

Joint Programming Newsletter 18 March 2021

Incl. Assessment criteria for the European Missions, green light for the Circular Biobased Joint Undertaking, and a new framework for pan-European Oceans' cooperation.

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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 currently over sixty active ERA-NET Actions (around 250 have been funded in total since FP6), five Article 185 initiatives, ten Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs), and six European Joint Programme Cofunds (EJPs). While H2020 funded actions will phase out, HEU Partnerships are being developed by the EC and the Member States. 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, 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.

Editorial: Leave no one behind

Yesterday was the last day of the elections for a new government in The Netherlands. The Covid-19 crisis seems to have made this year different. Almost as if we, collectively, have realised how important the future direction will become. There were the 'usual' discussions on distribution of wealth, how to handle migration, and government interference. During the past four years the effects of climate change, nitrogen depositions, population and animal density have led to a couple of major issues at the national level. Agricultural reforms were already on the table, but with the risks of zoonoses felt literally in families all around the planet, the realisation that something needs to change has hit home. Hard.

In addition, there seems to be a realisation amongst us, voters, that many of the issues cannot be solved at national level. That we need to look for common answers across our national borders. This is reflected in a high level of attention for political parties, both established, and fairly new ones, that have a strong pro-Europe voice. Soon it will be clear whether this strong(-er) voice has succeeded in securing a spot in the Dutch political system, but the first results suggest this is the case. The attention in itself may be tell-tale for the future of the 'European project', as there seems to be real momentum *now* for changes in the

system. This momentum will be sorely needed, when looking at the challenges ahead. 'Twenty-fifty' is too close for comfort, and the efforts and changes needed between now and then, are quite substantial.

What is important, is that the effects of transnational cooperation, and the benefits of doing so in a greater, European setting, must benefit all citizens. Especially as a part of society is having difficulties keeping up with all the changes, and is advocating less 'transnational interference'. Citizens that fear the speed of novel scientific and technological developments, and have a difficulty to grasp the implications of this 'brave new world'. In addition to fighting the challenges that we face in terms of the Sustainable Development Goals, we need to be aware of how we keep all aboard. In the new Horizon Framework Programme, through the partnerships and especially the mission, there is a lot of attention to reach citizens, and to bring across the urgency and need for change without sparking resistance. Tick tock, time is running and we need firm policies and politicians that will enable us to make changes, and in doing so, improve our standard and quality of living. And doing this, together: leave no one behind.



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New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

A new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change was adopted in February, setting out the pathway to prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change. It builds on the 2013 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and aims to shift the focus from understanding the problem to developing solutions, and to move from planning to implementation.

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Assessment criteria for Horizon Europe missions published

At the beginning of March, the European Commission published a list of criteria to assess the viability of the proposed missions. There are currently five missions in preparation. The missions aim to deliver solutions to some of the greatest challenges the world faces, and will have connections to the partnerships that are currently running, or in development.

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Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking agreed upon

The Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) has been agreed upon by the European Commission at the end of February. This new partnership is expected to build on the success of BBI JU while stepping up its contribution to the EU's climate targets, in line with the European Green Deal. It is one of the institutionalised partnerships proposed under Horizon Europe.

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An International Platform for Food Systems Science explored

The European Commission has launched a new High Level Expert Group to assess the needs, options, impacts and possible approach for an International Platform for Food Systems Science (IPFSS). The Expert Group is expected to address gaps in the provision of food system science and evidence, in view of supporting an improved global food system governance, and will work for 18 months.

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PRIMA contest: implementation of management practices

The Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area, will open a contest for research teams and practitioners that have devised and demonstrated the successful implementation of combined management practices in the Mediterranean.

Contestants should have at least one legal entity established in a PRIMA Participant State. The contest is open for application until the 15th of June.

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Contribute to a strategic R&I agenda on microbiomes in food systems

The MicrobiomeSupport initiative is inviting relevant stakeholders to contribute to the identification of key challenges and objectives to be set out in a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda on microbiomes in the food systems. For this purpose, a survey has been launched, which is open until the 31st of March. Participation is much appreciated.

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Joint Research



Four ERA-NETs jointly invite new research on circularity

The '*Circularity in mixed crops and livestock farming systems with emphasis on climate change mitigation and adaptation*' joint research call of the ERA-NETs SusAn, FACCE ERA-GAS, ICT-AGRI-FOOD and SusCrop is open. Funding partners from 23 countries, including the Netherlands have reserved an amount of around EUR 16 million. The deadline for the submission of full proposals is the 26th of May.

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New topics for transnational collaboration on plant disease

Euphresco is a network of organisations funding research projects and coordinating national research in the phytosanitary area. Each year, the members of the network propose a number of ideas that could lead to transnational collaborations if they raise enough interest. For 2021, a number of new topics have been proposed, ranging from specific Integrated Pest Management proposals, to stakeholder perception and evaluating the EU's PCN Directive.

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Joint European soil research pre-announcement

The European Joint Programme Cofund 'Towards climate-smart sustainable management of agricultural soils' (EJP SOIL).has pre-announced its 2nd internal call for joint proposals. It has nine topics and an estimated budget of EUR 24 million in the case of one project per topic. The research projects will contribute to filling research and development gaps identified by the *Roadmap* and the *Annual Work Programme* of EJP SOIL.

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Start of projects funded by first internal call of EJP SOIL

In February 2021, 10 project started in the first internal call of EJP SOIL. This call was launched in 2020 with as overall objective to fund research projects open to EJP SOIL partners and linked third parties to fill research and development gaps identified by the EJP SOIL's '*Roadmap for EU Agricultural Soil Management research*'. The projects will be presented at the EJP SOIL Annual Science Days.

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SUSFOOD2 and CORE Organic joint call kick-off with 12 innovative projects

The two ERA-NETS SUSFOOD2 and CORE Organic held their project's kick-off meeting on the 23rd of February. Twelve projects are funded from the 2019 joint call, which had an initial funding commitment of approximately EUR 9.5 million. The projects will run for three years during the period 2020-2023.

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Calls (soon) open for submission*

- [Four ERA-NET joint call on circularity](#) - closing date full proposals: **26 May**;
- [ERA-NET MarTERA 4th call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **26 March**, full proposals: **10 September**;
- [HDHL-INTIMIC STAMIFY call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **31 March**, full proposals: **22 July**;
- [ERA-HDHL FOOD_HYPERSENS call](#) - closing date proposals: **8 April**;
- [ForestValue 2nd call](#) - closing date proposals: **13 April**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund ENUTC 1st call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **15 April**, full proposals: **June**;

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

Upcoming Activities



New Framework for Pan-European Oceans Cooperation - launch event

On the 29th of March, the Joint Programming Initiative on Healthy and productive Seas and Oceans will launch its Strategy Framework 2021-25. During the online event the JPI will also present recent developments in its Joint Actions and projects, and discuss contributions to Horizon Europe, the UN Ocean Decade and other initiatives.

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SusAn Early Career Researcher Workshop

The ERA-NET on Sustainable Animal Production, will organise a dedicated event for the early career researchers in its network on the 13th, 20th and 27th of April. Twenty-five selected candidates from all over Europe will be involved in the identification of visions and challenges for future sustainable animal production systems in Europe, through a backcasting exercise. The outcomes will contribute to the SusAn Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda.

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Save the date for the European R&I Days 2021

The 2021 European Research and Innovation Days will be held virtually on the 23rd and 24th of June. This year's edition will mark the official launch of Horizon Europe. The R&I Days will further focus on new initiatives to strengthen the European Research Area and it will highlight the importance of collective research and innovation in the coronavirus recovery and for a greener and more digital future.

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Events Calendar

[The events calendar](#) displays events related to Joint Programming and / or the Bioeconomy. Is your event not in our calendar yet? Please e-mail the details to jointprogramming@wur.nl

Upcoming events:

29 March	New Framework for Pan-European Oceans Cooperation - launch event
29-31 March	EJP SOIL Annual Science Days
13-14 April	EIP AGRI seminar on Healthy Soils for Europe, <i>application-based</i>
13, 20, 27 April	ERA-NET Sus-An Early Career Researcher Workshop, <i>selected candidates</i>
20-21 April	6 th HDHL International Conference
Fall 2021	FACCE ERA-GAS Stakeholder Event and final Research Programme Meeting

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