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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 communication, alignment and joint actions in FACCE-JPI and JPI Climate, and are involved in organising ERA-NET Cofund programmes. 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 contact us at jointprogramming@wur.nl.

Editorial: FACCE JPI and BiodivERsA explore options for collaboration

Biodiversity. Agriculture. Climate change. All are intimately connected. In research and policy, these themes are largely being dealt with in different bubbles. Solutions in one area are often incompatible with solutions in the other areas. Meeting the climate goal of 2 degrees will require an energy transition that is likely to include - at least for a while - increased use of biofuels which may affect sustainable agriculture options, while soils should be managed as carbon sinks. The mid-term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy observes that the CAP so far did not help to restore biodiversity, in many places the opposite

happened. It is often insufficiently recognized that agricultural practices not only affect biodiversity, but, more importantly, agriculture and food security depend on crucial ecosystem services and functions, such as the availability and quality of arable land, soil and water, and pollination by insects. Climate change impacts affect these services and functions.

Meeting biodiversity, agricultural and climate change goals together therefore requires not only a fundamental transition in the way we use energy, but also in the way we manage our lands. Research can provide new insights where synergies can be found, how trade-offs can be avoided and by whom. Following a 2013 joint call, two transnational research funding initiatives, FACCE-JPI (on Food, Agriculture and Climate Change) and BiodivERsA now join forces again to address the challenges. BiodivERsA and FACCE organised a workshop on 25 and 26 April in Brussels to explore options for collaboration. Next to representatives of the two initiatives, a number of policy makers, experts and stakeholders identified priority knowledge gaps. A broad menu of potential focal research themes and collaboration instruments was developed, varying from short-term opportunities to a broader and more sustained partnership. The short-term options include the participation of one initiative in the already ongoing and planned research activities of the other. The long-term options include the development of a new research call on sustainable agro-ecology management practices and the development of a knowledge hub aiming at a sustained network of experts providing guidance for policy and practice, from the farm to the food system level. I personally hope that the members of the Governing Boards of the two initiatives prioritise this topic and commit the required resources, to go for the long-term option. This would greatly help the urgent transition to a nature-friendly, climate-resilient and flourishing European agricultural sector!

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Commission proposes EU budget for 2021-2027

On 2 May the Commission proposed the long-term EU budget for 2021-2027. The Commission proposes to increase investment in research and innovation (R&I) by 50%, by allocating €114.8 billion from the future long-term EU budget. The new European research programme, "Horizon Europe", will have a budget of €97.9 billion. €10 Billion in Horizon Europe will support R&I in food, agriculture, rural development and the bioeconomy. The Commission also advises a reduction of roughly 5% in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) programme, and a reformed and modernised CAP.

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Towards Partnership initiatives under Horizon Europe

Partnerships will be key in achieving impacts the Framework Programme alone cannot achieve. This requires a stronger role of the Commission in definition of objectives and programming. Partnerships are, along regular calls for proposals, and Missions, the way in which thematic clusters of Global Challenges will be implemented. The Commission intends to explore ways of rationalising partnerships, improving their openness and transparency and link them with future EU R&I missions and strategic priorities. An ERAC working group on Partnerships recommended on criteria and process.

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Bioeconomy Stakeholders' Panel meeting dedicated to participation in bioeconomy actions

The 9th meeting of the European Bioeconomy Stakeholders' Panel was dedicated to participation in bioeconomy actions. Mr Waldemar Kütt, Head of Unit F.1. Bioeconomy Strategy, DG Research and Innovation, EC, emphasised the importance of the meeting, explaining that the European Commission is working on the update of the European Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan. In this context, the Commission is welcoming input from the panel with regard to concrete actions that stakeholders could do themselves to move the bioeconomy forward.

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JPIs discuss cooperation with US public funders

In January 2018 six joint programming initiatives, FACCE (on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change), Climate, Oceans, Water, HDHL (A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life) and AMR (on Antimicrobial Resistance), visited the USA in order to enhance research collaborations between European and US public funders on global societal challenges. The visit was facilitated by

BILAT USA 4.0, a project funded by the EU with the overall aim to enhance, support and further develop the research and innovation cooperation between the EU and the US.

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FACCE-JPI / BiodivERsA workshop on agriculture and food security - biodiversity and ecosystem services

The Joint Programming Initiative FACCE (on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change) and ERA-NET COFUND BiodivERsA (on biodiversity and ecosystem services across European countries and territories) organised a workshop (Brussels 25- 26 April 2018) to explore options for collaboration. A broad menu of focal research themes and collaboration instruments was developed, including an expected ERA-NET Cofund on Biodiversity and Climate Change (BiodivERsA). The Netherlands, represented by The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, are playing an active role in the collaboration between BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI. The objectives of the workshop are in line with nature-inclusive agriculture, one of the three core themes of the Ministry its policy.

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JPI Climate's first Scoping Forum Symposium

More than 60 people participated in the JPI Climate Scoping Forum Symposium in Paris on 26 and 27 March 2018. Under the thematic header "Science for the implementation of the Paris Agreement", the objective of this symposium was to guide JPI Climate in its future operations. The participants engaged in an active debate on the strategic directions for JPI Climate in funding research and connecting knowledge to decision-makers at all levels over the next two to five years. The outcomes of the symposium will now be analysed and a document with recommendations on concrete implementation actions will be prepared. Rob Swart from Wageningen Environmental Research

participated in this symposium.

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Water Knowledge Hub on Emerging Pollutants launched

The first workshop gathering experts selected to take part in the Water JPI Knowledge Hub on emerging pollutants was held on 15 March 2018. As "seed group", about twenty researchers from ten countries joined the workshop with the aim to provide clarification on the process involved and to progress in the set-up of the Knowledge Hub. A second workshop with the selected experts will take place in Helsinki, Finland, on 5 June 2018, back-to-back with the Water JPI conference on "Emerging pollutants in freshwater ecosystems".

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Joint Research Centre joins FACCE-JPI Scientific Advisory Board

The Joint Research Centre (JRC), the science and knowledge service of the European Commission, has joined the FACCE-JPI Scientific Advisory Board as of March 2018. The JRC supports EU policies with independent scientific evidence throughout the whole policy cycle. JRC's associate membership is intended to facilitate a more systematic exchange of information and coordination between the Joint Programming Initiative and the EC.

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JPI Urban Europe position paper

JPI Urban Europe regularly exchanges with various DGs and units of the European Commission (EC) dealing with urban matters. With the new chairs team in place, JPI Urban Europe was meeting EC representatives in the beginning of March to inform the colleagues in the various EC units of JPI Urban Europe's current state of play, its future and its present take on the urban mission approach. In support of the meeting JPI Europe has crafted a position paper. This document also served as

background for the AGORA discussions in Bucharest in April.

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Seminar "Shaping the vision for the sustainable future of Dutch agriculture"

In the frame of ERA-NET SURPLUS project TSARA, stakeholders discussed on how to align future Dutch agriculture with the UN Sustainable Development Goal towards food security and agricultural sustainability at a seminar organised at the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) on 8 May 2018. The collective analysis of different agricultural pathways can directly inform policy making.

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News on Joint Calls



AXIS call on "Climate Impact Research, Economic Assessment and Pathways to Sustainability" open

The ERA-NET Consortium AXIS (Assessment of Cross(X)-sectoral climate Impacts and pathways for Sustainable transformation) has launched a call, cofunded by the EC, for proposals on "Climate Impact Research, Economic Assessment and Pathways to Sustainability". It is supported by 10 funding organisations from 9 European countries, including Dutch funder NWO. The call has an indicative budget of €15-17 million to support international research projects of a duration of up to 3 years. There are resources for 5 projects with Dutch participation; 1 post-doc per project. Pre-registration closes on 18 June 2018 and of full proposal submission closes on 8 October 2018.

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HDHL-INTIMIC cofunded call 2017 - call statistics and factsheet published

The call statistics of the HDHL-INTIMIC cofunded call on “Interrelation of the Intestinal Microbiome, Diet and Health” are now available. The call was launched in January 2017 by Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden. In the 11 awarded projects, a total of 43 research groups from 8 countries and 6 collaborators are involved. In 5 projects a Dutch consortium partner is involved (in one as coordinator).

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FACCE SURPLUS second call: 8 research projects selected for funding

FACCE SURPLUS launched its second call in January 2017. The call focuses on small-scale biorefinery concepts and their potential role in enhancing the sustainability and productivity of European agriculture, and benefiting the rural economy. Eight projects have been selected for funding: FLEXIBI, CichOpt (incl. Wageningen University & Research), HaloSYS, ABC4Soil, DEBUT, SUPERVALUE (incl. Delft University of Technology), PASS-BIO, Prowaste. Research will start this spring.

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Projects of SUSFOOD2 cofunded call will kick off in October

The ERA-NET Cofund SUSFOOD2 on sustainable food production and consumption will fund 12 research projects with a total budget of €11.5 million, including top-up funding from the European Commission. From mid-2018 onwards, 73 research teams from 17 countries will start their work for 3 years to achieve new insights for the field of sustainable food production and consumption in the context of the bio-based economy to tackle 21st century societal challenges. The SUSFOOD2 projects kick-off meeting will take place in Stockholm on 23 and 24 October 2018.

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Calls open for submission

- [AXIS Call "Climate Impact Research, Economic Assessment and Pathways to Sustainability"](#) - closing date pre-registration: **18 June**, closing full prop.: **8 Oct. 2018**
- [BBI JU call 2018](#) - closing date: **6 September 2018**
- [JPIAMR Network Call on Surveillance 2018](#): closing date: **12 June 2018**

Upcoming Activities



Workshop on Future-proofing Food Systems

The SCAR Strategic Working Group on Food Systems and the joint programming initiatives JPI HDHL (a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life), FACCE-JPI (on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change), and JPI Oceans will organise an afternoon workshop on "Future-proofing Food Systems" in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on 13 June 2018 as a side event of the FOOD 2030 conference in Plovdiv which takes place on 14 and 15 June.

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2nd FOOD 2030 high level event, Plovdiv,

Registration is open for the upcoming FOOD 2030 High Level Event entitled "Research & Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security – Transforming our food systems" to be held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, from 14 to 15 June 2018. During this conference the European Commission will present an update of the FOOD 2030 process and vision towards shaping tomorrow's food and nutrition systems through research and innovation.

There will be a number of side events planned on 13 June, including a joint workshop of SCAR SWG Food Systems, JPI HDHL, FACCE-JPI, and JPI Oceans.

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EFI Young Leadership Programme open - Mediterranean Edition

Young professionals and experts are invited to join the European Forest Institute (EFI) for EFI's Young Leadership Programme 2018 - Mediterranean edition (YLP-MED). YLP-MED focuses on the potential of the Mediterranean to contribute to the leading role played by the forest sector in the global bioeconomy. The YLP-MED takes place in Barcelona from 26 November to 1 December 2018. Submission closes 15 June 2018.

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- 14 May FOODBALL Final Conference, Wageningen
- 28-29 May JPI Climate Call 2013 - Project HOPE final meeting, Brussels
- 30-31 May JPI Climate Governing Board Meeting, Ljubljana
- 29 May Webinar: Effective IP & Outreach Strategies Help Increase the Impact of R&I
- 31 May: EIT Climate-KIC Partner Day Sustainable Land Use, Brussels
- 31 May- 1 June FACCE Governing Board Meeting, Cyprus
- 31 May- 1 June European Maritime Day, incl. JPI Oceans workshop on the Blue Bioeconomy, Burgas
- 5 June International workshop "Nature based solutions for urban resilience", Milan
- 5 June COST Connect: Climate Change and Forest Systems, Sofia
- 6 June Conf. "Innovative bio-based products: Investm., Env. Impacts & Future Persp., Brussels
- 6-7 June 2nd Water JPI Conference "Emerging Pollutants in Freshwater Ecosystems", Helsinki
- 6-7 June 7th International Bioeconomy Conference, Halle (Saale)
- 6-8 June JPI Oceans workshop on munition in the sea, Oslo
- 13 June Workshop SCAR SWG Food Systems & 3 JPI's on "Future-proofing Food Systems", Plovdiv
- 14-15 June 2nd FOOD 2030 High Level Event, Plovdiv
- 22-23 June 100 Year WUR Symposium Food for Future, Wageningen
- 25 June Info Day H2020 Societal Challenge 2 calls 2019, Brussels
- 26 June Brokerage event H2020 Societal Challenge 2, Brussels
- 28 June Kick-off meeting projects ARIMNet2 2017 Joint Call for Young Researchers, Paris
- 30-31 Aug. SDG Conference: "Towards zero hunger: Partnerships for impact" , Wageningen
- 5-6 Sept. Congress FOOD2030: Towards sustainable agri-food systems, Stuttgart
- 10-13 Sept. "International Conference on Agricultural GHG Emissions and Food Security, Berlin

19 Sept.	JPI Chairs Meeting, Vienna
20 Sept.	10 JPIs Anniversary Event - Austrian Presidency Event, Vienna
24-25 Sept.	XXXII EURAGRI conf. "Cross Sect. Opport. in Bioeconomy & Implement. SDGs", Oslo
1-2 Oct.	Conference "Revolution in Food and Biomass Production" (REFAB), Cologne
1-5 Oct.	Mid-term meeting of projects JPI Climate/ Belmont Forum joint call 2015, Kyoto
22 Oct.	Conference on the update of 2012 EU Bioeconomy Strategy, Brussels
23-24 Oct.	SUSFOOD2 projects kick-off meeting, Stockholm
29-30 Oct.	FACCE Governing Board Meeting, Warsaw
5-6 Nov.	Austrian Presidency Conf. on Impact of Research & Innov. Policy, Vienna

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