

To tackle the challenge of Alzheimer's  
and other neurodegenerative diseases



# Joint Programming in Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND)

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# A Global Grand Challenge

JPND is the largest global ND research initiative led by EU countries, with 30 participating

**EU member states**

**Associated countries**

**Partners countries**

**In progress**

**India**

**United States**

**South Korea**

**China**

**LAC countries**

Australia



Bulgaria



Albania  
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Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Turkey  
United Kingdom

## Concrete impact achieved: examples



### Project level : cumulated funding 124M€ since 2011

- First call of JPND: 4 projects, resulted so far in 217 outputs in terms of publications and communication in scientific congresses
- 5 thematic calls without EC funding (60M€): 40 collaborations and 245 research groups,
- 3 Centre of Excellence (CoEN) calls (20M€),
- 2 rapid calls supporting 10 working groups each (1M€),
- ERA-NET cofund call, 21 projects gathering 124 research groups (36M€)

### P2P network level

- **Enduring connectivity:** ongoing communication on different level, Increasing number of participating countries; Creation of a real common pot to support JPND management
- **Cultural changes and conceptual impact:** Connection to policy makers ; Communication and outreach ; Public Patient Involvement strategy; Progression of national alignment
- **Structural impacts :** on-going creation of a sustainable structure



# JPND Alignment Actions



Alignment of  
National Strategies



Alignment of  
National Activities



Longitudinal Cohorts



Assisted Living  
Technologies



Industry Partnership



Animal and Cell  
Models



Palliative Care



Patient + Public  
Involvement



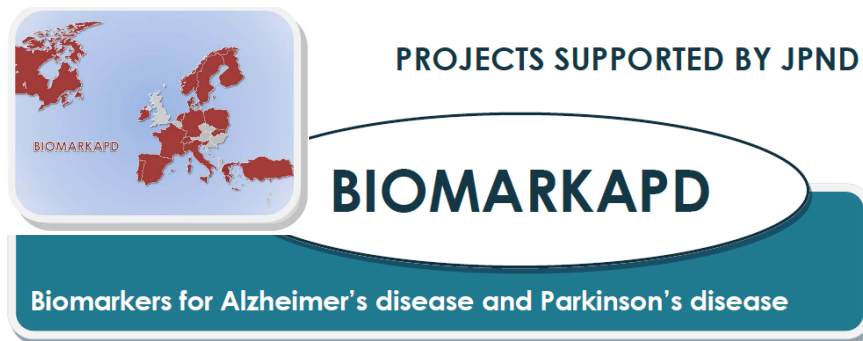
Optimisation of  
biomarkers

## Additional activities

- **Research mapping**
- **Longitudinal cohorts portal**
- **Experimental models site**
- **Recommendations** from Action Groups and community-based Working Groups to develop ideas for future activity



## Impact at the project level : scientific, health, training



**Total Funding:** € 8.5 million (approx.)

**Start Date:** June, 2012

**Duration:** 3 years

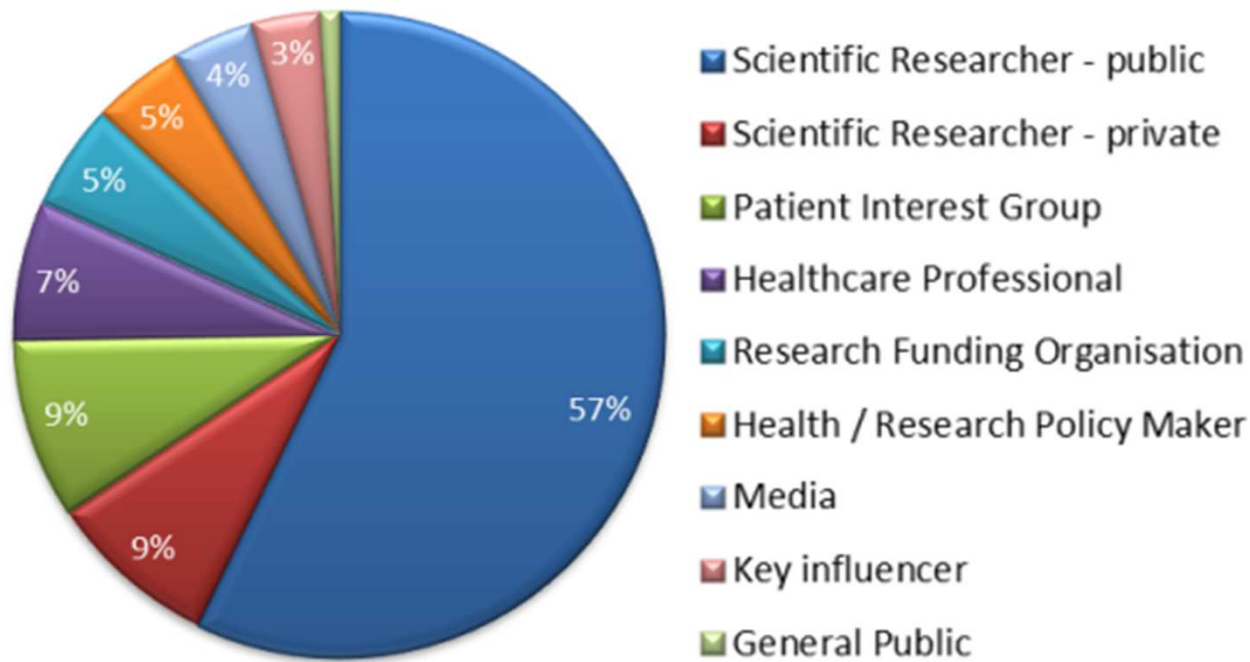
**Coordinator:** Bengt Winblad

- June 1, 2012–May 31, 2015
- 52 partners from 21 countries
- Standardized the sampling and measurement for the biomarkers across most centers in Europe
- 135 publ in peer reviewed journals
- Laboratory training & certification
- Identification of two new biomarkers
- The work will continue in a European “CSF Society” established by the members of BIOMARKAPD.





## Impact at the project level : Societal and Policy



Stakeholder database:  
nearly 2,000 individual  
stakeholders representing  
26 countries

In 2015, the JPND website  
received:

- 63,941 unique visitors
- 88,897 sessions
- 230,671 page views

**Actions aimed at multiple levels within 9 identified stakeholder groups**



# Impact at the project level : Cultural and Symbolic

G7 WDC, G7 YL, WHO....



Active Social Media Conversation

- Twitter
- YouTube
- Flickr
- SlideShare





# JPND Vision and Strategy



## JPND must now be scaled-up

- to continue **to foster the engagement of the research community** with regular, targeted calls for proposals;
- **to develop and grow, through both the establishment of mutually beneficial collaboration with industrial partners and international organisations** and through extending its research cooperation to national funders beyond Europe;
- to help expand capacity in neurodegeneration research, through **the alignment of research infrastructures and the promotion of wider access to them**, including the promotion of novel forms of training activity aimed at attracting younger scientists to the field
- **to identify, propose and define strategies for the long-term sustainability of JPND actions.**



## Implementation plan and instruments



Our Operating Plan provides the overarching framework to guide transnational JPND activities over the coming five years around 12 key instruments :

- 1: Launch calls for proposals at a regular pace (one/year) including one EC co-funded call to increase the number of participating consortia (JPco-fuND allowed to double it)
- 2: Follow-up the outcomes from the 2014 Call on Working Groups for Cohort Studies in 2016.
- 3: Establish a web 'portal' for longitudinal cohorts that can be utilized for ND research by 2017
- 4: Organize workshops to facilitate exchange of knowledge and new ideas regarding experimental models in 2016.
- 5: Conduct a stakeholder survey to identify the modalities necessary for a improve alignment actions in 2017.
- 6: Identify available national research & innovation resources in 2016.



## Implementation plan and instruments (cont.)



7: Establish collaborations with other JPI, industries and IMI2 programmes.

8: Establish and implement strategies for JPND long-term sustainability and develop a permanent dedicated implementation structure

9: Give novel, strong impulse to actions on health and social care research in 2016.

10: Consider the relevance and requisites for the creation of an Action Group on training and skills in 2016.

11: Refresh the Strategic Research Agenda in 2017/ 2018.

12: Extend the capacities of the JPND globally and within Europe, including to the EU-13 missing Members States

Furthermore, impact monitoring and dissemination of activity outputs will be considered.



## Proposed cooperation with EC and H2020



- **A new JT co-funded call (€10M EC top up funding as for JPco-fuND if possible, call 2018, project start 2019)**
- Scope : to promote research aimed at changing the trajectory of these debilitating diseases through the development of personalised approaches.
- Founded on three pillars
  - Personalised prevention, through the identification of predictive, translatable biomarkers
  - Personalised diagnosis, by integrating the validation and harmonized use of biomarkers,
  - Personalised care, based upon an evidence-based approach to social and health care



## Expected impacts of this co-funded JTC



- Funding of research proposals on **a topic complementary** to topics of the EC work programmes
- **Leverage national investments**
- **Increased commitment** of participating countries (JPco-fuND was the highest funded call of JPND = 36M€)
- **Enhancement** and/or better exploitation of national or EC-supported activities;
- **Improved exchange and alignment among JPND** member countries on the delivery of national/regional health and social care pathways and interventions;
- **Raised awareness** in the EU and globally
- **Attracting, engaging and supporting more new, excellent researchers** into neurodegenerative disease research (number of teams wo EU cofunding = 10 / with EU cofunding = 21)





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