

ERAC-GPC 1301/17

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Subject: Summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 24 November 2016

Chair: Leonidas Antoniou

Vice-Chair: Emmanuel Pasco-Viel

Secretariat: General Secretariat of the Council

Present: AT, BE, BG, COM, CZ, DK, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MD, MT, NO, NL, PL, PT, SE, SI, SK; JPI representatives (JPI Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe, JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change: A New Challenge for Europe, JPI Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change, JPI Alzheimer and other Neurodegenerative Diseases, JPI Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans, JPI Water Challenges for a Changing World, JPI Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions Urban Europe, JPI More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change; JPI Antimicrobial Resistance - The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health)

Absent: AL, BA, CH, CY, DE, FO, FL, FYROM, HR, IL, IS, LT, LV, ME, RO, RS, TR, UK.

1. Approval of the provisional agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted.

2. JPIs' proposals for the Work Programme 2018-20

All 10 JPIs presented their plans for 2018-2020 by means of a PPT presentation¹ and answered questions from delegations.

COM stated that there is a need to provide more specific information per year about the requested Commission funding and the expected national contributions. COM also asked for GPC's input by the end of January 2017 at the latest.

The Chair concluded that GPC will contact COM to get further clarifications about the information COM wants. GPC would inform JPI Chairs. The GPC letter that would accompany the JPIs' proposals for the Work Programme 2018-20 would be sent to delegations for approval by written procedure, as GPC would not meet before March 2017. The Chair underlined that he wanted GPC and the JPIs to send *a strong message* that they are working together in order to promote a successful implementation of all JPIs.

3. Update on the Migrants, Migrations, Integrations Task Force

IT presented the Task Force's (TF) revised plans for an MMI JPI and informed delegations that the TF members are talking to the International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion network (IMISCOE) in order to establish collaboration with network and submit a common proposal for a CSA project under H2020.

The gradual approach towards the potential establishment of a new JPI on migration (starting with a collaboration with the IMISCOE for a CSA project that was presented) was supported by a number of delegations, notably MT, EE and DK.

NO, EL, FR and SE supported the idea of having an MMI JPI.

¹ All PowerPoint presentations given at the meeting have been sent to delegations.

Some delegations commented that the TF document was sent too late and asked for documents to be sent earlier in the future so as to have time for internal debate at home.

IT replied that the TF's proposal was not addressing *an emergency* but a real *societal challenge*. The TF will explore the possibility of having a CSA first, which could evolve into a JPI later.

The Chair informed the Committee that ES had already joined the TF and asked delegations to inform IT if they wished to join the TF too.

COM expressed its willingness to help structuring ideas for a MMI CSA.

4. Joint Programming in the next Framework Programme

The NO rapporteur of the GPC Working Group on the Long Term Strategy of Joint programming presented (by means of a PPT presentation) the outcome of the workshop on long-term strategies for JP which had been held on 22 November.

AT, supported by BE, NL, ES and FR, thought a more in-depth analysis of the outcome of the workshop was needed, as fundamental issues had been raised. AT believed that identifying societal challenges should be the starting point. Based on that, the Framework Programmes should look at how these should be addressed and if there was a need for a JPI or not. There was also a plea for more coordination between the JPIs and the Programme Committees. At present, there was too much focus on the status quo rather than on the dynamics of societal challenges and how these should be addressed. These delegations agreed on the need for a broader perspective.

The Chair concluded that the Vice-Chair (FR) and rapporteur (NO) of the WG would together draw up a more detailed report setting out the results of the workshop. A first draft would be circulated for written comments. A revised draft would be discussed at the second GPC workshop (in February or in any case ahead of the plenary meeting on 7 March), after which the plenary would discuss the final draft. The Chair highlighted the need for an open-minded, fresh approach to societal challenges and JPIs and he asked both the WG's Chair and rapporteur to come up with alternative options, which could then be narrowed down at the next workshop.

In this context, the Chair also pointed out that ERAC had asked all ERA-related groups to come up with input to the interim evaluation of H2020 and the preparations for the next Framework Programme by March 2017. ERAC will adopt its opinion on these issues, including the inputs by the ERA-related groups, by June 2017.

The Vice-Chair asked all delegations to give their input for the GPC's opinion.

5. Presentation by the Maltese delegation of priorities of the future MT Presidency

The incoming MT Presidency presented its research and innovation priorities by means of a PPT presentation.

6. Presentation by the GPC Rapporteur of the state of affairs of the Mutual Learning Exercise on alignment

The AT rapporteur presented a progress report on the Mutual Learning Exercise on alignment and interoperability of research programmes under the H2020 Policy Support Facility (using a PPT presentation). — The work was well on track and expected to result in a final report on national coordination in February 2017. — All documentation and other information relating to the MLE was available at a dedicated website: <https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/policy-support-facility/mle-alignment-and-interoperability-research-programmes-national-coordination>.

7. Adoption of the GPC Work Programme

GPC's work programme for 2016-2017 was adopted.

For item 5 (Inclusiveness), the Vice-Chair explained that the Task Force, on which he will sit himself, will be led by RO. SI and the COM expressed their interest to join the TF. New members were welcome.

The Chair observed that there might be a rapporteur to collect all MS roadmaps which have a bearing on Priority 2a. He also raised the question of how GPC could cooperate more with the other ERA-related groups.

8. General information by the Chair

The Chair informed delegations that Armenia, Georgia and Tunisia had been associated to H2020 and would by virtue of this be invited to GPC meetings, starting in March 2017.

The next GPC meetings would be held on 7 March and 6 June 2017.

9. Any other business

BE asked if GPC agenda's could again state the purpose of items (for discussion, for approval etc.). The Chair agreed.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the long-standing NL GPC delegate Peter Keet, who attended for the last time, for his hard work and his valuable contribution to the work of the Committee.
