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Joint Programming is a research and innovation policy concept driven by societal challenges. Its aim is to tackle grand societal challenges through more efficient use of resources, by the alignment of funding at national level and through decreasing fragmentation in the European Research Area (ERA). There are over sixty active ERA-NETs, six Article 185 initiatives, ten Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs), and four European Joint Programme Cofunds (EJPs); for an overview see our website jointprogramming.nl. This monthly newsletter provides in a nutshell up-to-date information for scientists, (research) policy actors, and other stakeholders.

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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: It is an evolution, not a revolution

If there is one thing for sure in life, it is that things change. Sometimes abrupt, but more often gradually. The next Framework Programme will bring changes for partnerships, their setting, their instruments. The new policy context calls for evolvement of priorities, of partners to collaborate with, of ways of working. Business as usual is not enough. This goes for big scale to small scale initiatives. For example, the 2019 topic for an ERA-NET Cofund on climate change and food systems calls for a partnership with funders from Europe collaborating with funders at other continents. Evolution to carbon neutrality needs reinforcement of policies, strategies and implementation. It is one of many challenges, societal as well as from research and innovation view point. The 5th SCAR Foresight will start soon, looking at 'just and safe' scenario's for a sustainable economy. Highly topical and well appreciated by the Member States. The Bioeconomy Strategy, as well as the new Common Agricultural Policy, and of course the proposal for Horizon Europe bring important dossiers for Research and Innovation to Council, European Parliament, Committee for the Regions, and the European Economic and Social Committee this summer.

Things change, teams change. The FACCE Secretariat for example has reorganised to be more compact and more coherent, so well suited to support the boards and new and running FACCE actions. A welcome to Peter Visschedijk in the FACCE WUR team. One comes, one goes. A big thanks to Annemarie Groot of WEnR who was part-time involved for a year to organise a meeting for SCAR visibility and engagement and to develop a European-wide mentoring programme for SCAR delegates. You can find the contacts and main dossiers of the WUR joint programming officers at the end of this last newsletter before summer break. Enjoy reading!

Christine Bunthof, Manager joint programming



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Partnerships in Horizon Europe

The new research and innovation programme "Horizon Europe", will take a new and more impact-focussed approach to partnerships. According to the Commissions' proposal, the programme should enter into European Partnerships with private and/ or public sector partners in order to achieve the greatest possible impact of Union funding and the most effective contribution to the Union's policy objectives. There will be three levels of European Partnerships: (a) co-programmed, based on memoranda of understanding or contractual arrangements with partners; (b) co-funded, based on a single, flexible programme co-fund action; (c) institutionalised partnerships (based on Articles 185 or 187 TFEU, and the EIT Regulation for the Knowledge and Innovation Communities).

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Final report about "Criteria" of the ERAC ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships

The Council Conclusions of 1 December 2017 called on the EC and the MS to jointly consider ways to rationalise the R&I partnership landscape, and to establish a long-term strategic coordination process for R&I partnerships. It welcomed the setting up of the ERAC ad hoc Working Group on R&I partnerships to prepare the strategic coordination process. The first task of the working group was to propose criteria for selecting EU research & innovation partnerships. The report on "Criteria" provides a synthesis of the currently used criteria, a proposal for definitions/ explanations of the guiding principles set by the Council, and a refined approach for the elaboration of a life-cycle and impact/ objective based criteria framework.

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Final report about "Process" of the ERAC ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships

Following the first task of the ERAC ad hoc Working Group on R&I partnerships (see item above), its second task was to sketch out a long-term strategic coordinating process for the selection, implementation, monitoring and phasing out of the R&I partnerships. The report on "Process" aims to start the discussion on the requirements for the set-up of a strategic coordinating process for R&I partnerships. It provides a rationale for the process, an overview of the existing processes and governance structures for selecting EU R&I partnerships, looks at other policy areas where successful selection and coordination mechanisms are in place, and lists some general requirements and considerations for the R&I partnership process.

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Bioeconomy networks participated in pilot to assess perceived impact of research projects

Assessing the impacts of Public-to-Public partnerships (P2Ps) in R&I is vital for building a convincing case and establishing the added value of these networks compared to national or other European initiatives. Since evaluation and impact assessment are complex and evolving topics, various approaches are used. ERA-LEARN initiated a task force, led by Effie Amanatidou and including PLATFORM, to develop a framework for a centralised and unified impact assessment for research projects of ERA-NET Cofunds. This has resulted in a pilot in which three bioeconomy ERA-NETs took part; SUSFOOD, ERA-IB-2 and CORE ORGANIC II. The results of this pilot exercise that was addressed to the three networks and their supported projects were used for the ERA-LEARN Policy Brief on "Analysing the impact of P2Ps and P2P-supported projects"

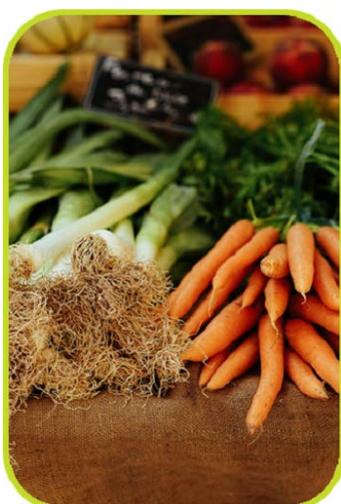
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SCAR Food Systems' Assessment of R&I on Food Systems by European Member States

The Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) Strategic Working Group (SWG) on Food Systems has performed a qualitative and quantitative mapping of food related policies and food system related public Research & Innovation (R&I) funds in Member States. This mapping provides information on existing policies and strategies linked to food and nutrition security, and on public R&I funding at national and regional level related to food systems and their alignment to the FOOD 2030 policy. The report of the study, entitled "Assessment of Research and Innovation on Food Systems by European Member States" is now available.

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Future-proofing Food Systems – Joint Workshop SCAR Food Systems and three JPIs

The SCAR Strategic Working Group on Food Systems (SCAR SWG FS) and the JPIs HDHL (a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life), FACCE (on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change), and Oceans organised a workshop on "Future-proofing Food Systems" in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on 13 June as a side event of the FOOD2030 conference in Plovdiv (14-15 June). The objective of the workshop was to provide clear recommendations on how to move forward on sustainable food systems: to set the direction and to decide what the next steps are for future-proof food systems, in particular with a focus on the role of national R&I funding bodies within the context of FOOD 2030. Questions up for discussion were how to address identified R&I gaps and how to optimise the collaboration between the SCAR SWG FS and the JPI's to develop and promote the food system approach.

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A legal entity for JPI Oceans

With the establishment of an international non-profit association under Belgian law (AISBL) JPI Oceans has passed a new milestone. The legal entity will further consolidate JPI Oceans' role in the European Research Area and is a symbol of the increasing maturity of JPI Oceans. With the new AISBL, JPI Oceans will be better able to deliver on its strategic mission and enter into partnerships. JPI Oceans' actions on "Ecological Aspects of Microplastics" and on "Ecological aspects of deep-sea mining" have second funding rounds in preparation. Major investments are also upcoming in the areas of Marine and Maritime technologies through the ERA-NET Cofund MarTERA, where new projects will be announced this summer, and in a new ERA-NET Cofund on the Blue Bioeconomy which is expected to launch in autumn 2018.

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Water JPI 2018 Conference on Emerging Pollutants in Freshwater Ecosystems

The Water JPI Conference on "Emerging Pollutants in Freshwater Ecosystems" was held in Helsinki, Finland, on 6 and 7 June 2018. On this occasion about 200 experts from 25 countries gathered to share visions and outcomes of their research and knowledge on the nature of emerging contaminants and their behaviour, and on new approaches for managing the corresponding risks and solutions for treating and restoring environments. In advance of the conference, the seven projects funded under the Water JPI Call Pilot 2013 "Emerging water contaminants - anthropogenic pollutants and pathogens" had their final evaluation meeting on 4 June. The scientific outputs of the projects are considered to have a very high impact with regard to this research topic and are undoubtedly very timely.

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Pamela Byrne hands over JPI HDHL chair to Carlos Martinez Riera

At the JPI HDHL Management Board meeting (Plovdiv, Bulgaria, 12-13 June 2018), Carlos Martinez Riera officially took over from Pamela Byrne as chair of the JPI. Pamela Byrne took up the position of chair in 2013 and has made a huge contribution to putting JPI HDHL on the map. For example, during the past 5 years, 42 projects were funded and 5 new countries joined the JPI (including 3 from outside the EU). Building on these achievements, Carlos Martinez wants to focus on facilitating the access of researchers to JPI HDHL activities and maximising the impact of research results. A challenge also lies ahead in positioning the JPI in the increasingly complex European R&I landscape and the next framework programme.

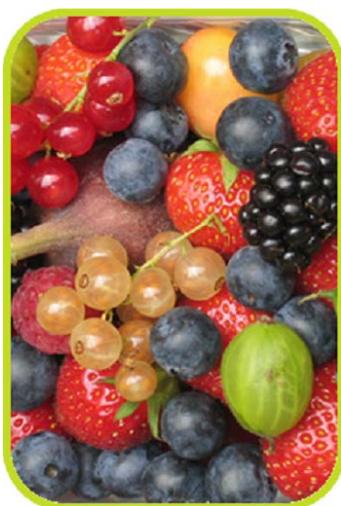
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JPI Climate sessions at Adaptation Futures Conference

At this year's Adaptation Futures conference (Cape Town, South Africa, 18-20 June) various activities took place in the context of the JPI Climate. It organised a side-event on "Exploring ways of international cooperation in climate services for Africa" to discuss with researchers, research funding organisations and policy makers enhanced ways of international cooperation in the field of climate services. The ERA4CS project CLISWELN (on Climate Services for the Water-Energy-Land Nexus) organised a session on "The climate-water-energy-land-food nexus: security into practice". Under the theme of adaptation and 21st century challenges, this session explored the Climate-Water-Energy-Land-Food Nexus, and its implications for water, energy and food security at different scales (city, landscape, river basin, region, country).

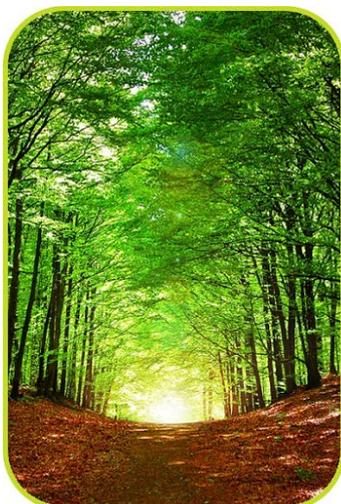
Several experts from WUR contributed to the Adaptation Futures conference. For more information, please contact Fokke.deJong@wur.nl
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SUSFOOD strategic scene 2018 report

Partners of SUSFOOD2, the ERA-NET Cofund on Sustainable Food Production, have assessed the current landscape SUSFOOD2 works in. The resulting report describes the current background of research and innovation programming in the field of sustainable food production and consumption in Europe. It complements the SUSFOOD Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) and serves as a tool for its implementation. It summarises the SRA and the objectives of SUSFOOD2, and gives an overview on the main trends and drivers in the field of SUSFOOD. It also lists other relevant initiatives and takes a look on the first achievements of SUSFOOD funded projects.

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WoodWisdom-Net's final news

WoodWisdom-Net (WW-Net) as a single network of its own has now come to an end, and continues its activities under the H2020 ERA-NET Cofund Action "ForestValue – Innovating forest-based bioeconomy" (running from 2017 til 2022). WW-Net has successfully combined national and European strategies, priorities and programmes into an evolving chain of up to now four joint calls forming the WW-Net Research Programme of 85 million € and 62 projects. WoodWisdom-Net+ has published its final newsletter, including views on WW-Net of the Forest-based Sector European Technology Platform, three funding agencies and the European Commission, and main results from the WW-Net+ monitoring survey which was performed to learn about success and failure within research networking.

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News on Joint Calls



ForestValue Call 2017 – 50 consortia invited to submit full proposal

In total 114 pre-proposals were submitted to the ForestValue Call 2017 for research, development and innovation in the forest-based sector, which closed on 23 January 2018. 3 Dutch partners participated in the submitted pre-proposals. The call addresses the whole forest-based value chain in two areas: (A) Innovative sustainable management of multifunctional forests, and (B) Innovative industrial production and processing technologies, products, concepts and services. The evaluation of the pre-proposals is now finished and the ForestValue Call Steering Committee has decided to invite 50 applicants to submit their full proposal by 14 August 2018. There are no funders from the Netherlands participating in the ForestValue call. Dutch researchers can be part of a consortium but they have to fund their own participation.

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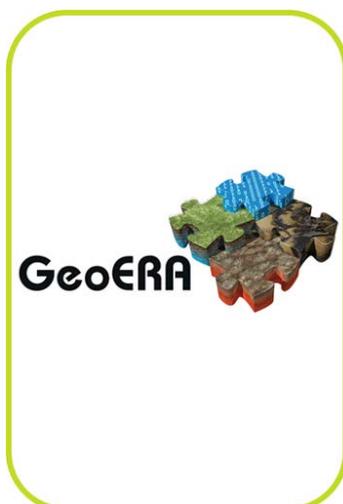


CoBioTech projects have kicked-off

Representatives of the 22 research projects funded by CoBioTech's cofunded call "Biotechnology for a sustainable bioeconomy" have presented their research projects on 13 and 14 June 2018 in a kick-off session in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The research projects with an entire funding volume of ca. 31 M€ and duration of 36 months started in 2018 and will contribute to transforming the global economy from a dependence on fossil raw materials to a sustainable bio-based economy. The speakers presented their innovative interdisciplinary approaches for the development of sustainable processes for conversion of different feedstock and bioresources, creation of new biobased products and improvement of existing industrial processes in terms of their sustainability.

Partners from the Netherlands participate in 9 of the 22 selected projects.

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GeoERA projects kick-off

The kick-off of the 15 transnational projects that have been selected for funding from the GeoERA joint call is taking place in Brussels from 3 to 5 July 2018. GeoERA is established and run by a group of 33 national and 15 regional geological survey organisations from 33 European countries. Its main objective is to contribute to the optimal use and management of the subsurface. GeoERA is specifically designed to cover the following themes within the applied geosciences: geo-energy, groundwater, raw materials, and an information platform, matching Europe's need for pan-European geological knowledge and information.

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Calls open for submission

- [BBI JU call 2018](#) - closing date: **6 September 2018**
- ERA-GAS - SusAn - ICT-AGRI call **will open soon**

Upcoming Activities



ERA-LEARN workshop "Implementing ERA-NET Cofund"

This workshop, which will take place in Berlin, Germany, on 24 and 25 September 2018, will provide guidance for ERA-NET Cofund coordinators and core partners. The participants will be introduced to the ERA-NET Cofund scheme, the ERA-LEARN 2020 website and online toolbox. Interactive group work sessions will focus on the management and financing of the consortium, the implementation of a cofunded call as well as the communication and interaction with other networks. Additional basic information and guidelines on monitoring and impact assessment in ERA-NET Cofund will also be presented.

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Colloquium "Perspectives on the Use of Remote Sensing in Plant Health"

Euphresco, a self-sustained ERA-NET in the phytosanitary area, and the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) are organising a scientific colloquium on "Perspectives on the Use of Remote Sensing in Plant Health". This colloquium will take place in Paris on 27 September 2018, in the week of the EPPO Council 2018. Renowned specialists will present the science behind remote sensing, concrete applications in plant health, the services linked to the production and use of data with an eye on regulation and economic feasibility.

The book of abstracts, including the Colloquium agenda is now available.

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Updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy will be launched in October

The update of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy is a major European Commission wide policy initiative which will be presented and discussed during the Bioeconomy Conference in Brussels on 22 October 2018.

The conference will celebrate the launch of the updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy and action plan to enhance the transition in a changed EU policy context and towards a new environmental, social and economic reality. It will also set the scene for the start of the discussion about synergetic actions across different priority areas. Registration will open early September.

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BONUS-HELCOM Conference 2018: Research and Innovation for Sustainability

The BONUS-HELCOM Conference 2018 will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 6 November. The conference reinforces the synergies of HELCOM and BONUS with key strategic actors in northern European regional seas (JPI Oceans, OSPAR, ICES) in efforts related to environmental policy and sustainable development of the northern European regional seas. It supports environmental policy based on sound knowledge and information (e.g. UN 2030 Agenda and sustainable development goals, Baltic Sea Action Plan, EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive, EU Blue Growth Agenda), features new research and innovation for sustainability results, discusses future research priorities and needs from the policy perspective, and informs of next steps towards the joint Baltic Sea and North Sea research and innovation programme

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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
19-20 Sept.	JPI Chairs Meeting and 10 years JPIs Anniversary Event, Vienna
24-25 Sept.	ERA-LEARN workshop "Implementing ERA-NET Cofund", Berlin
24-25 Sept.	XXXII EURAGRI conf. "Cross Sect. Opport. in Bioeconomy & Implement. SDGs", Oslo
27 Sept.	Colloquium "Perspectives on the Use of Remote Sensing in Plant Health", Paris
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.	High level event Bioeconomy Conf., incl. launch updated 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 Conference on Impact of Research & Innovation Policy, Vienna
6 Nov.	BONUS-HELCOM conference: Research and innovation for sustainability, Copenhagen
28 Nov.	JPI Climate Governing Board meeting and ERA4CS General Assembly, Madrid

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