

Joint Programming Newsletter 3 September 2020

Incl. Surveys on the EU Missions and JPI Oceans' Strategy Framework, and online workshops and conferences on Biotechnology, Food Systems and Cultural Heritage

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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: Lessons for the future

Summer Holidays have passed, and even in a pandemic, people resume to their regular working routines. However, regular has taken on a new meaning in 2020. As the Covid-19 issue is far from over, many countries are preparing for what may happen, come Autumn. For a lot of people the 'normal' routine now means much more working from home and interactive digital meetings instead of physical travelling. A recent Dutch survey hinted at the possibility these changes may last beyond the Covid-19 crisis. That raises an interesting, and maybe hopeful, point with regard to how to tackle some of the current societal challenges.

This years' Earth Overshoot Day fell on the 22nd of August. Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year. The grim news is, that with our current use of resources and accumulation of waste, we still need 1.6 Earths. Interesting though: that this years' date fell almost one month later than in 2019, at a date that hasn't occurred since 2005. It seems quite safe to suppose the late date is directly linked to the changes in our behaviour, so far, this year.

Within a couple of weeks, the European Commission is organising the European Research and Innovation Days again. Held from the 22nd until the 24th of September, this year the focus will be on presenting the recommendations from the Mission Boards. Together with the new Partnerships that are currently in different stages of development, these Missions are envisioned as a commitment to solve major societal challenges like fighting cancer, adapting to climate change, protecting our oceans, living in greener cities and ensuring soil health and food. The Missions are designed to go beyond research and innovation, and ought to spark innovation across sectors, and appeal to European citizens. Everyone can have a say on the missions for the upcoming weeks, and deliver 'grassroots' input. Ultimately the Missions, together with the new Partnerships, should play a crucial role in achieving European Union' priorities such as the European Green Deal.

At a global level they need to contribute to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals, and as such, to a later Earth Overshoot Day. A quick look at the individual European countries, shows most have their Overshoot Day long before August. So there is literally a world to win in the European Union. And while I hope to get back to the 'old way of life', I also hope to take some new ideas and practices forward in the years to come. It *is* possible to cut down drastically on international physical meetings. It *is* possible to work more from home. It *is* possible to change the way we always did things before.

Let's keep these benefits. Any maybe we can use the lessons we learn now, to change the future.



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Have your say on EU missions

The European Missions, presented at the upcoming R&I days for which registration is now open, aim to deliver solutions to some of our greatest societal challenges. The design of these missions is done by the European Commission, with input from all relevant stakeholders. As part of this process, an interactive platform has been launched for anyone to put forward ideas, and vote for the best ones. Submitting ideas is possible until the 6th, and voting until the 14th of September.

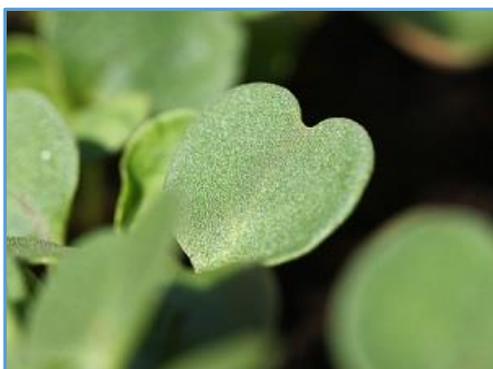
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Engage with JPI Oceans' Strategy Framework

The Joint Programming Initiative on Oceans is starting the new decade with a revision of their Strategy Framework. New ideas and developments that have emerged since the adoption of the 2015-2020 Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, will be used to adapt the existing design, vision and scope of JPI Oceans. In order to make the revision process thorough, the draft Strategy Framework is open for consultation until September 21st.

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SUSFOOD2 published its second strategic scene report

The ERA-NET SUSFOOD2 recently updated and published a report containing an analysis of the strategic scene of SUSFOOD, based on the Strategic Research Agenda and various sources of information on food related policies and initiatives. The report updates the current trends and new research needs in the European food sector and provides input for the second implementation plan.

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New research on ecosystem restoration

The BiodivERSA network and the Joint Programming Initiative on Water, have announced a new joint call for research, titled: "Conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems". At this stage, 28 countries, including the Netherlands, have expressed interest for an amount of over EUR 18 million. Expected call launch is October 5th, with a pre-proposal closing date on December 7th.

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New research on sustainable and organic food systems

In July, the ERA-NET Cofunds CORE Organic and SUSFOOD2 published the results of the joint transnational Call 'Towards sustainable and organic food systems' launched in 2019. The 21 funding bodies from 18 countries/regions are committing around 9.5M EUR for transnational research. Twelve projects, under three topic themes were selected for funding.

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JPI Oceans' microplastics research projects brochure available

The six projects that have started under the 'Microplastics in the marine environment' call of the Joint Programming Initiative for Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans, are now presenting themselves in a project brochure. The call was a joint transnational research action that brought together thirteen JPI Oceans member countries, Latvia and Brazil to support research with a budget of approximately EUR 10.5 million.

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Calls (soon) open for submission*

- [JPI MYBL Equality and Wellbeing across Generations call](#) – closing date full proposals: **14 September**;
- [EJP SOIL internal call](#) - closing date proposals: **18 September**;
- [BlueBio 'From Harvest to Processing' call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **14 September**, closing date full proposals: **15 February 2021**;
- [JPI CH Cultural Heritage, Identities & Perspectives](#) - closing date full proposals: **22 September**;
- [JPI UE Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods call](#) - closing date full proposals: **24 September**;
- [FOSC call](#) - closing date full proposals: **15 November**;
- [BiodivERsA call](#) - Call launch: **5 October**, closing date pre-proposals: **7 December**, closing date full proposals: **14 March 2021**.

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

Upcoming Activities



Upcoming: ERA-NET SusCrop mid-term meeting

On the 15th of September, the ERA-NET for Sustainable Crop Production will hold a virtual mid-term meeting of the first transnational co-funded call. The main purpose of the meeting is for the project consortia to provide a status update of their ongoing research in the field of sustainable and resilient crop production.

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New date for Cultural Heritage and Climate Change workshop

The workshop on 'Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe' has been postponed from Spring to the 17th of September. The workshop is organised now as a videoconference by the Joint Programming Initiatives on Cultural Heritage and Climate. It aims at identifying and discussing potential cross-priorities for research. The two topics will be 'Impact of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage' and 'Cultural Heritage for sustainable development'.

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Online seminar series: European Biotechnology and Society

In an online series of five seminars, the ERA-Net on Biotechnology (ERA CoBioTech) will explore the social, environmental, political and ethical dimensions of biotechnology in Europe. The sessions will address topics covering the environmental, social and economic sustainability of biotechnologies. Starting from September 30th, the seminars will run weekly.

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FOOD 2030 – Transforming Food Systems through Research & Innovation

On World Food Day, October 16th, FOOD 2030 will host its next high-level event in partnership with the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation and the German EU presidency. This online event will take place between 12:15 and 14:30 (CEST).

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Policy Conference: Stepping up the Game - Driving Urban Transitions

On the 12th of November, the 2020 Policy Conference of the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe will take place online. The conference will focus on how to make global strategies into local action. During the conference, change makers, researchers and urban actors are invited you join the discussions and explore the next steps in bringing research into action.

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Global Bioeconomy Summit 2020 goes virtual

The 3rd Global Bioeconomy Summit will take place fully virtual from the 16th to the 20th of November 2020 with the support of the German government. This high-level, biennial international conference globally reviews and discusses opportunities and challenges of the bioeconomy and develops visions for the future development of a sustainable bioeconomy. In the slipstream of the Summit, the International Bioeconomy Forum and the MicrobiomeSupport Consortium will also meet.

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Save the date: FIT4FOOD2030 Conference

On the 24th and 25th of November, a virtual conference will be organised regarding implementing FOOD2030 to future proof Europe's food systems. The two-day virtual conference will focus on a systems approach to food system transformation. During the conference practical tools and solutions developed by FIT4FOOD2030 will be discussed and demonstrated.

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BONUS Forum 'Successes of the past for the future' in February 2021

The 8th and final Forum of the Article 185 Initiative on the Baltic Sea region - BONUS will take place in February 2021 in Berlin. The last projects of the joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme calls will be finishing this autumn. The programme ran between 2012 and 2017 and funded a total of 48 projects, worth close to EUR 100 million. During the Forum the BONUS community will look back at past highlights and look forward to the 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:

15 September	SusCrop mid-term meeting, virtual (<i>internal meeting</i>)
17 September	Cultural Heritage and Climate Change workshop, virtual
22-24 September	European Research and Innovation Days, virtual
6 October	ERA-NET Cofund Monitoring & Reporting webinar, virtual
16 October	FOOD 2030 – Transforming Food Systems through Research & Innovation, virtual

12 November	JPI Urban Europe Policy Conference 2020, virtual
17 November	ForestValue Annual Research Programme Seminar, Berlin
17-18 November	Water JPI 3 rd Annual International Conference, Mülheim an der Ruhr
10-11 November	2 nd Biotech HUB meeting, virtual (<i>postponed from May to October</i>)
24-25 November	Save the date: FIT4FOOD2030 Conference, virtual
November	FACCE-JPI 10 Year Anniversary Event
Autumn	SusAn Early Career Research seminar - <i>postponed</i>
February 2021	BONUS Final Forum, Berlin
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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