

# NEWSLETTER

## **EDITORIAL**

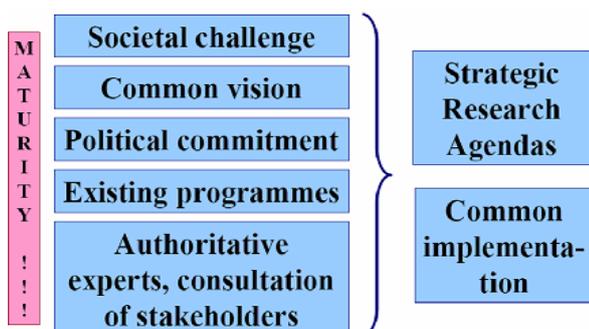
Two milestones in front of us are quite important to show the maturity of the Water JPI: the dossier to be submitted to Commission Services by March 15<sup>th</sup> and the first Governing Board meeting scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. This issue of our Newsletter pays attention to both milestones.

## **NEW FACES AT THE SECRETARIAT**

We welcome two new persons in the JPI coordination team. [Armela Dino](#), located in Madrid, and [Edgar Moya](#), located in Brussels. They both make part of MICINN international structure. Their duty will be to strengthen the Secretariat area.

## **THE DOSSIER FOR THE EC**

March 15<sup>th</sup> is an approaching and challenging deadline for us. We believe in our maturity and are happy to show it! In these days, activity is hectic at the coordination team and the most concerned Task Forces. In their presentation to the Executive Board in January 19<sup>th</sup>, **Michel** introduced the topic:



We want to use this opportunity to produce the information requested by the EC and at the same time to put down in writing where we stand.

It has been about three years now of discussions and preparations, and this is a great chance to take a detail snapshot of our activities. We count on everybody’s support to take this effort to a successful end.

A positive review of our dossier will lead to:

- Inclusion of a CSA for the “Water Challenges for a Changing World” JPI in

the 2012 Work Programme of the Environment Theme.

Endorsement of our JPI by the autumn Competitiveness Council

## **JPI TASK FORCES**

### **CONTRIBUTING TO THE DOSSIER**

#### **The Vision Document and Terms of Reference**

(Led by **Hans**)

After several TF reviews, the final version of the document has just been released to the Coordination Team. A joint revision will be performed by the Coordination Team and the TF before pasting it into the dossier.



#### **Mapping Water Research**

(Led by **Alice**)

Mapping surveys have been requested to JPI partners and observers, GPC representations of EU Member States and Associated Countries, and ERANETs CRUE and IWRM-Net.

The mapping report to be sent to the EC will be composed by one-page Country Summary Reports based on the surveys received and additional information sources.

Country Summary Reports are currently being prepared for all JPI Partners, Observers and EU Members... 29 reports in total. All of them will have been or will be sent out for consultation with representatives of the

concerned country (either the country JPI team or the national GPC delegates).

Country Summary Reports focus on the structure of water research funding, on the National priorities, and on the interaction between research programmes. Additionally, a fact sheet is being prepared which summarizes quantitative country information.

### **The Advisory Board**

(Led by **Giuseppina**)

The second period for nomination of candidates to the Scientific and Technological Board and to the Stakeholder Advisory Group has already closed. As a result, an additional number of candidates have been received. Requests for clarifications have been sent to National teams, candidates are being classified and information is being analysed.



The complete information set will be sent to National teams weeks before the first GB meeting, so that all Delegations have the chance to decide on the support they express to different candidates. The dossier to the EC will contain a brief report on the process and on the number and origin of nominations received.

### **The Strategic Research Agenda Thematic Analysis**

(Led by **Manfred**)

Information was requested to National teams on their research priorities, as expressed in the respective research Programmes. The TF is currently using this information to complete a documented list of relevant documents highlighting potential themes.

### **GETTING READY FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

The date for the first GB has been finally fixed for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please save this

date in your agenda. The meeting will be held either in Madrid or in Brussels. To make this decision, Spanish government officials are balancing issues such as travel convenience, demonstrating National commitment and the availability of adequate meeting rooms. We will soon communicate you the decision, so that travel arrangements can be made.

The GB is an assembly of programme owners (and/or managers, depending on the case) ensuring sufficient decision making capacity. Their mission is to adopt the JPI structure, governance boards, and major documents while showing national and political substantial engagement with the initiative. In the case of Spain, the Delegate at the GB is a Deputy Director General from MICINN. The meeting will count on the presence of a Director General from MICINN.

If you have not done it yet, please use the [Letter of Intent](#) to communicate the Coordination team the delegates at the EB and GB. We will also request confirmation of the number of persons composing the delegation at the GB.



## **European Research Area**

### **NEWS ABOUT FP8**

On 9th February 2011, the European Commission presented a [Green Paper](#) on a Common Strategic Framework for future EU Research and Innovation Funding (commonly known as FP8). A consultation process on the document has been opened through an online [questionnaire](#).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

[WssTP Stakeholders Event](#) in Brussels, 17-18th May.

### **LINKS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS**

Issues [#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#) and [#4](#).