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About us

The joint programming officers at Wageningen University & Research follow R&I policy, strategy and the joint programming actions, with a focus on partnerships 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: The world we want

Missions and visions, partnerships and projects, fact checks and foresight, consultations and co-creations. These are instruments of policy makers as well as researchers, busy to look to tomorrow, to plan ahead, to make the world a better place. Or at least do some damage control such as keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius. Teens blame the older generation; the Greta's of age sixteen lead the climate march. And though small kids do not point fingers yet, they too can make you realise about the mess the human species is making of planet A. And can show that some solutions are easy. At a summer day in Helsinki at the park promenade, a girl, looking in delight to large soap bubbles that seem rainbow coloured in the ray of sunlight, is suddenly distracted when a by passer carelessly drops a candy wrapper. She steps to it and picks it up, spilling soapy water from the bubble solution bottle, and runs after the litterer shouting "mister! mister!" He turns and she puts out her hand and says "this wrapper slipped out of your hand, here, take it, there is a waste bin over there. Look how good I can hopscotch, bye bye". Summertime, and the living is easy.

But it was not always that way. In historical perspective, the agricultural system we have today is the Green Revolution gone too far. Mansholts' agricultural policy for food security was crucial in the decades after the Second World War. Today we face huge loss of biodiversity. How do we see agricultural innovation developed by research

institutes enabling intensive agriculture in retrospect? Opinions diverge in the house magazine Wageningen Resource. Maybe you like for summer reading 'The Wizard and the Prophet', a book by Charles Mann for reflection on history and schools of thought. In between other reflections - of yourself in the sunglasses of your sun-tanned dinner date at the city beach. Ending with lyrics from the 2008 song from The Killers, I wish you a good summer.

Lesson learned and the wheels keep turning

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And maybe we'll make it through



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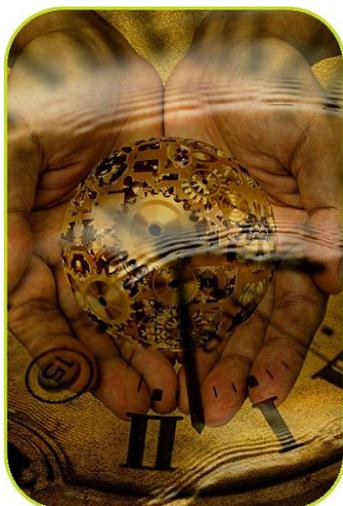
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SCAR conference 'Contributing to shape the future'

On the 12th of June, the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) held a conference dedicated to reflecting on its role and impact. This Member State Committee advises the European Commission and its members on the European agricultural -and wider bioeconomy- research landscape. The conference brought together almost one hundred participants including national government delegates, SCAR representatives, European Commission officials and consortium members of the SCAR support action CASA, to jointly redefine the SCAR contribution to shape the future.

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Share your views on future objectives for European research and innovation

The European Commission has launched an online, public consultation on the upcoming Horizon Europe framework programme. As part of the co-design process, anyone with an interest in future EU research and innovation priorities, from anywhere in the world, can participate. A part of the proposed EUR 100 billion Horizon Europe budget will be dedicated to public-to-public partnerships (P2P); joint research cooperation between the EC and Member States. The online consultation is open until the 8th of September 2019.

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New research and innovation partnerships announced under H2020

With the publication of the final sections of the H2020 Work Programmes, a new set of co-funded Public-to-Public (P2P) partnerships is announced. A total of EUR 75 million is foreseen for 10 ERA-NET Cofunds of which EUR million 45 for 8 new networks under the Societal Challenges pillar. P2P networks form an important part of the European Research Area, as they mobilise a large amount of national funding in addition to EC funding. At the end of H2020, a total amount of over EUR 875 million has been invested by the EC in joint research cooperation through ERA-NETs and (four of the) European Joint Programmes. The 2018 annual report from ERA-LEARN gives more detailed information on P2P networks.

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MicrobiomeSupport present at 2nd IBF Plenary meeting

On the 26th and 27th of May, the 2nd Plenary meeting of the International Bioeconomy Forum (IBF) took place in Vancouver, Canada.

Representatives of Member States and Observers discussed the role and vision of the IBF in a global bioeconomy. The topic of microbiomes in food systems and the bioeconomy, was identified as a major emerging theme of interest for IBF members. The MicrobiomeSupport initiative assists the European Commission by coordinating the activities, meetings, workshops and results from the Food Systems Microbiome IBF Working Group.

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New Implementation Plan for HDHL

Corresponding with the recently published 3rd edition' Strategic Research Agenda, the Joint Programming Initiative 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life' (HDHL), launched their 2019-2021 Implementation Plan. The plan has been developed as a joint effort of the Management Board, Scientific and Shareholders Advisory Board and the supporting partners responsible for this task. In addition to 'classic' funding actions like joint calls, the JPI works with new instruments such as a Knowledge Hub. The Implementation Plan also contains non-funding activities to strengthen collaboration between HDHL and the European Commission, with other JPIs and with their stakeholders.

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JPI Urban Europe EXPANDs participation

The Joint Programming Initiative addressing global urban challenges; JPI Urban Europe, has recently kicked-off its 'EXPAND II' Coordination and Support Action in Kiev; Ukraine. The meeting was organised at the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science. The fourth CSA will support the work of the JPI Urban Europe and will allow it to focus on widening the participation of member countries and stakeholders. Partners in the CSA include Latvia, Bulgaria, the Azores and Turkey.

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Joint Research



New research 'towards sustainable and organic food systems' upcoming

The ERA-NETs SUSFOOD2 and CORE Organic Cofund will be launching a joint call for transnational research on sustainable and organic food systems. Applicants are encouraged to follow a multi-actor, multi-disciplinary and system approach in context of the call topics, which range from '*resource-efficient, circular and zero-waste food systems*' to '*sustainable and smart packaging*'. 21 participating funding partners from 18 countries and regions are committing close to EUR 9.5 million. The call will officially be launched on September 2nd. The closing date for submission of pre-proposals will be November 4th and for full proposals, March 27th 2020.

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BiodivERsA will fund research on Biodiversity and Climate Change

The new, upcoming call from ERA-NET BiodivERsA will cover four themes ranging from *climate-biodiversity feedback processes* to *synergies and trade-offs between policies on biodiversity, climate and other relevant sectors, and the role of agents of change*. At present, twenty-three countries have expressed interest to join and have reserved a total amount of over EUR 23 million. The Netherlands is at this stage not participating in the call. Expected launch date is September 2nd. Expected closing date for pre-proposals is November 5th 2019 and for full proposals April 10th 2020.

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New participatory hub for the Mediterranean area upcoming

The long-term Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), announced the selection of a project for funding under their Nexus 2019 Call. The maximum amount of funding available is EUR 3.2 million. The overall objective of this call is to develop and disseminate an interactive platform of best practices in the Mediterranean area that should support stakeholders from public, private and civil society sectors. The '*participatory hub for effective mapping, acceleration and capitalisation of EU-MPC NEXUS best practices*' was selected. Eight countries participate in the hub, which is coordinated by Spain.

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Research groups invited to form a Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition

After evaluation of the Expressions of Interest, funders from 7 countries invited 42 selected research groups for a joint meeting. The aim of the meeting was to start preparing a joint proposal, due for submission in September 2019. The Knowledge Hub aims at fostering transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration and networking in order to accelerate, further characterize and manage the impact of climate change on nutritional make-up of food. It is a joint action of the Joint Programming Initiatives on 'A Healthy Diets for a Healthy Life' (JPI-HDHL), 'Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans' (JPI Oceans) OCEANS and the JPI on Agriculture, Food Security & Climate Change (FACCE-JPI).

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Preparations ongoing for an EJP Cofund on Agricultural Soil Management

At the beginning of 2019, a proposal has been submitted to the European Commission for a European Joint Programme Cofund on Agricultural Soil Management in which 26 partners will join forces in the area of agricultural soil research. Currently, preparations for this cooperation are taking place. The programme, that mobilises up to EUR 80 million, aims to contribute to building a sustainable European integrated research community on agricultural soils. While the focus is foreseen to be on climate adaptation and mitigation, activities should also lead to less soil erosion and the restoration of soil fertility.

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Upcoming new ERA-NET on Climate and Food Systems

A new ERA-NET, focussing on climate change risks for food value chains and food systems transformation, is currently being prepared. During the proposal phase, several preparatory meetings have taken place involving FACCE-JPI, the Belmont Forum and Leap Agri. This new ERA-NET Cofund brings together funders from 10 European Member States and H2020 Associated Countries, from 7 African countries, and from 4 Central and South American countries. The total research budget allocated for the first call is approximately EUR 16 million, including European Commission top-up.

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Urban Europe's projects met in Oslo

On May 20th, the projects in the *Sustainable and Liveable Cities and Urban Areas* call, held their Kick-off meeting at the Research Council of Norway in Oslo. The meeting invited projects, stakeholders and representatives from European and Chinese funding agencies to discuss expectations and share knowledge. The next day, the *Smart Urban Futures* (ENSUF ERA-NET) call held their mid-term meeting in which project participants shared their first results and engaged in interactive workshops discussing ideas, common challenges, communication and exploitations support activities. Dutch researchers are participating in projects in both calls.

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Learn more about SusCrop activities in their first newsletter

The ERA-Net Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production (SusCrop) has recently published its first newsletter. In it, the ERA-NET Cofund gives an overview of the activities of the past months, including the first call results. The newsletter furthermore includes items on its Consortium meetings and the upcoming project kick-off meeting and workshops in September. The SusCrop ERA-Net Cofund is a network of 34 funding and research partners from 19 different countries, that aims to enhance cooperation and coordination of different national and regional research programmes in the field of Sustainable Crop Production.

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BONUS' new briefings display outcomes and impact

Two new briefings containing outcomes of the 2012 'Viable Ecosystems' and 2015 'Sustainable Ecosystem Services' calls, are recently published on the BONUS website. The total amount of funding of over EUR 43 million, resulted in fifteen research projects that generated substantial impact on science, society, policy and management of the Baltic Sea region. One example is the scientific input that has been delivered by several projects for the development or update of strategies related to the national implementation of the European Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in Estonia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden.

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Calls open for submission

- [ERA4CS alignment call](#) - second closing date for proposals: **30 September 2019**
- [JPI CH call on conservation, protection and use of cultural heritage](#) - closing date full proposals: **3 September 2019**
- [SUSFOOD2 and CORE Organic Cofund joint call](#) - expected closing date pre-proposals: **4 November 2019**
- [BiodivERsA 'Biodiversity and Climate Change' call](#) - expected closing date pre-proposals: **5 November 2019**

Upcoming Activities



Three JPI's join forces against contaminants in water

During the World Water Week in Stockholm in August, The Joint Programming Initiatives on 'Water Challenges for a Changing World' (Water JPI), 'Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans' (JPI Oceans) and 'Antimicrobial Resistance' (JPIAMR) are jointly organising a meeting on the topic of emerging contaminants and pathogen. The meeting that will take place on August 28th, aims to feed in to a joint transnational co-funded call on the topic, to be organised by the three JPI's in 2020. Emerging contaminants including antibiotic resistant bacteria, are considered to be one of the most serious risks for freshwater and marine ecosystems, and consequently human health.

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Co-design sessions at the upcoming European Research and Innovation Days

From 24 to 26 September, the European Commission organises a major policy conference in Brussels, focussed on the preparation of the new Horizon Europe programme (HUE). During the Research and Innovation Days, HUE will be presented and discussed. Parts of the programme aim at strategic discussions in 'co-design sessions', thus presenting an opportunity for relevant stakeholders; in particular the scientific community, to deliver additional input to HUE. The new partnership approach will be part of the discussions, for example in this dedicated session: '*European Partnerships: Impact for Society*'. Prior to the R&I Days, the EC has opened a [digital consultation](#) on HUE that will close the 8th of September.

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Events Calendar

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25-30 August	World Water Week, Stockholm
9-11 Sept.	SusCrop projects Kick-off meeting, Ghent
11-12 Sept.	Valorisation workshop FACCE SURPLUS projects, Ghent
23-24 Sept.	XXXIII EURAGRI Conference, Ghent
24-26 Sept.	European Research and Innovation Days, Brussels

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