

Joint Programming Newsletter 26 February 2019

Incl. launch of JPI Urban Europe's 'SRIA 2.0', PLATFORM results remain available in a new location, and Brexit warnings for ERA-NET coordinators

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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 follow us on [Twitter](#) and contact us at jointprogramming@wur.nl.

Editorial: Collaborative trends in European partnerships

Almost one year ago the Platform of Bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions (PLATFORM), the meta-network for public-to-public partnerships in the bioeconomy, ended its activities. Soon, the website will be taken offline. Don't worry, PLATFORM achievements are still available for information and inspiration, as outcomes and results have been integrated in the joint programming website. One of the significant products of this meta-network is the PLATFORM DB which presents major achievements of both finished and running networks, as well as a comprehensive overview of how joint programming contributes to the European Research Area. As joint programming officers at WUR, we aim to further update the database with new networks and calls, building a complete overview of the ERA-NET scheme in the area of the bioeconomy in FP6, FP7 and H2020.

PLATFORM legacy is not only kept alive by us. One of PLATFORMs goals was the harmonisation of activities organised by the networks. If you are a frequent reader of this newsletter you see the trend of networks investing more and more in joint activities, getting the best out of their own partnerships and building the most impact by teaming up. This trend is visible in the collected data when making a comparison between the framework programmes. Since teamwork is key in many European and global challenges my interest is also in following the

developments concerning the upcoming Brexit. What will be the consequences for the networks in Europe? ERA-LEARN, the support platform for the Public-Public Partnerships (P2P) community, recently published a two-pager elaborating on the implication of Brexit for ERA-NET Cofunds and other types of partnerships. A 'no-deal' Brexit could have consequences both for the implementation of transnational EU co-funded projects as well as for additional activities. In projects with only two partners this worst-case scenario could even mean consortia do no longer fulfil eligibility conditions. I wonder how the Brexit will show in PLATFORM DB analysis as well...



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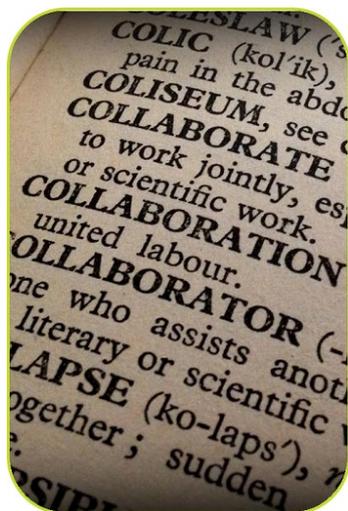
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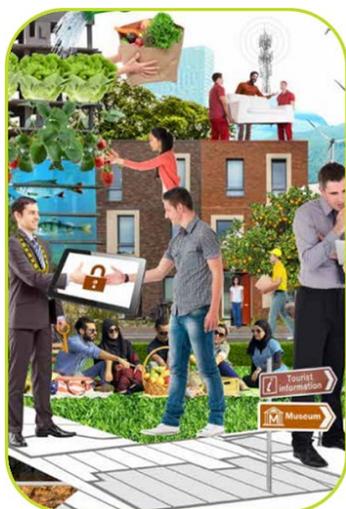
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ERA Progress Report: P2P participation still top score indicator

The 2018 ERA progress report is published. It shows implementation of the European Research Area (ERA) has continued, but at a slower rate. The ERA priority on transnational cooperation and competition, including public-to-public (P2P) cooperation in jointly addressing grand challenges, still has one of the highest growth rates (3.9% in 2014-2016). According to the report, pooling resources and research capacities, is seen as one of the big advantages of EU-transnational cooperation. Further improvements for this priority could be reached through more systemic coordination and monitoring and evaluation of impact.

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Aligning European R&D with global urban challenges

At the Urban Europe Policy Conference 2019: Urban Transitioning, held February 12, the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) presented its updated Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda: 'SRIA 2.0'. It takes a challenge-driven approach, identifying a need to foreground dilemmas in four transition areas: 1) Digital Transitions in Urban Governance, 2) From Resilience to Urban Robustness, 3) Sustainable Land-Use and Urban Infrastructure, and 4) Inclusive Public Spaces for Urban Liveability. The SRIA 2.0 will guide Urban Europe's activities and research priorities in the programme until 2026.

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Joint programming of a Baltic and North Sea R&I programme started

The Baltic and the North Sea share many commonalities. Their ecosystems are connected through flows of water masses and migration of biota. Both seas are also facing similar human-induced threats like climate change, pollution, overfishing and habitat destruction. In order to tackle these challenges, pooling of resources and research and innovation (R&I) capacities is seen as the best approach. Preparation for such a joint programming approach has started under the BANOS project, coordinated by BONUS EEG. It brings together major research and innovation funders of twelve countries, including The Netherlands. The joint Baltic and North Sea research and innovation programme should start in 2021.

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JPIAMR launches AMR Research Funding Dashboard

The Joint Programming Initiative on Anti-Microbial Resistance (JPIAMR) has launched an overview of public investments into antimicrobial resistance (AMR) research. This Research Funding Dashboard includes funding data of the twenty-two JPIAMR member countries, the European Commission and the Wellcome Trust in 2017. Data is available on national competitive grants by agency, country, JPIAMR research priority and individual research projects. The mapping recorded a total investment of 1794 million EUR in AMR research from a total of 1939 projects.

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Check out impact of the PLATFORM meta-network!

The Meta-network for Public-to-Public partnerships in the bioeconomy: PLATFORM, has run from 2012 until 2018. It has brought together ERA-NETs and other relevant P2P networks in the area of the bioeconomy: food, agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry, climate, biodiversity and biotechnologies. The project is finished, the established interactions will work through for some time. Furthermore, the legacy in terms of results of meetings, documents, presentations and policy briefs are now transferred to the jointprogramming.nl website. And there is an ambition to keep the PLATFORM DB updated until the end of H2020. PLATFORM will continue to be a forum for funders, programme managers and players active in the bioeconomy.

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ERA-LEARN elaborates on Brexit consequences for ERA-NET Cofunds

What happens with UK participants and the ongoing ERA-NET Cofund actions they participate in, in case of a 'no-deal' Brexit? According to the short note that ERA-LEARN - the supporting structure for Public-to-Public cooperation - published recently, this could have consequences. Both for the implementation of transnational EU co-funded projects as well as for additional activities. The advice for EU co-funded actions is to analyse the impact of a 'no-deal' scenario on a case by case basis, once more guidance from the EU is available.

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Transnational cooperation and support of Early Career Scientists in new JPI HDHL action

The Joint Programming Initiative on a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (HDHL) will be supporting transnational, collaborative research in the field of the 'Impact of Diet, Food Components and Food Processing on Body Weight Regulation and Overweight Related Metabolic Diseases' (METADIS). Projects should address research questions regarding the effects of food (components) or diets and/or food processing on overweight and related metabolic diseases. As an additional objective, the support of Early Career Scientists in the area of food, nutrition and health, is formulated. The Netherlands is participating in this second non-cofunded action of ERA HDHL-INTIMIC. Pre-proposals can be submitted until the 2nd of April.

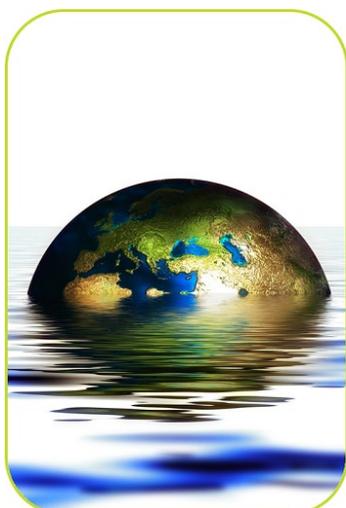
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New Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security

This combined effort of the Joint Programming Initiatives on Healthy Diet, Healthy Life (HDHL), Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans) and Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI), aims at fostering transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration in order to accelerate, further characterize and manage the impact of climate change on nutritional make-up of food. The participating funding agencies will bring together research groups from various disciplines to form an international consortium to design and implement the Knowledge Hub. *Expressions of Interest* to join can be submitted until the 4th of April.

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'Next Generation Science for Oceans' call now open

JPI Climate and JPI Oceans' joint transnational call focuses on oceans and climate interactions, expecting to shed new light on the stressors impacting marine life and consequently the marine bio-economy. Research should help inform adaptation policy by bringing key knowledge to increase resilience and adaptation measures for vulnerable areas, especially in coastal and low island areas. Approximately 8.1 million EUR is available by partner organisations from eight European countries (BE, DE, FR, IE, IT, LV, NO, PT). Researchers based in non-funding countries are able to participate with their own resources. The application process is a one-stage procedure; deadline for submission of proposals is the 14th of June 2019.

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Jointly programming phytosanitary research

The Euphresco network, composed of European phytosanitary research programme owners and managers, is preparing new joint research. Its' members have suggested potential topics for a 2019 call for research projects. The proposed ideas may lead to collaborations if they raise sufficient transnational interest and funds. Collaboration with non-Euphresco organisations (research institutes, universities, private companies and other plant health stakeholders) is encouraged, creating an open process to define new research projects.

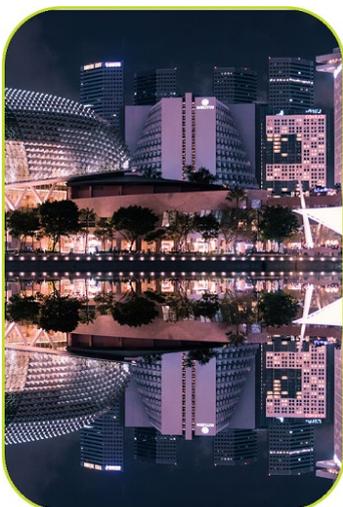
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Joint research on sustainable crop production takes off

The ERA-NET SusCrop' Call Steering Committee has recommended thirteen research consortia for funding. The first transnational joint call for research projects, co-funded by the European Commission, was aimed at farm management systems for precision farming. The international research consortia address the challenges of sustainable agriculture, food security and impacts of climate change. In four projects, Dutch researchers participate, two projects include scientists based at Wageningen University and Research.

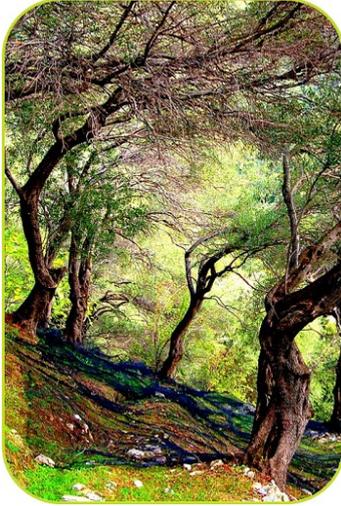
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Eleven joint EU-Chinese research projects on urbanisation challenges rewarded

Together with the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe launched a pilot call for joint interdisciplinary research on Sustainable and Liveable Cities and Urban Areas in 2018. This is part of a long-term cooperation under the strategic theme Sustainable Urbanisation in the Context of Economic Transformation and Climate Change. Eleven projects have been selected for funding, addressing four call topics. Dutch researchers are participating in six of them.

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PRIMA announces selected joint research projects

The Mediterranean partnership PRIMA selected nine projects for funding under its 2018, Section 1 call, with a total indicative budget of 18.3 million EUR. The call included three topics: Water Management, Farming Systems, and Agro-food Value Chain. In each topic, three research proposals were selected. Projects range from novel cropping - bee-keeping system research to dairy innovation for Mediterranean SME's.

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Calls open for submission

- [JPI HDHL INTIMIC – METADIS call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **2 April 2019**
- [JPI HDHL, Oceans and FACCE joint call for a Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security](#) – closing date *Expression of Interest*: **4 April 2019**
- [JPI Climate and JPI Oceans' 'Next Generation Science for Oceans' call](#) - closing date full proposals: **14 June**

Upcoming Activities

Events Calendar

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23-24 May	ForestValue Kick-Off Seminar

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