

EDITORIAL

This has been a month of intense, decentralised work in many different fronts. In these days we concentrate on the upcoming first meetings of the Executive and Governing Boards (EB and GB, respectively). The success of our JPI heavily depends on the outcome of these meetings. Important deadlines have been set for December 17th. It is therefore very important that all contributions are received on time.

JPI TASK FORCES PROGRESSING

All four Task Forces have started operation. A total of [26 colleagues](#) are actively contributing to them. Task forces will report to the EB, and the GB will make strategic decisions based on the documents they provide. A brief statement on the current activities of each Task Force follows.

The Vision Document and Terms of Reference

(Led by **Hans**)

The new version of the Vision Document must provide a sharp, focused image of the JPI. The aspects related to internal organization and procedures will be drafted in a separate Terms of Reference Document. Both documents will be analysed by the EB and eventually adopted by the GB.

This TF is implementing a "living document" approach, where TF Members can do parallel work on. A specific TF meeting in January may be required to finalize the documents.



Mapping Water Research

(Led by **Alice**)

In a first step, this TF set up to identify the major Research Programmes active in the field of water in each JPI partner country. In a second step, the TF has prepared an on-line [survey](#) which will be completed by all research funding organisations (funding

Water RTD) within each JPI member country. It is expected that the initial results of the survey will be available at the end of January 2011.

Further work includes data processing and preparing a more in-depth and qualitative questionnaire (to be completed during 2011). The information resulting from both questionnaires will be pooled with previous mapping efforts (such as those performed by water related ERA-NETs).



The Advisory Board

(Led by **Giuseppina**)

Prospective Scientific and Technologic Board (STB) members will be classified according to the following issues:

- Recognised research leadership;
 - Experience in conducting R&D;
 - Participation in international scientific expertise and foresight; and
 - Understanding transnational cooperation.
- Prospective Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) will be classified according to:
- Professional background, as shown by Institutional experience or possible involvement in the JPI and in previous RTD activities
 - Participation in stakeholder fora, such as the Common Implementation Strategy of the Water Framework Directive.

The TF has developed a [form](#) with guidelines to nominate STB and SAG members. This form needs to be returned it by December 17th. Nominations are requested to express National views.

The Strategic Research Agenda

Thematic Analysis

(Led by **Manfred**)

This TF needs to compile information on:

1. National Research Priorities
2. European Research Priorities, as expressed in the Framework Programme, as resulting from priority setting exercises (i. e., FP projects), as produced by European and National Stakeholders and as compiled by the water ERA-NETs.
3. Priorities proposed by relevant RTD agents and international organizations.
4. Emerging research needs at the National, European and International levels through structured Stakeholder consultation.

The TF is currently working on issue #3. Information recently produced by the [CIS-SPI](#) event is being reviewed.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

COMMITTING TO THE JPI

The TF on Mapping Research will soon identify the major European Research Programmes active in the field of water. A model letter is being drafted for the research programmes to express:

1. Commitment to JPI activities, following the principle of Variable Geometry; and
2. Nomination of Delegates at the EB and GB.

This letter will soon be circulated to JPI member countries for comments. We expect to have most of the letters signed during the month of December and the first days of January. Formal nomination of National Delegates at the GB is extremely important, since relevant decisions need to be adopted during its first meeting.

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE IN INDIA

The Indo-EU [workshop](#) on Water Technology Research and Innovation Collaboration has held in Bangalore during November 9 and 10. The purpose of the workshop was to present the current endeavours of European and Indian RTD, and to cooperate on the definition of joint research priorities. Some 60 Indian and 20 European scientists and technologists (including **Enrique**) discussed [priorities](#) for a joint call for research proposals to be

published within the FP. This call will be funded by the FP and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of India. Discussions evidenced the complementarities between the EU and India, as well as the need for the urgent take-up of research results, particularly in India. The picture below presents **Panagiotis** and local organizers inaugurating the workshop.



A [conference](#) on “India-EU and Member States Partnership for a Strategic Roadmap in Research and Innovation” was held in Delhi (November 11 and 12). The Conference was organized by the EC and DST. It gathered about two hundred research and innovation stakeholders and policy makers to examine how India and the EU and Member States can work together more effectively on international research and innovation cooperation, with specific focus on water. The conference explored joint solutions to major societal challenges, more efficient use of available funds and instruments for coordinated priority setting and action. The Water JPI was [presented](#) (along with the WssTP and the EWP) as a tool to multiply the efforts of the EC in International Cooperation with India. The international dimension of the JPI can definitely contribute to maximize the impact of European research and to minimize duplication of efforts.

UPCOMING EVENT

- IWRM-Net [ERA-Net final conference](#), Brussels, December 1st and 2nd. Our JPI will contribute with a presentation.

EARLY PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETINGS

- Executive Board Meeting: foreseen between January 17 and January 28, 2011.
- Governing Board Meeting: foreseen for February / March 2011.