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## Words from the Coordinator

### Heads up from the PMO

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The Celsius PMO wishes you all a successful new year and we are looking forward to a new, exciting Celsius year. As you can see, the newsletter has a new layout.

Transfer of knowledge and information is indeed a key challenge in our project, and this news letter serves as one way to increase the levels of

understanding between the work packages. Please let us know when there is something interesting going on in your work that you would like us to write about!

And do not forget to use the Celsius intranet newsfeed to share interesting insights, results, articles with the rest of the team!

We hope you will contribute to the communication both on the intranet and in the Newsletter.

## London researchers visit Gothenburg

Ofer Engel and Peter Abell from the London School of Economics and Romain Lambert from Imperial College visited Gothenburg last week to learn more about how the DHC system works.

They met with about 20 people with different roles and with different expertise. "They showed us such intellectual generosity", Ofer Engel says, "I was impressed by the level of sophistication in Gothenberg Energy", he continues, "it is not only the technical side. Gothenberg Energy appears to be a complex organization with several uncommon features. In addition, they implement innovative processes to reach out to customers, informing, advising and engaging them in various aspects of the business. An excellent example for this is the price dialogue,



*Peter Abell, Patrik Arvsell, Romain Lambert and Ofer Engel in a ventilation room during a site visit.*

a process in which the company and its customers collaborate to increase the value of the service provided."

The team from LSE will continue to conduct interviews with representatives from our

Celsius cities, specifically in Islington and Rotterdam.

Get in contact with Ofer or Romain if you would like to learn more about their results.

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## Local coordination

Have you ever wondered why some of you have time allocated for task Local Coordination (T1.5) in WP1?

The purpose of this task is that all partners in every country should meet regularly in order to facilitate collaboration. This local coordination can help us to coordinate actions in each country and ultimately between countries.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, the Swedish Celsius partners organized their local coordination meeting in Gothenburg. The idea was to learn about each other's competences and discuss

challenges we are facing in the project. It became evident that many of us shared the same challenges and we discussed possible solutions. One example of a solution was the increased use of the intranet to improve internal communication in the project. Meeting minutes will be uploaded on the Celsius intranet shortly.

**Make sure that you and the other organization from your country plan for a similar meeting!**



*Anton Gustafsson, Anna Boss, Daniel Nilsson och Martin Borgqvist at the Swedish Local Coordination meeting.*

## Combining WP2 and WP5 tasks

After the meeting in Cologne, it became obvious that many of the tasks in the two work packages 2 and 5 were similar or sometimes even overlapping. The work package leaders, Imperial College and SP, therefore agreed that it was necessary to restructure and combine some of the tasks from the two work packages.

By merging similar tasks, the WPs will have greater resources on the tasks and can clarify responsibilities. "This will give us the opportunity to produce better deliverables", Fredrik Karlsson from SP, says. The budget

and manmonths allocated for the involved organizations remains the same.

The PMO has approved the new structure and the change request documents can be found on the Celsius intranet.

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## News from Brussels

Last week, the Commission launched its new Climate Package, which contains new energy and climate targets for 2030 and 2050. These targets will replace the current 20/20/20 objectives and include a 40 % cut in green house gas emissions and a 27 % increase in the use of renewable energy resources by 2030.

As the current 2020 goal on improved energy efficiency has proven to be difficult to achieve, the Commission is not putting forward any

new targets on energy efficiency at this point and instead refers to a review of the energy efficiency directive. The European Parliament is however proposing a 40 % target for energy savings and will vote on this on February 5th. "The reason why the Commission decided not to include any targets on energy efficiency and national binding targets for renewables in this package is because such measures would face severe resistance from some member states", Sebastian Marx, CEO of the

Gothenburg European Office, explains.

Now, it becomes even more important for us in the Celsius project to show cities across Europe that a development of a smart DHC solution significantly can improve energy efficiency and contribute to achieving the EU's Climate Goals. "Celsius can really play an important role in showing Europe the benefits of DHC and I am confident that we will do so over the years to come", Marx says.