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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 alignment, valorisation and joint activities in FACCE-JPI, and are partner in management boards of FOSC, ERA-GAS and EJP Soil. Furthermore, we conduct a global science and policy mapping on microbiome research in frame of the International Bioeconomy Forum, are involved in work on Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in ERA-NET partnerships, 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: Interconnectedness

Tonight the Spanish band Vetusta Morla would have a gig at pop temple De Melkweg in Amsterdam. Obviously it will not take place, the concert is postponed to next year. Public life is on hold and after two months the impatience increases, but a vaccine or treatment against SARS-CoV-2 takes more time. Madrid, where the band comes from, is one of the places hit hard by the raging virus. Last Friday, the band launched a song '*Los abrazos prohibidos*' featuring many artists singing alone-together. It is a song for those working in public health care, and the video and lyrics strike by its expression of solidarity. Revenues will be donated for research on Covid-19 by the Spanish National Research Council CSIS. Rosa Menéndez, president of the CSIC said that besides the contribution to the research it means a lot as it shows the interest of those in the cultural sector for the science and its social impact.

The many joint efforts against the challenges of the pandemic bring hope for a more caring and more sustainable society. In research, new partnerships can contribute to reaching solutions faster. The European Union can give impetus. EU diplomats said on 9 May, Europe Day, in an opinion article in the Guardian "*This [solidarity] and much more is what we are proudly celebrating today. We do so while looking forward, with confidence, to the future of our union, focused on finding a common way out of the health emergency, ensuring an inclusive economic recovery and building the foundations for sustainable development in Europe and around the world.*" Words expressing solidarity and ambition, resolving not one crisis but multiple. Compared to Covid-19, climate change is a pandemic in slow motion, I read in The Correspondent. At first happening outside our vision and with an incubation period. It is a small world, six handshakes from Wuhan to everywhere. Concepts like "here" and "there" are misleading. Climate change affects everyone but also discriminates, as does the virus and the confinement

measures. We all have the potential to pass on the infection, but we are also all part of the solution, like in combatting climate change. Steak we eat in Amsterdam may threaten a farmers' harvest somewhere else in the world. But we do not need to eat (so much) steak! We can buy more local! Agriculture can be more circular countering the current unsustainable food system.

Solutions to both crises demand fundamental change on a global level. Europe is about to put forward a huge pandemic recovery plan that could inspire the entire world to move to a green future. The European Parliament supports the green parties in their call but polluters want to use covid-19 to bury climate ambitions. A global citizens call at the petition platform Avaaz emboldens Von der Leyden, Lagarde & Merkel to push through a green recovery deal, and inspire the world to embrace a brighter future. It is a call for solidarity between regions, countries and continents. But also for solidarity between present day and a future to come when hugs in nursing homes are allowed again and people can gather for meetings, sport matches, and concerts.



Christine Bunthof,
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Partnership on pandemics under consideration

The European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Young, mentioned that a new industrial research partnership on pandemic preparedness and societal resilience is considered under the upcoming Horizon Europe programme. In addition, the Mission Boards were also asked to consider possible contributions to the post-coronavirus economic recovery and future pandemics prevention.

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Bringing perspectives together in the Bioeconomy

The Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel originated in 2013 under the EU's Bioeconomy Strategy, aiming to support interactions between different policy areas, sectors and stakeholders in the bioeconomy. It included perspectives ranging from primary producers to policy-makers and researchers. During its course the Panel launched a Manifesto: a societal agenda for the bioeconomy. The last meeting of the Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel took place in April this year.

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New Scientific Advisory Board members for FACCE-JPI

The Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change has welcomed five new members on its Scientific Advisory Board. They will act in (co-)developing the research priorities for the Strategic Research Agenda, in scoping and developing FACCE-JPI actions and in advising the Governing Board.

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Operationalising the Knowledge Hub on Sea Level Rise

In 2019, the Joint Programming Initiatives on Climate and Oceans launched a Knowledge Hub, bringing together expertise on how to handle Sea Level Rise. On April 22-23, in a digital workshop, the operationalisation of the Hub was discussed. On day one, over 70 external experts from 15 European countries were consulted, while on day two, representatives and funding authorities involved in both JPIs were brought together to discuss further steps.

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Have your say on a sustainable European livestock sector

The ERA-NET on Sustainable Animal Production (SusAn) holds a short survey on the future of a sustainable livestock sector in Europe. With answering three questions, stakeholders are invited to help the network in identifying research and innovation priorities for public funding. The survey is open until May 20th.

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New input into FOOD2030 and Farm to Fork Strategy

Two recently published reports feed into developments on the future of our food systems. The EU Think Tank, part of FIT4 FOOD2030, published a policy brief with regard to the Farm to Fork Strategy. Also available now is an outcome report of the 'FOOD 2030 Pathways: Future Research & Innovation Needs in view of the transition to sustainable, healthy, safe and inclusive food systems' workshop held on March 4th 2020, by the European Commission.

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Joint Research



Stakeholders contribute to solutions on soil management and climate change

In order to link the development of knowledge to its application, the European Joint Programme Cofund on Soil Management will invest in strong stakeholder engagement. As one of the EJPs' first activities, European and national stakeholders will be involved in identifying and mapping the current state of knowledge, policies and soil management practices across Europe. In The Netherlands, the Ministry, with support of the national EJP core group, is currently putting together the National Hub for stakeholder contributions.

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Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods joint R&I projects wanted

The Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe has launched the first in a series of calls on the topic of Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods. Transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral communities of researchers and practitioners are invited to create projects with focus on smaller-scale joint R&I projects. AU, BE (Brussels Capital Region), CZ and SE are participating in this call, with a foreseen available budget of EUR 2,7 million. Deadline for proposal submission is September 24th.

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ForestValue is planning new joint research

The ERA-NET Cofund ForestValue has decided to start planning a new transnational joint call for proposals for research, development and innovation in the forest-based sector. This 2nd joint call will be funded solely by the participating funders, without European Commission co-funding. At this stage, all call details are still open, but the intention is to have the call launched in January 2021.

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Calls (soon) open for submission*

- [JPI Water, Oceans and AMR AquaticPollutants call](#) - closing date pre-proposals: **18 May**, closing date full proposals: **14 August**;
- [AquaticPollutants 'Knowledge transfer of research' call](#) - closing date full proposals: **18 May – extended deadline**.
- [JPIAMR Network Plus 2020 call](#) - closing date full proposals: **28 May**;
- [ERA CoBioTech third call](#) - closing date full proposals: **30 June**;
- [JPI CH Cultural Heritage, Identities & Perspectives: Responding to Changing Societies](#) – closing date full proposals: **22 September**;
- [JPI UE Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods call](#) - closing date full proposals: **24 September**;
- [JPI MYBL Equality and Wellbeing across Generations call](#) - *call launch expected 18 May*.

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

Upcoming Activities



One Health EJP Annual Scientific Meeting

The European Joint Programme Cofund One Health 'Second Annual Scientific Meeting on foodborne zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and emerging threats' will be held digitally on May 27th to 29th. The digital format has allowed for more people to be able to participate, and recently registration has reopened. Registration is possible until May 15th.

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SusCrop projects' Mid-term meeting announced

The ERA-NET Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production has published its 2nd newsletter, announcing the upcoming Mid-term meeting for the research projects of the 1st transnational call. In addition, a special stakeholder workshop on "enhancement and optimisation of innovation" in sustainable crop production will be organised. The events will be held on September 15th and 16th, at Aarhus University in Denmark.

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6th JPI HDHL International Conference postponed

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Joint Programming initiative for 'A Healthy Diet for A Healthy Life' has postponed its 6th annual International Conference that was planned for June 17th, 2020. The JPI is looking for possible new dates, most likely in spring of 2021. In addition, it is also exploring digital opportunities to share parts of the programme during 2020.

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Events Calendar

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

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Upcoming events:

27-29 May	One Health EJP Annual Scientific Meeting, digital
27 June	World Microbiome Day
15-16 September	SusCrop mid-term meeting, Denmark (<i>internal meeting</i>)
21 October	BANOS Final Forum, Berlin
11-12 November	JPI Urban Europe Policy Conference 2020, Brussels
17-18 November	Water JPI 3 rd Annual International Conference, Mülheim an der Ruhr
Autumn	FACCE-JPI 10 Year Anniversary Event
Autumn	SusAn Early Career Research seminar - <i>postponed</i>
2021	HDHL international conference - <i>postponed</i>

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