

# ESS Internal ILO Network Meeting Feedback to ESS

Grégory Chaboussant, ESS ILO Chair  
20<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 10 September 2024

# ILO Network : new chairs and new members

## **New chairs**

- Grégory Chaboussant is new chair (2 years)
- Mauro Morandin is new vice-chair

## **New members**

- Julie Perrin is replacing Carol Watts as ILO for UK (interim)
- Javier Echavarri is replacing Manuel Moreno as ILO for Spain
- *Mike Olsson is replacing Catarina Sahlberg as ILO for Sweden*

# Communications with ESS and ILO's

## **Taking notes and/or minutes**

We would like that ESS take charge of the minutes or notes.

We need a brief summary of the day highlighting the most important points and the list of actions or decisions taken during the meeting and the owners.

## **Document repository**

It would be most welcomed (through a dedicated indico web access) containing agenda, notes, documents presented during the meeting.

## **Data like PO and tender statistics**

Very important to get this information for us.

We would like documents with some systematics in the presentation, in particular the tenders. ESS should adopt the best practices seen in other Large Facilities.

# Relations with AFC

## Terms of Reference (ToR) for ILO network

- A version dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 was sent to AFC chair prior to the spring AFC meeting.
- We don't have any answer yet but the next AFC is due 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- The Chair will contact ASAP the AFC chair to check progress. The goal is to get TOR approved at the next AFC meeting.
- Note that our version, approved by the ILO network, proposed the following wording for discussion, and approval: *“The ESS ILO Network shall provide a short written report to the ordinary Spring AFC meeting. AFC, at its discretion may invite the chairperson to report to the AFC meeting.”*

## AFC and ILO should work more closely to discuss/assess some topics

- Many requests sent to Mirko's team seem to require AFC's approval
- We would like to open a communication channel with AFC (financial reporting, feedback from us)
- Mirko's presentation to AFC could be useful to us (if relevant)

# Topics to discuss

## Procurement plan

- A comprehensive procurement plan should exist at ESS and should be communicated to the ILO network; such a plan is important to engage the companies.
- We would like this information for new investments and operation budgets, including direct spending by ESS or possibly also via IK process.
- We believe that ESS should provide a high-level basic overview of what opportunities are coming up (across all branches of ESS) -> Is it an issue for Directorate?

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## Call for tenders

- We appreciate very much the information communicated to us but it should be uniformed as much as possible.
- We need to be able to trace relatively easily the nature of the items or equipment, the origins of the bidders and laureates, and the scores. It is important to know why some companies were rewarded and some others rejected.
- We would like to understand the Country of origin for direct an IK tenders as best as possible
  - work out a methodology applicable to both with threshold on value and details
  - Contact IKRC chair if relevant

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## Purchase Orders (PO) and Payments Data

- The information received per country is most welcome and it is a key data.
- A clear breakdown by country of origin and nature (services, equipment, commodities) is essential for us -> can we get this year-by-year?
- SKANSKA : can we get information on sub-contractors outside Sweden?
- Inkind spending : the use of cash-transfer from Partner to ESS leads to direct spending from ESS (typically the common projects). Could we get a specific analysis of these expenditures so that partner countries can infer their share of the spending?