

External Advisory Board Meeting

EXTEMIT-K Project

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Conclusions and recommendations - Summary

The EAB got a very positive impression of the multi-faceted EXTEMIT-K team. The leaders have put together competence from several relevant research directions and the possibilities for advancements in these fields are great. The direct leadership of Professor Schlyter is highly positive for the construction of the scientific environment and the active participation of Professor Turcani ensures a strong link to the leadership of the faculty as well as a local scientific connection. To support the development of the program we supply the following recommendations:

1. The first aim should be to build a new team (using international webpages). Access to PhD students is vital to the program and for future supply of competence in the field.
2. An important aspect for the team building is the establishment of highly active internal communication and modern tools supporting it.
3. The team should build a very clear map over all the different parts of the program and their interaction. A time axis should also be part of the map.
4. The plans for the future work should be very clear and the research questions well formulated.
5. Within the program, mentoring of new members (PhD students, postdocs, junior leaders) will be very important. This should also include on-boarding of foreign team members, as well as career advice for all categories.
6. The EAB appreciates the gender representation within the team.
7. The project needs to communicate its activities and results to e.g. foresters, forest companies, the government, schools, interested laymen and fellow scientists.
8. A highly diversified website is thus vital but also printed material in different shapes and languages.