

EDITORIAL

This is the last issue before the summer break, and we are therefore putting an end to our first season of communication through this Newsletter. We have published major developments in this season, and after [nine issues](#) we have gone from kick-off to maturity, implemented a [governance structure](#) and performed critical improvements in our [core documents](#). Next season will see even more developments, with the Commission Recommendation on the JPI, a possible Coordination and Support Action and the preparation of Pilot Actions. Interaction with the proposed Innovation Partnership on Water Efficient Europe and progress in the International arena will constitute additional poles of activity. Some summer resting is needed to build-up the energy required for next year!



CHALLENGES FOR THE FALL QUARTER

A number of activities will be critical in the month to come. We are presenting them in the following paragraphs:

The Coordination and Support Action

A CSA call on the topic of facilitating the development of the Water JPI is expected to follow the EC recommendation on our JPI (no later than the fourth quarter of 2011). Two million Euros have been reserved in the 2011 budget to fund this coordination and support action. As a consequence, we need to see the drafting of the proposal as a major operation of the fall quarter. Plenty of discussions will be required to design the CSA in terms of its objectives, work programmes and tasks. JPI partner countries

are invited to pool forces in the development and execution of this initiative. A specific Task force will be created to ensure timely delivery of the proposal document with the required consensus, quality, balance and sharpness.

Upcoming internal meetings

The fall season will bring three very important meetings for our JPI. The meetings will be held back to back in October 18 (STB), 19 (SAG) and 20 (EB). The meetings of the STB and SAG will put an end to the implementation phase of the JPI governance structure. Draft agendas for these three meetings will be distributed to prospective attendants next week.



The first meetings of the **STB** (Scientific and Technological Board) and the **SAG** (stakeholder Advisory Group) will formally constitute the boards and will elect their respective President and Vice President. The Coordination Team will brief board members on the current developments, and on the challenges ahead. Both boards will be faced with preliminary ideas for the CSA and for the Strategic Agenda (SA), and their discussion and input will be requested. The STB will also receive the mandate to select potential additional members in the following months, and to present them to the next Governing Board meeting in 2012.

The Second Meeting of the **EB** (Executive Board) will receive the input of the STB and SAG meetings, and will take the necessary steps to progress on both the CSA and the first round of the SA drafting. The

coordination team will brief board members on the activities since the first EB meetings, and will foster tactical decision making on the pending issues.

The “Water Efficient Europe” EIP

The commission continues development of the [Innovation Partnerships](#). The proposal of an EIP on water received plenty of attention at the [WssTP Stakeholders Event](#) held in Brussels last May 18th. Our colleagues at the WssTP have made a strong point in supporting the development of an EIP on “water efficient Europe”. The EC (through DG Environment) has launched a Member State Consultation process on the Water EIP. The JPI Coordination Team believes that we should develop a position on the EIP, which effectively complements that of the Member States. As a consequence, contacts will be held with JPI Partners during the month of July to build consensus on a document reflecting our views on the issue, and our interest to 1) participate as stakeholders; 2) contribute to the process; and 3) be represented at the EIP governance scheme.



Building an International profile

The JPI is working together with the [European Commission and SFIC](#) (the Strategic Forum on International Science and Technology Cooperation, integrated by representatives of the Member States) to develop an International profile. The JPI started its international activities by the end of 2010, attending the Workshop and Conference organized by the EC in India together with local authorities. Planning of S&T cooperation activities continues in Asia and will extend to other areas of the world.

Corporate Image and Web support

A mature JPI needs to start thinking about projecting an image to our affiliate RDI programmes, researchers, parallel initiatives (such as the WssTP and the emerging EIP)

and the International audience. This is why communication needs to be more important in the new phase we are entering. The Coordination Team will use the fall quarter to start developing a corporate image and a web portal. The information repository is serving us well, but we need to go one step further. An interactive web portal will be designed to allow for instant update, reflecting the dynamic character of the Water JPI.

SUBMITTED SESSION PROPOSAL TO ESOF

A session has been proposed to [ESOF](#) Conference, to be held in July 2012 in Dublin. The session, having the surprising title “*Water Challenges for a Changing World*”, will be chaired by Laura Burke (Director, EPA, Ireland), and will count on four speakers from the EC, the JPI and the WssTP.

THE NEWSLETTER TAKES A BREAK

This is the first time the Newsletter approaches the summer season. Since the information flow on the JPI is decreasing, we have planned to publish the next issue in October 1st, therefore skipping two summer issues. In the following issue we will pay attention to the JPI meetings to be held in October, and to the expected developments.

UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS

- [Common Implementation Strategy \(CIS\) of the Water Framework Directive \(WFD\)](#). Brussels, 29-30th September 2011. “Water Science Meets Policy: Can the concept of ecosystem services help the implementation of the WFD?”
- [“Science for the Environment - Environment for Society: Bridging the gap between scientists and practitioners in environmental science”](#). Aarhus (Denmark), 5-6th October 2011

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