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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 over sixty active ERA-NETs, six Article 185 initiatives, ten Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs), and four European Joint Programme Cofunds (EJPs); 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 and ERA-NET Actions, with a focus on those in the areas of the bioeconomy, food, and the blue and green environment. To support WUR and its Science Groups in engaging in the public research partnerships we provide information, liaise on the national as well as the European level and ensure direct involvement. We work on communication, alignment and joint actions in FACCE-JPI and JPI Climate, and are involved in organising ERA-NET Cofund programmes. Furthermore, we established a platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions, support the EU Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) to increase visibility and European policy impact, and are academic member in the European Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel of DG RTD. You can follow us on [Twitter](#) and contact us at jointprogramming@wur.nl.

Editorial: thoughts on the wicked problem of air transport

While working together in the ten JPIs, dozens of ERA-Nets, six EJPs and other joint programming networks, research funders, policy makers and experts travel quite a bit. International cooperation is usually considered to work best if people are physically brought together. The more countries involved, the more air miles probably made. It has made me wondering about why we fly so often, and how it started. Wandering through the internet, I found some nice, Trivial Pursuit-worthy, nuggets of information. I for one, did not know that our Royal Dutch Airline (KLM) is the oldest, still existing airline. Founded in 1919, its first flight was from London, the United Kingdom, to Schiphol, The Netherlands, in 1920. The dream of being able to fly has inspired mankind for centuries and all across the globe. One of the earliest legends being the Greek story of Daedalus and Icarus. The dream of flying has not only sparked legends and myths, but an entire science into existence. It has changed the world in ways that could not have been imagined. Surely, one could have foreseen the transition from flying being affordable for only the lucky few to half the population. In countries such as the Netherlands that is. The estimate is that only one out of twenty of the world population has ever flown. The impact of air transport of people and goods is felt almost everywhere on Earth as it influences trade, eating habits and culture itself. Flying has opened up the world in unforeseeable ways, making it possible to taste fresh products from far away or out of season. Today, the flipside of the coin is urgently and painfully clear: flying is responsible for an estimated 3 to 5 percent of anthropogenic climate change and it is foreseen that this percentage will only increase in the decades to come. How to reduce the negative effects of flying? When it comes to pricing, flying is an incredibly cheap means of transport because of profitable regulations

and (absence of) taxation. That certainly does not help in making more future-proof choices on the individual level. But to fly or not to fly will be a question of increasing concern the upcoming decades, just as much as the question on how we organise our food chain: what food we (should) eat, how and where this was produced and whether it saw the inside of an airplane on its way to the supermarket. Relevant questions for complex systems that need joint international research cooperation and programming to get answers that will help. That will require involvement of social sciences, law and political sciences as well as the natural sciences and technology. It will -in short- require a coordinated effort between research funders, policy makers, experts, companies and consumers to do so, exactly what the ambition of joint programming is all about. Likely, it is also smart to invest in ways that can make flying (more) environmentally friendly. As it was for me, the dream of being able to fly will surely remain an inspiration for generations.



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SCAR
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SCAR Working Groups present past years' work and upcoming plans

The Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR), an independent policy advice Committee to the European Commission, its Member States and Associated Countries, represents thirty-seven countries. Their latest newsletter highlights achievements of the of the six Strategic and two Collaborative Working Groups in the second half of 2018 and brings news on the fifth Foresight study, titled: *Natural resources and food systems: Transition towards a 'safe and just' operating space*.

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New Scientific and Stakeholder Advisory Board chairs for JPI HDHL

The Joint Programming Initiative 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life' starts 2019 with a new chair for both its Advisory Boards. The Advisory Boards are important as they contribute to the outcomes of the JPI and ensure links with both the scientific community as well as the relevant stakeholders in the joint programming process. Wageningen-based prof. dr. ir. Edith Feskens, professor in Nutrition and Health over the Life course, will chair the Scientific Advisory Board. Laura Fernandez, director of the European Food Information Council (EUFIC) will chair the Stakeholder Advisory Board.

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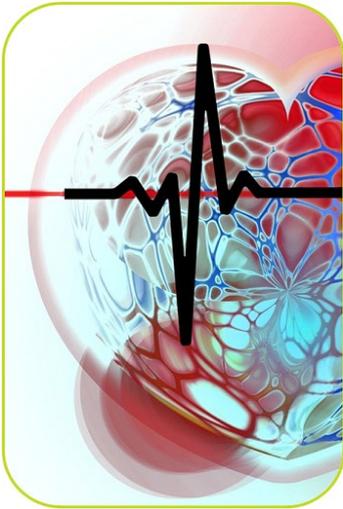
Joint Research



Three JPIs joining forces in launch of new Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security

The Joint Programming Initiatives on Healthy Diet, Healthy Life (HDHL), Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans) and Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) have announced the launch for a call to bring a new Knowledge Hub into existence. Its overall aim will be to connect researchers with other existing initiatives and relevant stakeholders in the Food and Nutrition Security research area, fostering transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration and networking. This, in order to accelerate, further characterize and manage the impact of climate change on nutritional make-up of food, and to propose adaptive strategies and measures to ensure food and nutrition security. The call for this Knowledge Hub is expected to launch 29th of January 2019.

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European Joint Programme on rare diseases starts 2019 with joint research call

The European Joint Programme Cofund (EJP) on rare diseases has launched a call that marks the start of this network. The aim of the call is to enable scientists in different countries to build an effective collaboration on a common interdisciplinary research project based on complementarities and sharing of expertise, with a clear benefit for patients. It focuses on collaborative projects that accelerate diagnosis and/or explore disease progression and mechanisms of rare diseases. The deadline for submission of pre-proposals is 15 February 2019. The Netherlands is participating in this call.

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Mediterranean partnership PRIMA opens new set of opportunities for joint research

The long-term Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area aims to devise new R&I approaches to improve water availability and sustainable agriculture production in a region heavily distressed by climate change, urbanisation and population growth. 2019 starts will open calls for joint research in two sections. Section one is thematically organised, raising a total budget of EUR 28 million. Section two is an open call, with a budget of EUR 34.9 million. The closing date for pre-proposals in section 1 and 2 is 28 and 21 February 2019 respectively.

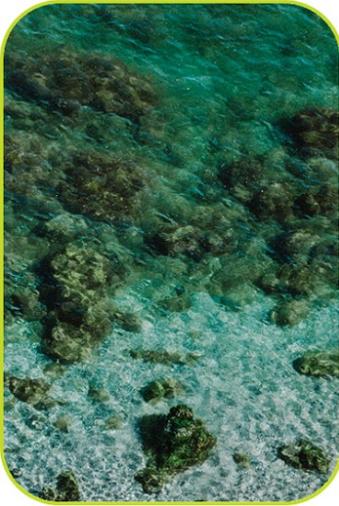
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Joint research on Personalised Medicine for Neurodegenerative Diseases: call open

The EU Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND) will, together with the European Commission, support international research collaboration on Personalised Medicine through a joint call. Collaborative research projects to change the trajectory of neurodegenerative diseases through the development of Precision Medicine approaches are invited to submit a proposal. The total made available for this call is EUR 30 million from all participating countries, including a top-up funding by the European Commission. The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development is a funding partner in this call. Deadline for submission of pre-proposals is 12 March 2019.

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BlueBio invests in public-private transnational cooperation

The Blue Bioeconomy ERA-NET Cofund has opened a call for joint transnational research collaborations that focus on innovative, yet sustainable and climate-friendly utilisation of aquatic biomass at different trophic levels, including sustainable harvesting and novel aquaculture production systems. Projects should create, test, upscale and bring to the market new knowledge-intensive products and services derived from a diversity of aquatic biomass and therefore active involvement of industry is required. The call for pre-proposals is now open until the 17th of March 2019.

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FACCE SURPLUS supports projects on sustainable biomass production

'Improving collaboration and cooperation across the European Research Area in the area of sustainable intensification of food and non-food biomass production and transformation systems, including biorefinery concepts'. That is the aim of the new call launched by the participating partner organisations of the ERA-NET Cofund FACCE SURPLUS (Sustainable and Resilient agriculture for food and non-food systems). It invites proposals for collaborative research and development of transnational consortia of research organisations and companies, that build upon research already conducted in the ERA-Net and under the broader umbrella of FACCE-JPI. The indicative available budget amounts to more than EUR 6 million. The deadline for pre-proposal submission is 19 March 2019.

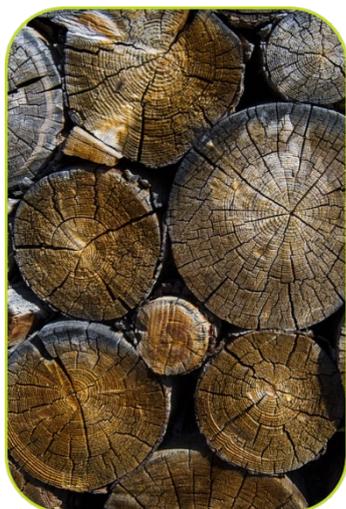
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Calls open for submission

- [JPI HDHL, Oceans and FACCE joint call for a Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security](#) - call expected to launch: **29 January 2019**
- [EJP Rare diseases call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **15 February 2019**
- [PRIMA section 1 and section 2 calls](#) - closing date pre-proposals section 1: **28 February 2019**; pre-proposals section 2: **21 February 2019**
- [JPND call on Personalised Medicine for Neurodegenerative Diseases](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **12 March 2019**
- [Blue Bioeconomy call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **17 March 2019**
- [FACCE-SURPLUS call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **19 March 2019**

Upcoming Activities



ForestValue kicks off research programme in May

The public kick-off seminar of the ForestValue Joint Transnational Call 2017 will - on 23 and 24 May - bring together researchers and stakeholders from industry, academia and policy-making organisations in the forest-based sector. At the meeting, researchers will present the selected projects. The seminar additionally aims to facilitate information exchange and networking between the projects and their stakeholders, and to gain feedback and ideas for the further development of the ERA-Nets' Research Programme.

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Events Calendar

This calendar displays events related to Joint Programming and / or the Bioeconomy.

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Upcoming events 2019:

12 Feb.	JPI Urban Europe Policy Conference, Brussels
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20 Feb.	JPI HDHL Conference, Brussels
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22-24 May	1st One Health EJP Annual Scientific Meeting
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23-24 May	ForestValue Kick-Off Seminar
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