

# JPND / JPsustaiND Evaluation

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# Introduction

- ❑ JPND / JPsustaiND WP6.4: JPND external evaluation and impact assessment
- ❑ Method used
- ❑ Challenges
- ❑ Solutions



**JPND is the largest global research initiative aimed at tackling the challenge of neurodegenerative diseases**

## Disease areas

Alzheimer's disease and other dementias  
Huntington's disease  
Motor Neurone Diseases  
Parkinson's disease and PD-related disorders  
Prion disease  
Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)  
Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA)

## Focus on Three Domains

### Scientific

- Animal models
- Biobanks
- Cohorts/registries
- Disease pathology

### Medical

- Early diagnosis
- Prevention
- Clinical trials

### Social

- Health care delivery
- Home automation
- Health economics
- Ethics



JP sustainIND is a 4-year CSA for the JPND activities

6 WPs implemented to achieve the goal and objectives.

WP6 M&E: Last task (WP6.4): External evaluation and impact assessment  
Commissioning and coordination of an **independent external evaluation** of JPND as a whole, including an **assessment of the** (scientific and socioeconomic) **impact** of the programme to date.

	Deliverable	Type	Dissemination level	Due date (in months)
D6.4	External evaluation report of JPND's performance	Report	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	40



# Monitoring and evaluation in JPND

Monitoring and evaluation activities are embedded in the overall structure of JPND for:

- Accountability – Explaining to the community what happened as a result of JPND (public) funds;
- Analysis - Learning how to improve the way JPND activities are designed and managed and to generate evidence about the effectiveness of the activities to provide information on future decisions;
- Advocacy - Identifying success stories of JPND activities that can be promoted within relevant communities to increase (financial) commitment.



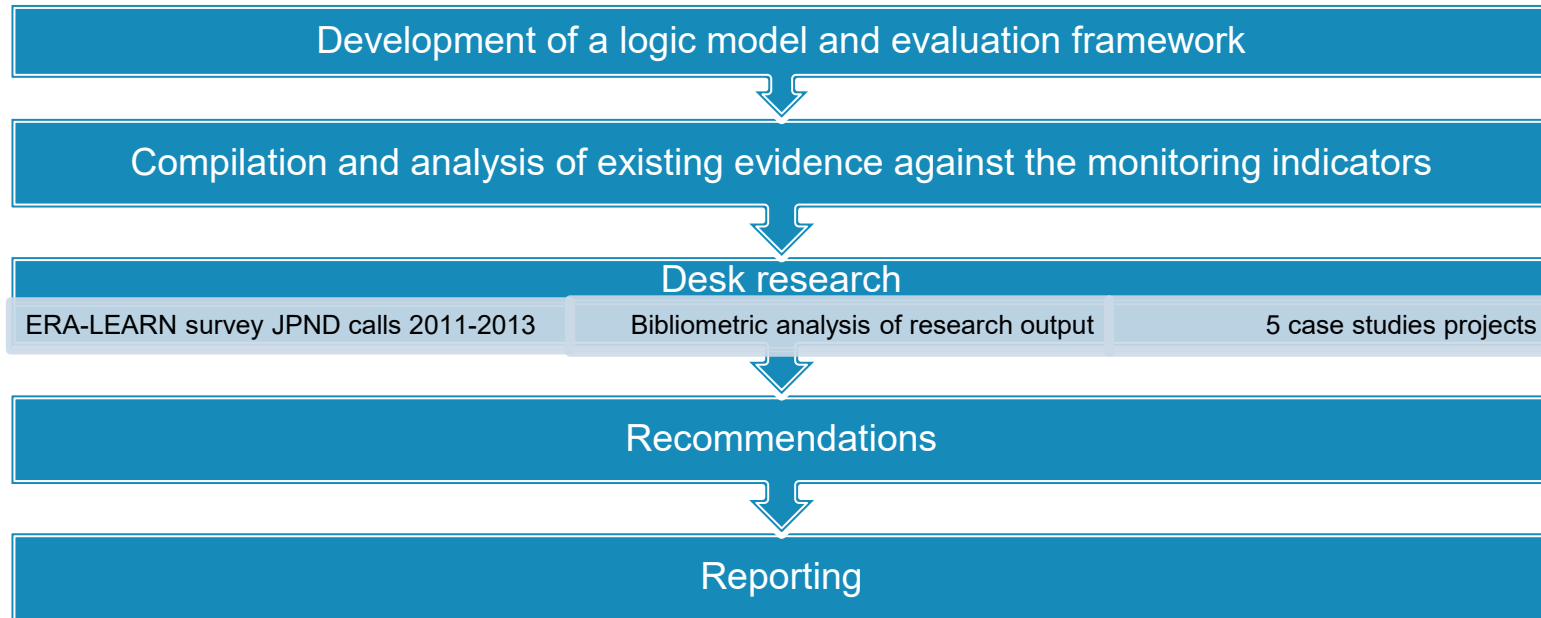
# Scope of work

- **Self-evaluation**, conducted by ZonMw
- **Evaluation** by an independent **external committee** to objectively assess and validate the conclusions and recommendations of the self evaluation.



# Process of self-evaluation

## 5 phases of self-evaluation



# Terms of reference

1. To what extent have the overall aim and objectives of JPND / JP sustainND been met so far?
2. How is JPND / JP sustainND designed and executed?  
(Involvement of stakeholders in the programme preparation and execution; quality assurance of the programme and its funded projects)
3. What are the results of JPND / JP sustainND so far?  
*(International progress of JPND research, multi-annual commitment of JPND MS towards long-term sustainability, realisation of a dedicated structure, output of JPND projects, non-project activities, potential extension to missing EU-13 member states, alignment of national and JPND research strategies, knowledge dissemination and implementation)*





## External evaluation

- By an independent external committee composed of 4 experts and supported by Optimat Limited
- Purpose of External Evaluation  
To provide an independent review of the performance of JPND to date, taking into account whether the programme has been conducted according to the CSA Grant Agreement, and to provide recommendations for improvement
- Terms of Reference were formulated by M&E team and approved by JPND governance



# Task of External Reviewers

- to review the self-evaluation report
- assess the conclusions and recommendations of the self-evaluation report
- formulate lessons learned for future

The committee was free to decide on the focus of evaluation e.g. JPND's governance and processes of strategic policy programming (strategic direction) that have led to the development of the JPND Research and Innovation Strategy (SRIA) and its implementation plan and / or on the achievements made by JPND so far. Some key questions were formulated as the starting point for the committee to reflect on.



## External evaluation process

- Studying key JPND documents (self-evaluation report etc.)
- A face-to-face meeting with JPND Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), JPND Executive Board (EB) and JPND Management Board (MB)
  - Briefing on JPND
  - Group discussions with available members of MB/EB/SAB
  - Initial meeting of External reviewers with Optimat support team
- Development of draft external evaluation report
- Interviews with representatives from MB/SAB/EB
- Follow-up meetings external reviewers / Optimat support team
- Final report with main findings and recommendations



# Benefits / Challenges / Solutions

## Benefits of first self-evaluation followed by an external evaluation

- Efficiency (data was easily accessible and to save time)
- Costs saving

## Challenges

- Availability of different data sources
- How the indicators were monitored
- Evaluation questions set against indicators (can all the evaluation questions be answered by the JPND M&E framework / indicators?)
- To find independent external reviewers for the task and to arrange meetings with them
- Duration of the self-evaluation and external evaluation



## Solutions

- Planning self-evaluation and external evaluation on time and be flexible
- Defining the scope of work and Terms of Reference for the evaluation
- Engagement of JPI governance and the beneficiaries involved in the implementation of the CSA / CofuND from the beginning to have commitment for delivering the needed information



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