

EDITORIAL

Summer was long and intense. For a few weeks we completely forgot about the JPI and its endeavours. It is now time to be back on business, and to continue pushing the coordination of European Research, Development and Innovation in water.

This second **JPI communication season** begins as activities start to pile up and the JPI blueprints start to become real. Maybe it is not by chance that we publish the first Newsletter of the season the same day the hydrological year begins. Off we go!

UPCOMING INTERNAL MEETINGS

Next month we will get real busy, with three very important meetings that will lead to the full implementation of our Governance structure:

STBI. The first meeting of our Scientific and Technological Board will be held in October 18. The [draft agenda](#) includes items on the nature of the JPI and the Board, the election of their leadership and discussion on JPI issues.



SAGI. The first meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group will be held in October 19. The [draft agenda](#) is similar to the one for the STB.

EB2. The second meeting of the Executive Board will be held in October 20. According to the [draft agenda](#), the Board will receive input from the STB and SAG meetings, and will take the necessary steps to progress on

both the Coordination and Support Action and on the first round of the Strategic Agenda drafting. The coordination team will foster tactical decision making on the pending issues.

Meeting agendas will be updated and re-distributed to attendants by October 7.



PARTNERING

IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

On 21 September 2011, the Commission adopted this [Communication](#). The [document](#) shows how partnering activities involving Member States, industry and the European Union can pave the way to win-win scenarios.

In the Communication, JPIs are described as “an emerging P2P concept founded on high-level commitment to address a particular societal challenge.” Commitment by partner countries is required in the Communication at the scientific, political and funding levels.

Cooperation between the Framework Programme and the JPIs is regarded as a possibility: “Where the areas being addressed by JPI fit with FP priorities, their instruments may be used to support JPIs where appropriate. In general, JPI joint actions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to assess whether the EU value-added justifies funding via the ERA-NET scheme or co-funding via thematic research calls.”

The document presents the relations between the JPIs and the European Commission as a balance of National commitment and opportunities. A number of additional partnering schemes are discussed.

MEMBER STATE CONSULTATION:
THE “WATER EFFICIENT EUROPE” EIP

In July 6th we attended the Member States Consultation on the candidate European Innovation Partnership “Water efficient Europe”. The meeting was organized by DG Environment. A presentation on the Water JPI covered our goals and achievements.

This candidate EIP aims at:

- Bringing down barriers to innovation in the water sector;
- Developing multidisciplinary solutions to address water challenges; and
- Raising strong participation and commitment from all actors.

If endorsed, the Candidate EIP could be operational by the beginning of 2013. The JPI could be deeply involved at the EIP governance scheme, with representatives at the High Level Steering Group and at the Sherpa Group.



JPIs TO CO WORK

This FP7 Coordination and Support Action is currently starting its operation. The objective of [JPIs TO CO WORK](#) is to provide Joint Programming Initiatives with elements to better decide on the options they have to implement Framework Conditions and promote common guidelines. They will achieve this through a process of mutual learning, thus enhancing the contribution of JPIs to the ERA. The duration of this CSA is 30 months, and it is coordinated by *Instituto de Salud Carlos III* of Spain.

THE CIS-SPI

The second edition of this [event](#) dedicated to the Common Implementation Strategy of the Water Framework Directive - Science Meets Policy - was held in September 29 and 30.

The meeting explored **Ecosystem Services**. This concept is based upon the assumption that there is a connexion between good ecological status and the delivery of several services, such as water supply, food, biodiversity or landscape value. A wide range of speakers presented the latest thinking on the subject and examined a series of case studies where this methodology has been tested.



COORDINATION: WsSTP AND ACQUEAU

A coordination meeting will be held in Madrid in October 10 to analyse the possibilities for further cooperation between the JPI, the Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform and Acqueau. Both the WsSTp and Acqueau are members of our Stakeholders Advisory Board.

UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS

- [ESFRI meeting on Environment](#). A meeting will be held in Brussels in October 17 to strengthen coordination between ESFRI Research Infrastructures and relevant JPIs in the field of Environment. Your input on the issue is very important.



- [Annual JPI Event](#). The 2-day conference will integrate the former "Annual ERA-NET event". JPI representatives, GPC members, ERA-NET coordinators and participants, Art.185, ETP, JTI, PPP, EIT, EIP, MEP and Permanent Representations will be there.

LINKS TO THE

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