT as having an important role in pursuing the debate on decarbonisation and showing that zero-carbon transition pathways are possible. Its research was expected to be relevant for advancing the policy discussion at the European level and beyond.

Key points from the meeting

1. Advisory board composition confirmed and consists of representatives of different sectors and networks relevant to REINVENT research.

2. Advisory board and terms of reference document approved (Deliverable 8.5).

3. REINVENT’s expectations:
   - Being alerted about policy processes and activities in AB members’ organisations that are of interest to REINVENT
   - Advice with the overall objective to enhance scientific quality and impact
   - Help with access to professional networks
   - This meeting: Discussion and advice on potential participation through a side-event at COP23

4. Expectations of the Advisory Board members:
   - Being kept updated on progress, drafts and reports and providing feedback (as long as material is sent in advance) when deemed appropriate
   - Interested in any tools and examples of decarbonisation that would be discussed in REINVENT
   - Keen on sharing materials and information available in order to support the project
   - Supported the idea to take part in COP23 and interested in collaboration around such a side-event