

## Joint Programming Newsletter 23 December 2020

Incl. Open consultation for the Water4All Partnership, the release of the 5<sup>th</sup> SCAR Foresight Report, and exiting new research preparing to start in 2021.

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## About us

The joint programming officers at Wageningen University & Research follow ERA policy and strategy, the JPIs, EJPs, Art. 185, ERA-NET Actions, and the new HEU Partnerships with a focus on those in the areas of the bioeconomy, food, and the blue and green environment. We have built collaborations with many other joint programming actors in national and European networks, such as through the Platform of Bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions, the support action for the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research SCAR and national JPI forum and sounding boards. We are involved in coordination and management of FACCE-JPI as a Secretariat Member, in the ERA-NET Actions FOSC and ERA-GAS as Executive Team members, and in the EJP SOIL. We also conduct a global science and policy mapping on microbiome research in frame of the International Bioeconomy Forum, and are involved in work on Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), scoping emerging research areas, preparing R&I agendas and monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment in joint programming networks. You can follow us on [Twitter](#) and contact us at [jointprogramming@wur.nl](mailto:jointprogramming@wur.nl).

## Editorial: Much to look forward to

With Christmas on the doorstep, I look up from the computer screen at the 'home-office', and notice darkness has crept on the lands once again. This year has been tiring in many ways. It has brought isolation, global worry for an invisible enemy and many uncertainties for the future. It has been a lot 'all work and no play'. A simple question: shall we spend Christmas with our parents?, suddenly is not about preferring a winter holiday over family time. It has become a question about: 'Can I protect my loved ones from catching a potentially deadly disease?'. Thus feel the dark days.

Fortunately those days have started to lengthen and grow brighter again. Quite literally, as the 21<sup>st</sup> of December has passed once again. And metaphorically, with some excellent news this week of EMA on the first SARS-CoV-2 vaccine approval in the European Union. Applauded as a scientific historic moment, it is also a moment that has shown the need for effective European cooperation. In its slip-stream, the need for global cooperation has been pointed out crystal clear. Getting a remedy out into Europe is not enough, and there is deep concern about how Africa will get vaccinated.

Going through this year's final newsletter edition, I look at what lies before us: A year with a lot of new research in the making, and of course the ambitious Missions and first Partnerships starting under Horizon Europe. Where yesterday we celebrated 5, 10, or 15 years of strategic research coordination in several partnerships, tomorrow we aim for new ones, connecting more partners, aiming for better results; for more participation, for more integration in the rest of the society. So we go forward with the goal of combating known and unknown future challenges.

I hope the experiences of this year will serve us well in making our joint partnerships a success.

I hope you will have the opportunity to spend time with beloved ones, get some rest, and prepare for 2021.

And I hope to see you there, and have the opportunity to raise the glass and enjoy the company.

Take care, stay well and enjoy the holidays.



Dorri te Boekhorst,  
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## News

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### **5<sup>th</sup> SCAR Foresight 'Resilience and Transformation' published**

The authors and the Foresight Group of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research presented the 5<sup>th</sup> Foresight Exercise during a two-day virtual conference under the German Presidency. Central in the report is an analysis of how get to a better world, focusing on three main routes: improving diet and nutrition, increasing circularity in the food system, and restoring lost biodiversity.

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### **International Bioeconomy Forum launches website**

The new website of the International Bioeconomy Forum (IBF) is now online. The IBF was launched in 2016 by the European Commission and provides a platform for international communication and cooperation regarding the development of a sustainable bioeconomy. Members are the European Commission, Argentina, Canada, China, India, New Zealand, South Africa and USA.

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### **Open consultation on the Partnership Water4All**

All interested stakeholders are invited by the Joint Programming Initiative on Water to have their say on the current Partnership proposal 'Water4ALL - Water Security for the Planet', under Horizon Europe. This consultation will be used to develop the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, and to further consolidate the agenda, promote its wide diffusion and adoption, and capture priorities. The consultation is open until the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

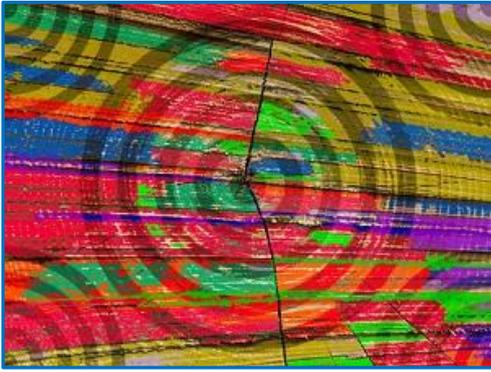
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### **JPI MYBL presents a vision of care in times of digitisation**

Under the umbrella of the Joint Programming Initiative on demographic changes: 'More Years, Better Lives', a working group has written a common vision on 'what constitutes good care' and on how technology could support good care. This common vision is based on national reports and feedback from societal stakeholders operating in the field of care and technologies.

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## FOOD2030 Pathways for Action

The 'Pathways for Action' publication from the European Commission, guides future research and innovation policy reflections relevant to Horizon Europe and European policies like the Green Deal. The report, to which the FIT4FOOD2030 Initiative contributed, sets out 10 Pathways where R&I can concretely deliver co-benefits to nutrition, climate, circularity and communities, at multiple levels: from local to international.

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## Joint Research



### New research pre-announced on organic farming systems

The ERA-NET Cofund CORE Organic has pre-announced its 3<sup>rd</sup> research Call on '*Organic farming systems for improved mixed plant and animal production*', which aims to fund research to support the ambitious EU organic agenda. Thirteen funders have committed to an indicative budget of EUR 5 million. The call is expected to open on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

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### Four ERA-NETs join forces on circularity

The ERA-NET Cofunds SusAn, FACCE ERA-GAS, ICT-AGRI-FOOD and SusCrop, have pre-announced a joint call on "Circularity in mixed crop and livestock farming systems, with emphasis on greenhouse gas mitigation". The call launch is scheduled for mid-January 2021. To date, nineteen countries including the Netherlands have committed funding for this call.

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### Thematic Annual Programming network on contaminants

The ERA-NET Cofund AquaticPollutants has announced a dedicated Thematic Annual Programming network. This TAP aims at broadening and transferring knowledge on the characterization and transformation of contaminants of emerging concern and methodologies to remediate and reduce these contaminants in aquatic ecosystems. To date, five countries confirmed participation. The network is due to start in 2022 and will run until 2024.

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## Urban Migration research upcoming

Under the Urban Migration call from the Joint Programming Initiative on Urban Europe, eight projects have been selected for funding. The projects consist of transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral communities of researchers and practitioners. The goal is to create projects that align, synthesise, or consolidate already existing knowledge on urban migration across disciplines on national and local levels. The selected projects are expected to start early 2021.

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## New research starting on sustainable crop production

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> call of the ERA-NET SusCrop, 8 projects have been selected for funding, with a total funding request of roughly EUR 7.5 million. The aim of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call was to support scientifically excellent transnational research, development and innovation projects that contribute to the improvement of sustainability (environmental, economic and societal) and resilience of crop production. The selected projects are expected to start early 2021.

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## New infectious diseases research starting in 2021

The first call of the ERA-NET Cofund on infectious diseases ICRAD (International coordination of research on infectious diseases) has resulted in 19 transnational collaborative research projects selected for funding, including partners from 20 different countries. The call covered the major groups of infectious diseases of animals (including fishes and bees), and infections by viral, bacterial, parasitic and fungal pathogens, prions, and multifactorial diseases.

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## Urban Accessibility and Connectivity research rewarded

Fifteen new research projects have been recommended for funding in the ERA-NET Cofund Urban Accessibility and Connectivity (ENUAC), one of the cofunds under the JPI Urban Europe. The projects bring together researchers, cities, municipalities, businesses, civil society and other stakeholders in tackling challenges on sustainable urban passenger mobility, freight, transport and connectivity.

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## Calls (soon) open for submission\*

- [ERA-NET Cofund CORE Organic 3<sup>rd</sup> call](#) - Call launch: **11 January 2021**;
- [ForestValue 2<sup>nd</sup> call](#) - Call launch: **19 January 2021**;
- [SusAn, SusCrop, FACCE ERA-GAS and ICT-AGRI-FOOD joint call](#) - Call launch: **Mid-January 2021**;
- [Bioenergy 14<sup>th</sup> call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **26 January 2021**, closing date full proposals: **8 June 2021**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transformation Capacities \(ENUTC\) first call](#) - Call launch: **29 January 2021**
- [JPIAMR One Health interventions call](#) - Call launch: **January 2021**

\*Please note that submission deadlines may be subject to change, especially in pre-announcements of calls.

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## Upcoming Activities

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### Final CIRCASA meeting in February

The overall aim of CIRCASA was to develop international synergies concerning research and knowledge transfer on agricultural soil carbon sequestration at European Union and global levels with active engagement of all relevant stakeholders. A major result is the strategic research agenda. In addition, task forces have been initiated to prepare for an International Research Consortium (IRC) on soil carbon sequestration in agriculture. The final meeting of CIRCASA will be held virtually on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February and will be used to kick-start the work of the IRC.

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### 6<sup>th</sup> JPI HDHL International Conference, April 20 and 21

The Joint Programming Initiative 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life', will be hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference digitally. You are invited to join the discussions, together with a wide variety of stakeholders, on developments in the field of food, nutrition and health.

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## Events Calendar

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### Upcoming events:

10 February	Final CIRCASA meeting, <i>invitation only</i>
20-21 April	6 <sup>th</sup> HGHL International Conference
2021	FACCE ERA-GAS Stakeholder Event and final Research Programme Meeting - <i>postponed</i>

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