

# Meeting notes, ESS Executive Advisory Board, March 19th 2021

Participating members: Lars Börjesson, chair Håkan Björklund Arne Karlsson Bert Nordberg Lena Olving Björn Savén Other participants: Martin Sjöstrand, ESS Pia Kinhult, ESS Roger Eriksson, ESS Maria Borelius, Aspekta Thomas Pålsson, Aspekta Elin Nyström, Aspekta

## §1. Introduction

Chairman Lars Börjesson welcomed the participants to the meeting and presented two new members of the Executive Advisory Board (EAB): Arne Karlsson and Håkan Björklund. The newly elected presented themselves.

## §2. Update

Chairman Lars Börjesson informed that John Womersley has decided to step down as Director General of ESS due to Corona related restrictions, and that Council has appointed Kevin Jones as acting DG while finalising the ongoing recruitment of a new DG. Martin Sjöstrand gave a brief update on ESS time line and budget given the impact of Corona.

## §3. VR/Vinnova implementation plan

Pia Kinhult briefly presented the VR/Vinnova implementation plan for ESS/Max IV and the proposed strategies to anchor the research infrastructure in Swedish businesses and society. EAB will have the opportunity to discuss the matter further at the meeting in August.

## §4. Innovation Day

The Innovation Day planned together with ABB in June will be postphoned due to the pandemic. New possible date to be decided. EAB also suggested a forthcoming Innovation Day to be held in Denmark.

## §5. Next meeting

Next meeting will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> 12.00-18.00 in Lund followed by dinner.

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Lars Börjesson, chair