



Agenda Annual Joint Programming Conference

Building and Sustaining Commitment to Public-Public Partnerships

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MCE Management Centre Europe, Rue de l'Aqueduc 118, 1050 Brussels

In collaboration with



12h00 – 13h00 **Registration of participants and welcome lunch**

13h00 – 14h30 **Plenary session 1 - Building & Sustaining Commitment**
(chair: Kristin Danielsen, RCN)

Welcome and introduction

Fabienne Gautier, Head of Unit ERA Policy and Reform, DG Research & Innovation

ERA-LEARN 2020 – support platform for the Public-Public-Partnerships

Roland Brandenburg, FFG, ERA-LEARN 2020 Coordinator

The FACCE JPI Experience: maturity and cooperation with ERA-NETs

Niels Gøtke, Head of Division, Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation

Small country in vast P2P partnerships landscape

Petra Žagar, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenija

Romanian profile in P2Ps

Ioana Ispas, National Authority for Scientific Research and Innovation, Romania

An analysis of the performance of networks: emergence of impacts and good practice

Effie Amanatidou, University of Manchester

14h30 – 15h30 **Plenary session 2 - Looking to the future**
(chair: Kristin Danielsen, RCN)

Key findings and conclusions of the High-Level Expert Group Joint Programming

Juan Hernani, Chairman of the Expert Group

Lund declaration 2015

Joakim Appelquist, VINNOVA, Director International Division

Joint statement JPI chairs

Patrick Monfray, ANR, JPI Climate chair

What do JPIs need to become really big players in the ERA

Martin Schmid, Vice-Chairman of the GPC

Round table discussion with Q&A

15h30 – 16h00 **Coffee break**

Delegates move to Parallel Sessions

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Topic 1: Experiences with ERA-NET Cofund under Horizon 2020

ERA-NET Cofund actions under Horizon 2020 merge the former ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus and have the central and compulsory element of implementing one substantial call with top-up funding from the European Union. Research funders and ministries involved in ERA-NETs had to adapt to the modifications and simplifications (e.g. unit cost for additional activities) that were introduced. The workshop will allow participants to contribute to an assessment of the first ERA-NET Cofund actions under Horizon 2020, to take stock of the first experiences in their implementation, identify critical issues that need to be addressed by consortia and Commission Services in their preparation and implementation and discuss possible adjustments.

Topic 2: Evaluation of Joint Programming – key issues

In order to better assess the Joint Programming process and the 10 Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) the Commission has established a group of high-level experts evaluating the progress made in Member and Associated States on Joint Programming to address Grand Societal Challenges. The workshop will offer the possibilities to discuss with the experts their preliminary findings with a particular focus on options to address key issues that have been highlighted. This will be reflected in the final report that is due to be published in early 2016.

Topic 3: Widening participation in Public-Public Partnerships

The workshop will focus on how to increase participation in P2P from countries which have been less active so far. Possibilities of using Structural Funds for financing activities within JPIs and other P2Ps will be discussed. The discussion will be based on the preliminary findings from the JPI-evaluation on reasons for lower participation from some countries, lessons learned from the Smart Specialization Strategies process, and experiences from relevant member states.

Topic 4: Internationalisation of Public-Public Partnerships beyond Europe

The Workshop will focus on the exchange of experience on how to establish cooperation with funding organisations from e.g. America, Africa or Asia. Practical examples of P2P networks with international participation will be presented as an input. Workshop participants will intend to identify challenges and hurdles and aim to elaborate opportunities for cooperation beyond Europe.

09h00 – 09h30 **Plenary session 3**
(chair: Ken Guy, Wiseguys)

What you ever wanted to know - ERA tools for Public-Public Partnerships
Joerg Niehoff, DG Research & Innovation

09h30 – 11h15 **Parallel workshops day 2: Horizontal issues**

Topic 1: ERA-LEARN 2020 – How can the IT platform better serve community interaction, mutual learning and P2P promotion?

The workshop will present and discuss the results of a the user needs online survey carried out prior to the conference, with a specific view on IT. Additional functionalities of the WEB platform to be discussed may include means of intensified interaction in between P2P experts like blogs, or features for the support of joint monitoring, assessment and promotion of P2P initiatives.

Topic 2: Engaging stakeholders in Public-Public-Partnerships

For P2Ps to achieve critical mass in addressing major societal challenges, involvement of a wide range of actors, research funders, research communities from academia and industry as well as end users need to be integrated. Most of the P2Ps have developed some measures for including different stakeholders. The workshop will 1) inform participants on new concepts of societal interaction in research, 2) highlight good practice approaches for stakeholder engagement among P2Ps, and 3) provide the opportunity to discuss strategies for specifying the role of stakeholder engagement in developing and implementing R&I programmes and to explore options on how to involve relevant societal actors in research activities.

Topic 3: Strategies for fostering open knowledge and open access in research

Open knowledge and open access strategies are critical issues to be addressed by P2Ps in order to increase dissemination and take-up of research results. In particular for publicly funded research, open knowledge strategies help to foster transparency and promote good-science. The workshop provides an opportunity to review and discuss current approaches performed by P2Ps and benefits and challenges encountered in the implementation of strategies for fostering open knowledge.

Topic 4: Commitment to JPI alignment and evaluation of impact

Alignment of national programmes refers to various levels of the programming cycle (agenda setting, policy design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation) and has to overcome several differences and incompatibilities across the different national and regional contexts. At the same time, countries need to commit shares of the national research budgets and decide which P2P initiatives to take part in. The workshop will 1) present a comprehensive framework for the monitoring and evaluation of Joint Programming activities, 2) present a comprehensive view on alignment covering all the different phases of the programming cycle, 3) give participants the opportunity to discuss on the current approaches and to debate on current and novel alignment modalities at national and regional level.

11h15 – 11h45 **Coffee break**

11h45 – 13h30 **Closing plenary**
(Ken Guy, Wiseguys)

Report on parallel sessions days 1 and 2
Moderators/Rapporteurs of parallel sessions

Conclusions

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