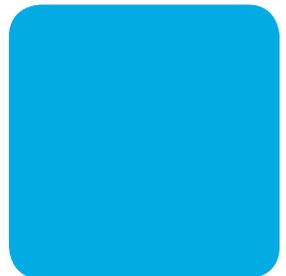
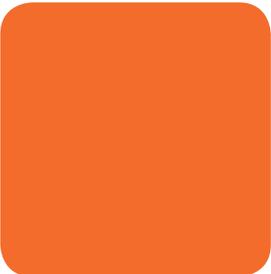
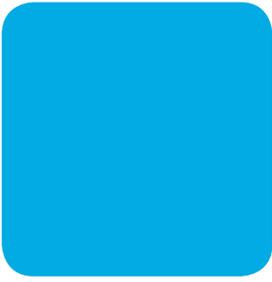


# PLATFORM

## Networking for bioeconomy relevant ERA-NETs





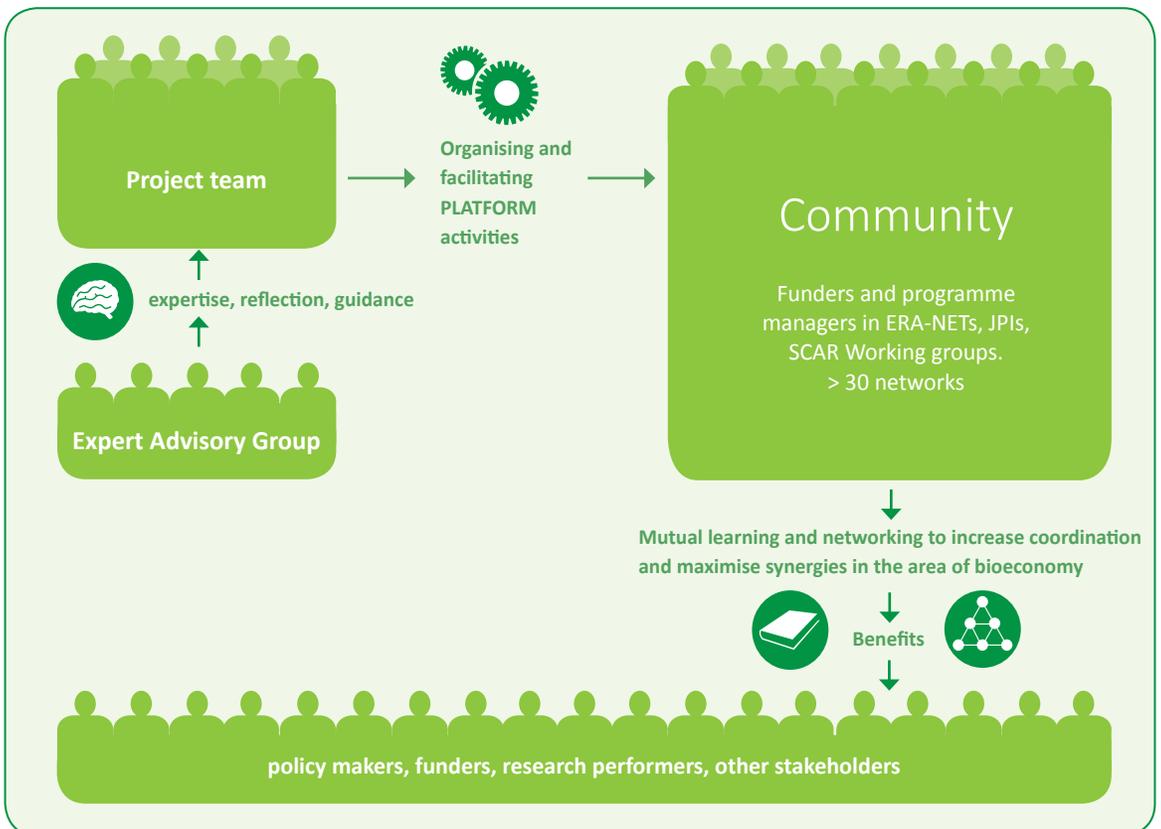
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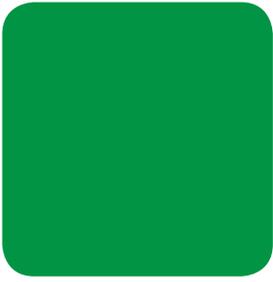
Platform is the forum for funders and programme managers in ERA-NETs in the fields that make up the bioeconomy: food, agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry, climate, biodiversity and biotechnologies.

PLATFORM has become a robust forum and offers mutual learning and networking opportunities to the ERA-NET actors, thus enhancing coordination and maximising synergies. The project also engages other coordination networks with bioeconomic relevance, such as JPIs and SCAR Working Groups.

## Our impact

PLATFORM increases interaction and coherence between public to public networks resulting in a more effective and harmonised environment for ERA-NET implementation.





## Our activities and products

- **Annual events** where network actors and other stakeholders discuss emerging cooperation needs, opportunities and tools and the impact of alignment. Inspiring, open and interactive!
- **A World Café workshop** for programme owners and managers. As Horizon 2020 profoundly changed the conditions for member states' coordination activities, this workshop held immediately after the PLATFORM project kick off, focused on new, sustainable models for cooperation between public research programmes.
- **Workshop on monitoring impact** to serve the ERA-NET actors with knowledge on the methods and outcomes of evaluating ERA-NET calls and other activities.
- **Master classes on implementing Cofund calls** to share knowledge, ideas and first experiences on Cofund management; evaluating how the instrument works in practice in the setting of public-public collaborations.
- **Master class on inclusiveness** providing research authorities from so-called 'low performing' countries with training and guidance on how to be actively involved.
- **Website and newsletter** provide information about the project, event announcements, news on ERA-NETs and their calls, RSS feeds and calendars.
- **PLATFORM DB**, a repository of data on ERA-NETs, calls, and the transnational research projects. The data compilation and analysis allow easy access to currently scattered information for informed decision making.
- **Inventory of alignment actions** by surveys of country involvement and activities of networks that align bioeconomy programming, funding, and the performance of research and innovation.
- **Policy briefs** based on analyses of ongoing coordination and alignment, and further collaboration needs in the area of bioeconomy: examples of good practice, recommendations for alignment activities and contributions to evolution of the ERA instruments.

## ERA-NET scheme

The objective of the ERA-NET scheme is to develop and strengthen the coordination of national and regional research programmes. Authorities identify those research programmes which they would like to coordinate. The participants in these actions are the programme "owners" – typically ministries or regional authorities defining research programmes – and programme "managers" such as research councils or other research funding agencies managing research programmes.

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# Project consortium

- Wageningen University & Research centre (Wageningen UR) | The Netherlands
- Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ) | The Netherlands
- Project management organisation - Jülich Research Centre (JUELICH) | Germany
- Agency of Renewable Resources (FNR) | Germany
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW) | Austria
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZS) | Slovenia
- International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems (AU-ICROFS) | Denmark
- Innovation Fund (IFD) | Denmark
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (Mipaaf) | Italy

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