

Joint Programming Newsletter 5 February 2020

Incl. Ten year anniversary of three JPIs, start of the EJP Cofund on agricultural soil management and a 'Hack' for responsible Research & Innovation

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About us

The joint programming officers at Wageningen University & Research follow ERA policy and strategy, the JPIs, EJPs, Art. 185 and ERA-NET Actions, with a focus on those in the areas of the bioeconomy, food, and the blue and green environment. To support WUR and its Science Groups in engaging in the public research partnerships we provide information, liaise on the national as well as the European level, and ensure direct involvement. We work on alignment, valorisation and joint activities in FACCE-JPI, and are partner in management boards of FOSC, ERA-GAS and EJP Soil. Furthermore, we conduct a global science and policy mapping on microbiome research in frame of the International Bioeconomy Forum, are involved in work on Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in ERA-NET partnerships, and are academic member in the European Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel of DG RTD. You can follow us on [Twitter](#) and contact us at jointprogramming@wur.nl.

Editorial: JPIs and the road to partnerships - gradual evolution or disruptive selection?

While several long-standing networks are celebrating their anniversaries in 2020, the new partnership approach of the European Commission appears on the horizon. There are still unclaritys though, with regard to the accompanying instruments in the new Framework Programme. Reasons for this new approach have -amongst others- been the 'rationalisation of the current public-to-public (P2P) landscape', as well as generating more focus and an 'impact-driven approach'. At the receiving end, the general temperature seems to be varying between neutral and reserved. Some networks will end their activities, others ask themselves how they will find an 'operating space' in the larger whole of the European research landscape. More important: how will the specific (research) areas they have been advocating, highlighting and funding, find their way in these new structures?

On the national level in The Netherlands, the joint programming network provides a very useful platform to discuss and exchange among Dutch representatives of the ten JPIs about Horizon Europe developments. In addition, it serves to exchange with the Dutch representatives in ERAC's High Level Group on Joint Programming, which has been responsible for following, structuring and supporting the overall joint programming process from the start of FP6. The upcoming meeting is of particular interest to exchange on the movements the JPIs and their associated ERA-NETs and other actions. Some JPIs are already foreseen to be heavily involved in a specific partnership: The Water-JPI in the proposed partnership 'Water4All: Water security for the planet' and the JPI Urban Europe in the proposed

one on '*Sustainable, Smart and Inclusive Cities and Communities*'. Others seem to be sharing 'space', like the JPI on Anti-Microbial Resistance (JPIAMR), that is written down for the proposed partnership '*One Health AMR*', together with the European Joint Programme Cofund on One Health. Yet others, like the JPIs on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) and '*A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life*' (JPI HDHL), seem to be envisioned as 'possibly, or, partly fitting' within a couple of proposed partnerships. It will be good to exchange on what the future may look like. An important question will be about the ambition level: what will be the desired impact and accompanying (national) budgets that are foreseen for the new partnerships? Once this becomes clear, the next steps from blueprints to practice will follow.



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Commissions' Orientation Document sets basis for further development of partnerships

The 'Orientations towards the first Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe', published at the end of 2019, summarizes the results of the co-design process for the new Horizon Europe framework programme. For the partnerships, the 'Orientation' and the report of the results of the co-design process, published at the end of November 2019, are of key relevance for the Strategic Planning process. The Orientation document is considered a solid base for the first Strategic Plan and the first Work Programmes in Horizon Europe, which are expected to include actions supporting partnerships.

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Ten years of joint programming for three JPIs

This year, the Joint Programming Initiatives '*a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life*' (JPI HDHL), '*Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change*' (FACCE JPI) and the *Cultural Heritage JPI*, are celebrating their 10 year anniversary. JPI HDHL highlight this with a monthly reflection on the past ten years and looks to the future with people who have been part of the journey. The first in a series of interviews kicks off with the first ever chair of JPI HDHL: Wim Saris, professor in Human Nutrition at the Maastricht University in the Netherlands.

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EJP Cofund on Agricultural Soil Management has started

On February 1st, the latest European Joint Programme Cofund officially started. Twenty-six partners are joining forces in the area of agricultural soil research. Together with European Commission co-funding, the programme mobilises up to EUR 80 million and additional budget will be raised for external calls. The EJP aims to contribute to building a sustainable European integrated research community on agricultural soils. The focus is foreseen to be on climate change adaptation and mitigation, but activities should also lead to less soil erosion and the restoration of soil fertility. A kick-off meeting is foreseen for the end of February.

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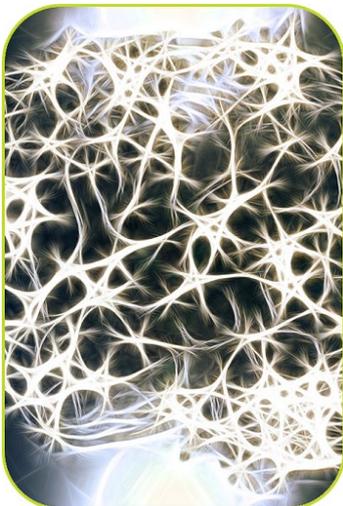


ERA-NET CORE Organic celebrated its 15 Years Anniversary

In December 2019, the network on ‘*Coordination of European Transnational Research in Organic Food and Farming Systems*’, organised its anniversary event, celebrating 15 years of joint collaboration. During one day, network partners, representatives of neighbouring ERA-NETs, and international guests looked back on accomplishments achieved, gave input to future challenges and discussed how to further align national research priorities and how to address the transition from H2020 to Horizon Europe.

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Joint research call on neurodegenerative diseases launched

The Joint Programming Initiative on neurodegenerative diseases has launched a new transnational call for proposals for “*novel imaging and brain stimulation methods and technologies related to neurodegenerative diseases*”. This joint call will further promote research aiming at the development of novel technologies, as well as the advanced use of existing cutting-edge brain imaging and brain stimulation technologies related to neurodegenerative diseases. The Netherlands is participating in this call, that has a total funding budget mobilised of about EUR 18 million. The closing date for pre-proposal submission is March 3rd, and full-proposal deadline is June 30th.

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Research on infectious animal diseases invited

The ERA-NET Cofund International Coordination of Research on Infectious Animal Diseases (ICRAD) launched a co-funded call to support multi-disciplinary research to improve animal health and welfare. Research needs to address some of the key epidemic and (re)-emerging threats e.g. African Swine Fever and Animal Influenza, and develop novel detection and intervention strategies. The joint call has an indicative budget of approximately EUR 22.4 million, bringing together 24 funding organisations from 20 countries, including The Netherlands. Submission deadline of pre-proposals is March 31st, and for full proposals August 5th.

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JPIAMR boosts networking

The Joint Programming Initiative on Anti-Microbial Resistance will be launching its 10th call for transnational networks in partnership with eight member countries, among which, the Netherlands. The aim of this “JPIAMR Network Plus 2020” call is to boost networks in designing and implementing ways to support AMR research. Networks should develop and implement activities focusing on AMR within the domains of Human health, Animal health and the Environment. Per network the available funding will be between EUR 50,000 and 100,000 per year; for two years maximum. The one-stage call will open February 10th and close April 6th.

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Research invited on targeted nutrition and on unhealthy weight gain prevention

Two calls under the Joint Programming Initiative ‘a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life’ (JPI HDHL) have opened recently. The HDHL-INTIMIC’ PREPHOBES call on ‘Prevention of unhealthy weight gain and obesity during crucial phases throughout the lifespan’ has a committed budget of over EUR 7 million and involves Dutch funding partners. Pre-proposal deadline is April 3rd, full proposal deadline is July 10th. The ERA-HDHL’ PREVNUT call on ‘Development of targeted nutrition for prevention and treatment of undernutrition in elderly’ call has resources of around EUR 6 million. The proposal deadline for this single-stage call is April 7th.

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Joint research on sustainable crop production in preparation

The ERA-NET-Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production has pre-announced its second transnational call. Proposals should demonstrate how project results will be relevant to improved crop production under a changing climate and/or to climate change mitigation. Topics range from enhancement of new and/or predictive breeding technologies to integrated pest management. At present, 14 funding organisations from 11 countries (Belgium, Estonia, France, Finland, Latvia, Germany, United Kingdom, Poland, Spain, Romania, and Turkey) are involved. The call is expected to open on February 10th. Proposed deadline for pre-proposals is April 7th, for full proposal submission September 10th.

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Additional support available for knowledge transfer of research on Aquatic Pollutants

Additional resources have been made available to stimulate dissemination of the results of projects to be funded under the AquaticPollutants ERA-Net Cofund action. The objective is to realize a better and wider dissemination, develop new innovative methods to support the transfer of research and the uptake of results into the public and administrative sector, policy, industry or economy. The implementation of a 'knowledge transfer project' should lead to a better alignment of the three participating JPIs and improve their collaboration possibilities. Proposals should be built by consortia of German and Swedish institutions. The total budget is approximately EUR 850,000 and the call is due to open February 17th. Deadline for full proposals is April 16th.

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'Next Generation Science for Oceans' funds two additional projects

Thanks to an increase in financial commitment by several national funding agencies, a further two proposals to the joint JPI Climate and JPI Oceans' call have been awarded funding. In addition to the MEDLEY and ROADMAP projects, EUREC4A-OA: *Improving the representation of small-scale nonlinear ocean-atmosphere interactions in Climate Models by innovative joint observing and modelling approaches*, and CE2COAST: *Downscaling Climate and Ocean Change to Services: Thresholds and Opportunities* were selected. A joint kick off meeting for the projects is foreseen for June 2020 in Brussels.

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Calls (soon) open for submission*

- [EJP Rare Diseases call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **18 February**, closing date full proposals: **16 June**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund FOSC call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **19 February**, closing date full proposals: **21 July**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund 'ICT-AGRI-FOOD' call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **3 March**, closing date full proposals: **6 July**;
- [JPND novel imaging and brain stimulation call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **3 March**, closing date full proposals: **30 June**;
- [Urban Accessibility and Connectivity call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **17 March**, closing date full proposals: **22 September**;
- [Urban Migration call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **26 March**, closing date full proposals: **4 September**;
- [MarTERA third call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **27 March**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund ICRAD call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **31 March**, closing date full proposals: **5 August**;

- [ERA-NET HDHL-INTIMIC prevention of unhealthy weight gain call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **3 April**, closing date full proposals: **10 July**;
- [JPI-HDHL targeted nutrition call](#) - closing date proposals: **7 April**;
- ERA-NET Cofund SusCrop *pre-announcement* – closing date pre-proposals: **7 April**, closing date full proposals: **10 September**;
- [JPI Water, Oceans and AMR AquaticPollutants call](#) *pre-announcement* - closing date pre-proposals: **16 April**, closing date full proposals: **August**;
- [AquaticPollutants 'Knowledge transfer of research' call](#) *pre-announcement* - closing date full proposals: **16 April**.

***Please take note that submission deadlines may be subject to change, especially in pre-announcements of calls.**

Upcoming Activities



Biotech Hack for Responsible Research & Innovation

From 10-12 March, the second BioTech Hack for Research & Innovation of the ERA-NET CoBioTech will take place in Brussels. The event aims to bring together the ERA CoBioTech community (funding organisations, researchers from academia and industry) with other stakeholders in the domain of bioeconomy (amongst others, policy makers and European initiatives and projects). The Hack consists of two parts: a workshop dedicated to Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), organized as a part of the ERA CoBioTech's Biotech Hub, followed by a joint status seminar of research projects funded under ERA-CoBioTech and its precursors. Participation at this event is free of charge but registration is required.

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'Current issues on Cultural Heritage and Digitization' seminar

On 12-13 March, in Paris, a scientific exchange on the current challenges of the digitization of cultural heritage will be organised. During these two days, researchers from projects currently funded by the French funding agency ANR, its partner agencies, as well as researchers from the latest call for proposals of the Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPI CH) on the theme 'Digital Heritage', will be brought together. Discussions will also be devoted to exploring the new possibilities offered by digital tools for knowledge production and dissemination.

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Upcoming events:

26 February	FACCE SURPLUS final conference, Brussels
10-12 March	BioTech Hack for Research & Innovation, Brussels
12-13 March	'Current issues on Cultural Heritage and Digitization' seminar, Paris
31 March - 2 April	BANOS Strategic Orientation Workshop
27 - 29 April	SusAn Early Career Research seminar, Italy
17 June	HDHL international conference, Brussels
27 June	World Microbiome Day
Autumn	FACCE-JPI 10 Year Anniversary Event

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