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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, the International Bioeconomy Forum and other research programming initiatives. Furthermore, we established a platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions, support the EU Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) to increase visibility and European policy impact, 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: Connecting climate change research and climate action by citizens - joint programming at the local level

We are happy to present a guest editorial in this newsletter. Fokke de Jong; team Climate Change at Wageningen UR, has been long-term active as communication officer for the Joint Programming Initiative on Climate. In this editorial he brings down the often high-level, strategic and abstract process of national joint programming, to impacts for citizens and their neighbourhood. Both timely and urgent: as the need to involve citizens in co-designing mission-driven research is both asked for, and experimented with, more and more.



Besides being a member of the Climate Change Research team of Wageningen Environmental Research, I am also actively involved in climate adaptation and mitigation activities in my own neighbourhood for over ten years. There I see personally how the collective power of people is really shaping and driving ideas and solutions to get this Dutch

neighbourhood in Amersfoort city sustainable. It all started when the citizens convinced the municipality and the Dutch Railway Association, not to demolish abandoned buildings on a large industrial site. The '*Duurzaam Soesterkwartier*' association was founded. This association arranged for 250 houses, built in the 1930's and 1940's, to be insulated based on the concept of mutual and collective labour, organized by street ambassadors. This co-working between citizens, local government and private partners, resulted in fast action, and a reduction of costs for each individual household, when compared to commercial approaches. The next step was the installation of roof solar panels on 100 houses and two primary schools. Simultaneously, the association arranged a car sharing system, planned the installation of a windmill; and green areas or parks were connected in green corridors. A citizen association was formed to start plans for an 'eco-town'; *Soesterhof*, that has to deliver forty energy neutral houses in 2019. Together with students of Wageningen UR, the impact of climate change at the location of the proposed eco-town was studied, using a literature review from the national meteorological institute and with the climate services tool 'Climate effect atlas'; built by researchers from Wageningen Environmental Research, showing that increasing temperatures will change the precipitation pattern in this local area.

In 2018 people across the city are working together to arrange climate adaptable and mitigation measures on city level. A group is working on measuring heat islands in the area, and even the used methodology is, with help of a European Joint Programming Initiative on Climate (JPI Climate) project, implemented in the Norwegian city of Bergen and first steps are made to deploy this concept and methodology in other cities as well. Others groups work on destoning and greening the private gardens to avoid heat stress during summer periods, as well as aiding slowing down water run-off during extreme rain fall all over the seasons. Meanwhile, all this has also led to new companies as some of the inhabitants have turned their interests and skills to business: a sharing electric cars company, a destoning private garden foundation, or private consultancies for energy saving measures emerged. Dozens of people found each other in these activities and networks and many of them came with new ideas. When talking about joint programming in the European setting, it usually refers to mutually agreeing on what actions and what data is needed, and how countries can strengthen and build on each others' national efforts. My own experience is, that 'joint programming' is also very effective at a more local level. A level that directly involves citizens, even the climate critics.



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News



JPI Chairs' March meeting

On March 5th, the latest Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Chairs meeting was held in Brussels. The Chairs of the ten JPIs meet on a regular basis in an informal setting. These meetings contribute to a better coordination between JPIs and enables them to continue to communicate their common position. The JPI Chairs also exchange experiences and discuss common issues regarding measuring impact of the work of JPIs, connecting with international partners, valorisation and the upcoming Horizon Europe framework programme.

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New Strategic Research Agenda for JPI HDHL presented during their conference

The Joint Programming Initiative on A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (JPI HDHL) has recently presented its new Strategic Research Agenda (SRA), during the JPI HDHL conference held on 20 February 2019 in Brussels. This third edition identifies the key topics to deliver towards societal impact. In the new SRA the traditional research pillars have been changed into a model with three research areas, to further facilitate the integration of research. These three research areas form the core of the SRA: 1) Citizens, diet and behaviour; 2) Food for health, and 3) Diet, health and disease.

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Country Report on P2P participation

ERA-LEARN has published the first of a series of four Country Reports. Poland is the first country analysed on the current status of Public-to-Public (P2P) participation. The reports try to explain the performance of a country in international collaboration within the context of the national research and innovation system. They also provide information on the reasons behind the position or role of a particular country and/or learn from other countries' exemplary performances.

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New HDHL Management Board Chair

Martijntje Bakker, co-director of ZonMw, The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development, has been elected as the new chair of the Joint Programming Initiative on A 'Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (JPI HDHL). She has many years of experience with JPIs and mission orientated research funding. Apart from her extensive experience in JPI HDHL, she also represents The Netherlands as Management Board member of the JPI on Antimicrobial Resistance and the 'More Years Better Life' JPI.

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Towards a common microbiome research agenda: a 'Finding Common Ground' workshop

On 4 and 5 March 2019, more than a hundred persons from partners and boards of the Microbiome Support initiative were brought together in Vienna, Austria for a 'Finding Common Ground' workshop. There, they discussed on what is needed to improve international cooperation, coordination of research and funding, and set a basis for common microbiome Research & Innovation agendas. In the upcoming years, this Coordination and Support Action will support the European Commission by coordinating the activities and results from the International Bioeconomy Forum (IBF) working group 'Food Systems Microbiome'.

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Joint Research



Collaborative research on ‘Sustainable Smart Solutions for Ageing well’ with a focus on end-users

The Active & Assisted Living Programme (AAL): a long-term transnational cooperation initiative, has launched a new call for innovative, transnational and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects. There is a clear emphasis of co-design with end-users: collaborative project proposals must demonstrate a clear route to market and added-value for the different types of end-users. In addition to regular proposals, there is also a possibility for small duration projects (up to 9 months maximum) to apply. The Netherlands is participating in this call, which has an indicative budget of over EUR 27 million. The submission deadline for proposals is May 24th 2019.

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Calls open for submission

- [AAL Sustainable Smart Solutions for Ageing well](#) – closing date proposals: **24 May 2019**

Upcoming Activities



JPI Climate scoping workshop 'a Flagship for Latin America'

On May 17th 2019, the JPI Climate's support action SINCERE will organise a scoping workshop in Helsinki. The aim is to prepare a joint vision and to identify common topics for collaboration between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Community in the research field of climate change. Topics include impact, mitigation and adaptation sectors. Interested Latin-American scientists can apply to participate in the workshop.

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SusAn: mid-term research project seminar announced

The ERA-NET on Sustainable Animal Production (SusAn) will hold its mid-term meeting on April 9 and 10, 2019 in Wageningen, the Netherlands. SusAn partners and researchers are invited to join the seminar, where fourteen co-funded research projects will be presented.

The seminar is organized by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy.

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ERA-GAS at NCGG8

On 12-14 June 2019, FACCE ERA-GAS is organising its 2nd Research Programme Meeting (RPM) and valorisation workshop, a Summer School and their Consortium Meeting. These events will be held in parallel and integrated in the 8th International Symposium on Non-CO2 Greenhouse Gases (NCGG8) "Global Challenges and Local Solutions", which will take place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Together with the organisers of NCGG8, ERA-GAS is planning an interesting itinerary for their consortium partners, researchers and stakeholders. Early Career Researchers can apply for the Summer School.

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Events Calendar

This calendar displays events related to Joint Programming and / or the Bioeconomy.

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Upcoming events 2019:

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| 9-10 April | ERA-NET SusAn mid-term research project seminar |
| 17 May | JPI Climate Scoping Workshop 'Flagship action: Latin America' |
| 22-24 May | 1st One Health EJP Annual Scientific Meeting |
| 23-24 May | ForestValue Kick-Off Seminar |
| 12-14 June | ERA-GAS 2nd Research Programming Meeting, Consortium Meeting and Summer School |

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