Statement of the 10 Chairs of Joint Programming Initiatives

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Main statement

- **Beyond the considerable progress*** accomplished during their first phase of the JPIs, **there are still barriers** to break down in order to improve the conditions for transnational research collaboration, to move **towards more aligned research** systems.

- **JPIs will continue to strengthen the momentum** supported by Member States (**MS**), Associated countries, the European Commission (**EC**) but also research community, private sector and the civil society in order to enhance Europe's ability **to generate solutions for complex societal and multidisciplinary issues**.

- **The 10 JPI Chairs propose to consider items [11 tracks] with relevant actors of MS and EC to spread the "joint programming process" in coming years and improve significantly its leverage and long-term effects.**

*incl. planning, strategy, funding, programme, alliance, network, evaluation, reporting, training, infrastructure, dissemination

3 *Overall* tracks

- **Increase commitment and cooperation of each 28 MS and associated countries** to Joint Programming in order to be in line with the ambition to jointly face complex societal challenges;

- **Simplify and shorten interactions between EC and JPIs** to forge complementary and mid-term planning visions, including new multilateral funding instruments or adaptation of existing instruments to develop **sustainable long-term partnerships** and agreements within and **beyond H2020**;

- **Reduce operational bureaucracy between the various networks**, and **have key actors** that have sufficient level of representativeness.

3 *Alignment* tracks

- **Promote proactively within each 28 MS**, the **awareness, visibility, attractiveness and legitimacy** of JPIs **throughout the different layers of a diverse research system** (Ministries, Heads of research funding or performing organisations, incl. Universities, Heads of key research Departments or Institutes, Research Communities, etc.) in order to reinforce commitment;

- **Align key national actions of each 28 MS** where most useful, incl. research **infrastructures**, **mobility**, **capacity building**, **databases**, organisation **incentives**, i.e. beyond an approach which would only focus on transnational calls and research funding organisations alone

- **Develop European synergies for knowledge based solutions and policies**, where relevant, with EC **Directorates-General* beyond DG R&I** and **with others European initiatives****, as well as with European Council and Parliament.

* e.g. REGIO, AGRI, CLIMA, CNCT, EAC, ENER, GROWTH, ENV, DEVCO, MARE, SANTE
** e.g. ETPs, EIPs, EIT, ESFRI

2 *Global* tracks

- **Favour international opening of JPIs,** because challenges are Global, including cooperation with **G7**, **emerging countries and regional initiatives** (e.g. Africa, Latin America, Mediterranean area, Asian subregions);

- **Ensure a better international coordination** between JPIs, MS **bilateral cooperation, EC Directorates-General and ERAC** (GPC and SFIC) for strong international leadership, incl. large scale **programmes and infrastructures**, and global attractiveness of Europe.

Frontier research track

- **Extend ERC support to collaborative and multidisciplinary teams**, as ad-hoc **synergy grants, to tackle complex issues** with a strong potential **for a new generation of innovations** in 2020's related to societal challenges.

2 *Impact* tracks

- **Generate evidence, solutions and implementation for Europe**, so that stakeholders can share **Europe's response** with the world and contribute **to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**;

- **Exchange and disseminate continuously the best practices** of the JPIs and of the each 28 MS, with a strong emphasis on their **added value in terms of evidence-based solutions** and actions, as well as on **involvement of users and policy makers** needs in research planning.

Thanks for your attention…

and ideas/contributions
to amend, build trust and deploy