

## Joint Programming Newsletter 20 November 2019

**Incl. consultation on the BANOS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, new networks launching calls and save-the-dates for upcoming 2020 events**

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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 alignment, valorisation and joint activities in FACCE-JPI, the International Bioeconomy Forum and other research programming initiatives. Furthermore, we established a platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions, 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](mailto:jointprogramming@wur.nl).

## Editorial: On co-creation, or; how to involve citizens

While temperatures drop in Europe and in the Netherlands, sentiments rise. It has long been an abstract sword of Damocles hovering above an intangible knot of different interests. But the Dutch government last week decided on a first set of measures to reduce nitrogen deposition, while already in May this year, the Dutch Council of State, the highest general administrative court, adopted a ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Basically, it entails no activity permits can any longer be based on *expected future* nitrogen emission reductions affecting Nature 2000 areas. How much nitrogen deposition can nature endure? And who will face the toughest consequences of reducing emissions? Issues; in a country suffering from lack of affordable housing, with quite some agriculture activity and that is daily facing traffic congestions. The public debate heated during the autumn. A noteworthy number of farmers became furious when political parties spoke in favour of reducing livestock. Protesting, they gathered in The Hague, where -some weeks before- protesting youth demanded measures, *Now!*, to limit climate change. The past weeks the builders were demanding, yet again in The Hague, fast solutions; as jobs are on the line.

The people get involved, and go literally out onto the streets. 'Just' voting seems just not good enough anymore. People are stirring in other parts of Europe as well, demanding that their interests, fears, and concerns are being taken into account. Solutions are expected to come from politics and policy. And they, in turn, are twisting the buttons on scientific research that may bring solutions closer. Moving away from the streets, into the buildings where policy is

prepared, the need to better involve citizens into the policy-making process has not gone unnoticed. There is a demand for transparency and accountability. Also, or maybe especially, in the design stages. Just this past week, the consultation round for the revised version of the '*Orientations towards the first Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe*' ended. Horizon Europe is envisioned to become the most ambitious research and innovation Framework Plan to date. To arrive at this point, the European Commission launched a new approach in both thematics and procedures. The mission-driven approach is especially chosen for its high ambition levels, together with sparking the imagination of citizens and setting concrete, attainable goals. The path to the new plan was dubbed 'co-creation', and from a look at the number of responses received throughout all consultation activities; a whopping 10,000 contributions from stakeholders in 99 countries, it seems a success.

Now, the task of involving citizens moves from the desks of the policy-makers to the scientific community: they also need to find (new) ways to include stakeholders into their project designs and find ways to accelerate results into new products or approaches to be used in society. Dutch research has for quite some time now, been in close collaboration with policy and entrepreneurship. And there is a longer practice of dialogue between different interests. Even if the differences get painful. Let's wish current developments will once again show ourselves the value and strength of that dialogue. And the value and strength of well designed, co-created research.



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## News

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### **JPI HDHL welcomes applications for the position of chair**

The Joint Programming Initiative 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy life' (JPI HDHL), is looking for candidates with a passion for nutrition and health research to fill the position of chair. The role of chair entails leading the meetings of the Management Board, being an ambassador for the JPI HDHL and fostering strategic relations. Applicants can send in their resumé and motivation until the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2019.

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### **Contribute to the active and healthy ageing partnership proposal of AAL**

The Article 185 Initiative on Active Assisted Living (AAL) has developed a proposal for a new partnership involving all stakeholders involved in active and healthy ageing. In addition, they have opened an online consultation survey, calling on all those involved in active and healthy ageing to provide input and help shape the new EC programme on ageing well, in particular feedback from social and health care professionals, national and local authorities and businesses in the silver economy. The consultation is still open.

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### **Have your say on the BANOS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda**

The Baltic and North Sea Coordination and Support Action (BANOS CSA) partners are currently in the drafting process for their Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). At present, thirty initial research and innovation themes have been identified, under three overarching strategic objectives: Healthy Seas and Coasts; Sustainable Blue Economy, and Human Well-being. BANOS now wishes to consult additional relevant stakeholders. You are invited to provide input to the SRIA research and innovation themes until the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

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## Joint Research

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### **New ERA-NET Cofund on 'ICT-AGRI-FOOD'**

The recently launched ERA-NET Cofund on ICT-enabled agri-food systems (ICT-AGRI-FOOD), is currently preparing its first call. Research should be relevant for enabling digital technology solutions for a transition towards more sustainable and resilient agri-food systems. Twenty-nine institutions from 22 countries, together with co-funding from the Commission, bring together an overall indicative budget of over EUR 20 million. The Netherlands is participating in the call, which will be published at the end of November. Closing date for pre-proposal submission will be the end of January 2020.

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### **Joint research on the societal impact of climate change**

A joint transnational call for proposals on 'Societal transformations in the face of climate change' (SOLSTICE) was recently launched by the Joint Programming Initiative on Climate. Social Sciences and Humanities are invited to take the lead in submitting proposals that address the societal impact of climate change. The ten European countries involved in this call (AT, BE, CZ, FI, FR, IT, IE, LV, NO, UK) bring together a budget close to EUR 7 million. The deadline for proposal submission is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020.

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### **FOSC: transcontinental research on foods systems and climate**

The call of the recently launched ERA-NET Cofund on Food Systems and Climate (FOSC) is a collaboration between 20 countries in 3 continents and has an indicative budget around EUR 17 million including EU co-funding. Wageningen Research is member of the Executive Team and in charge of FOSC Communications. The Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality is one of the funding partners. Research should focus on the assessment of the consequences of climate change on agri-food markets and on the development of sustainable and resilient food value chains in the context of changing food needs and patterns. Expected call publication date is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deadline for pre-proposal submission is the 12<sup>th</sup> of February; full proposal deadline is the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2020.

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## **New research on infectious animal diseases pre-announced**

The new ERA-NET Cofund *International Coordination of Research on Infectious Animal Diseases* (ICRAD) has announced an upcoming call for joint transnational research. Pre-proposals should address research in either 1) the area of emerging infectious animal diseases, 2) novel / improved vaccines, or 3) in-field detection technologies. The indicative budget is close to EUR 24 million, brought together by 23 funders in 19 countries (including the Netherlands) and the Commission. The call is expected to open November 14<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for pre-proposal submission is the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, for full proposals the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2020.

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## **Urban Accessibility and Connectivity call opening soon**

The ERA-NET Cofund on Urban Accessibility and Connectivity (ENUAC) is planning to launch its call for proposals to open in December/January. The call invites researchers, cities, municipalities, businesses, civil society and other stakeholders to build transnational consortia to create challenge-driven innovation and research projects that address the challenges of sustainable urban passenger mobility, freight, transport and connectivity as integral and essential parts of sustainable urban development. Sixteen countries have earmarked a global budget of about EUR 25 million, including co-funding from the European Commission. The Netherlands is participating in this call.

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## **Two calls expected on food and nutrition**

The Joint Programming Initiative 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life' (JPI HDHL), expects to launch two new calls for research projects come early 2020. The focus of the first new call will be on prevention of unhealthy weight gain and obesity during early life and other critical life events throughout the lifespan. The second call will address development of targeted nutrition for prevention and treatment of undernutrition in elderly.

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## 'Next Generation Science for Oceans' funds oceans and climate interactions

The JPI Climate and JPI Oceans' joint transnational call will fund two projects focused on oceans and climate interactions. The projects, expected to start in April 2020, will conduct research on these interactions by analysing model simulations and observational data. The aim is to better understand upper ocean variability and dynamics and ultimately improve the performance of climate models. The results should help to inform adaptation policy to increase resilience and adaptation measures for vulnerable areas, especially in coastal and low island areas. A joint kick off meeting for the projects is foreseen for June 2020 in Brussels.

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## New research granted on Mediterranean priorities

PRIMA, the long-term Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area, has published the results of their 2019' Section 1 Call. A total number of seventeen projects, under five topics, are selected for funding. Research ranges from 'traceability and authenticity of Mediterranean food products' to 'Mediterranean greenhouse performance' and 'participatory approaches for adopting Conservation Agriculture'. The total indicative amount allocated for the Section 1 - 2019 call was EUR 28 million.

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## Calls (soon) open for submission

- [ERA-NET Cofund 'ICT-AGRI-FOOD' first call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **end of January 2020**, closing date full proposals: **27 May 2020**;
- [JPI Climate 'SOLSTICE' call](#) - closing date proposals: **3 February 2020**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund FOSC first call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **12 February 2020**, closing date full proposals: **21 July 2020**;
- [ERA-NET Cofund ICRAD first call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **13 February 2020**, closing date full proposals: **2 July 2020**;

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## Upcoming Activities

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### World Soil Day 2019: 'Stop soil erosion, Save our future'

The 2019 edition of World Soil Day, held globally at the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, focuses attention on the importance of fighting soil erosion. To this end, there will be dedicated activities across the globe. World Soil Day is intended to raise awareness on the importance of sustaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the increasing challenges in soil management. The activities of the, currently prepared, European Joint Programme Cofund on Agricultural Soil Management should also contribute to less soil erosion and the restoration of soil fertility. It is one of the actions the European Member States, together with the Commission, are taking to address this challenge.

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### Save the date for the 6<sup>th</sup> HDHL international conference

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Joint Programming Initiative on 'a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life', will host its 6<sup>th</sup> international conference in Brussels. The event will bring together a wide variety of stakeholders from the field of food, nutrition and health - to exchange, engage in discussions and find out what are the latest developments.

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### A heads up for World Microbiome Day 2020

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, the second edition of World Microbiome Day will be organised. The 2020 theme will be '*Diversity*'; celebrating the diversity of microbes, microbiome habitats and diets to feed & fuel microbiomes. Part of the programme will be to introduce international microbiome researchers to the public-at-large in order to raise awareness of the vibrant and diverse world of microbes and microbiomes. The International Bioeconomy Forum (IBF), in which the EU collaborates with a number of countries globally on research strategy and collaborations, recognizes the importance of the microbiome as a research field. The IBF has a dedicated Working Group, supported by a Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support action: MicrobiomeSupport.

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### Upcoming events 2019 and 2020:

4 Dec.	BBI-JU Stakeholder Forum, Brussels
5 Dec.	World Soil Day, global events
17 June 2020	HDHL international conference, Brussels
27 June 2020	World Microbiome Day,

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