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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: A world in transition

Every day when I cycle near my home I come across a flyer stickered to an electricity house which says 'Herd immunity doesn't exist for climate change'. The flyer was pasted there in the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak and was meant not to discuss herd immunity but to open people's eyes on how we deal with the COVID-19 crises and how the attitude is regarding climate change. The COVID-19 outbreak forces us to drastically change our lives in order to battle the disease together. We all feel the immediate impact on our daily lives in protecting ourselves and our loved ones by working from home and having little contact with the people in our direct surroundings.

The effects of climate change are noticeable, yet not drastic enough to awaken us, and change our way of living. Once it hits the tipping point there is no way back and there won't be a herd immunity option that can change the course to 'life going back to normal'. Steps are being taken in the right direction and most (if not all) European countries have policies on how to reach the climate goals. These policies, however, are in most cases not enough to get us to the European Unions' goal of zero net GHG emission by 2050. In our current dealings with COVID-19, we travel less and we see quite a reduction in emissions. But in order to reach the 2050 goal we need to change our lives even more drastically and not just temporarily. This requires a focus on a sustainable way of living; not buying clothing and luxury items excessively, and also adjust what we eat: less meat, less processed food and more fruits and vegetables.

In Europe recently the Green Deal was launched and several strategies thought out to help us to achieve the goals to put a halt on climate change and deal with the effects we are already experiencing. The European Research Area is important in knowledge based decision making and European joint programming plays a large role in this. This year, the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI), as well as the JPI on A Healthy Diet for A Healthy Life (JPI HDHL) celebrate their tenth year of existence, at a point where our societal challenges are more urgent than ever before. Looking forward, it is clear that feeding the world will require a major transformation in the way that we produce, manage and consume food. We need to achieve sustainable and resilient agricultural production systems that can at the same time help mitigate GHG emissions and adapt to changing environmental conditions, while providing food and nutrition security. FACCE-JPI celebrates its 10th anniversary with a dedicated high-level virtual event: '*A world in transition: Journey towards a sustainable future*'. During these two days, policy-makers, scientists and stakeholders will engage on exactly these challenges and on how to strengthen transnational joint collaboration in order to effectively reach the targets and goals that are set.

We need to act now.

You are cordially invited to join the celebration Event, and share your points of view and ideas.



Brenda Kuzniar,
Officer ERA-GAS and FACCE-JPI

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News



A Joint Vision for the Bioeconomy

On the occasion of the 3rd Global Bioeconomy Summit held last week, the International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy has issued a *Communiqué* with policy recommendations to move towards a sustainable bioeconomy. One of the seven actions focuses on partnership development. The Communiqué is accompanied with a Joint Vision for a global sustainable bioeconomy.

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A new Strategic Research Agenda for FACCE-JPI

The Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change celebrates its 10 year anniversary on the 26th and 27th of November. During the event, the JPI will also present its new Strategic Research Agenda, building on past work and achievements, its members' input and takes into account the new missions and partnerships under Horizon Europe.

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Soil Mission Support kicks off

The initiative Soil Mission Support: Towards a European research and innovation roadmap on soils and land management started November 1st. It brings together main players in soil health and management in a transdisciplinary approach and will support the Commission and the Mission Board of the Horizon Europe Mission on Soil Health and Food in delivering the objectives.

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Bringing together research activities on the microbiome

The MicrobiomeSupport initiative has launched a global database containing information on microbiome related research, infrastructures, policies and institutions. Data was collected in 2019 through the partner network using custom-made questionnaires and desk research to collect information from national and supra-national initiatives. The database is part of the initiatives' efforts to strengthen and bring together R&I activities on the Microbiome.

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Joint Research



Public consultation for new research on Urban Transformation Capacities

The ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transformation Capacities (ENUTC) is planning a joint research call in the area of urban transformation capacities. Fourteen countries, including the Netherlands, and the European Commission have earmarked a global budget of ~ EUR 18 million. The foreseen launch date is late January 2021. In order to collect advice and feedback for the call preparation, ENUTC invites interested parties to join a public consultation.

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One Health interventions research pre-announced

The Joint Programming Initiative on Anti-Microbial Resistance is pre-announcing a new opportunity for transnational research: One Health interventions to prevent or reduce the development and transmission of AMR. Twenty-one JPIAMR member countries are participating in this call, including the Netherlands. The total estimated budget is close to EUR 25 million, including European Commission co-funding. The call is expected to open early January 2021.

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Networks in the JPIAMR Network Plus call 2020 recommended for funding

The 10th Network Plus Call from the Joint Programming Initiative on Anti-Microbial Resistance has resulted in seven networks, including 146 partners from 35 countries, to be recommended for funding. Two of the networks are coordinated by Dutch researchers. The total funding amount available is approximately EUR 0,7 million.

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Kick-off research projects from joint call of three ERA-NETs

FACCE ERA-GAS, SusAn and ICT-AGRI 2 organised a joint call on reduction of GHG from livestock. At their projects' kick-off meeting on the 18th of November the eight projects funded presented themselves. In a lively and well attended virtual meeting stakeholders were given the opportunity to participate and join the discussion.

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Calls (soon) open for submission*

- [Bioenergy 14th call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **26 January 2021**, closing date full proposals: **8 June 2021**;
- [BiodivERsA and JPI Water joint call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **7 December**, closing date full proposals: **15 March 2021** (full proposal date depends on number of submitted proposals);
- [SusAn, SusCrop, FACCE ERA-GAS and ICT-AGRI-FOOD joint call](#) - Call launch: **December 2020 or January 2021**;
- [ForestValue second call](#) - Call launch: **January 2021**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transformation Capacities \(ENUTC\) first call](#) - Call launch: **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.

Upcoming Activities



2nd JPI Climate Scoping Forum Symposium

On the 9th and 10th of December, the Joint Programming Initiative on Climate will virtually host their second Scoping Forum "Providing Knowledge for a climate neutral and resilient Europe". This 'invitation only' Conference will be hosted by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research under the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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Online workshop Implementing ERA-NET Cofund

On the 16th of December 2020, ERA-LEARN will organise a webinar on 'Implementing ERA-NET Cofund'. This will take place from 10:00 until 13:00 and will cover (in short) Horizon 2020 ERA-NET Cofund Requirements, financial management, additional activities and implementing a joint call.

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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:

24 November	BONUS Final Forum, virtual
24-25 November	FIT4FOOD2030 Final Conference, virtual
26-27 November	FACCE-JPI 10 Year Anniversary Event, virtual
2-3 December	Digital Transformation of the Agricultural Value Chain, mostly virtual
9-10 December	2nd JPI Climate Scoping Forum Symposium, <i>invitation only</i>
16 December	ERA-LEARN workshop on Implementing ERA-NET Cofund, virtual
2021	FACCE ERA-GAS Stakeholder Event and final Research Programme Meeting - <i>postponed</i>
2021	HDHL international conference - <i>postponed</i>

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