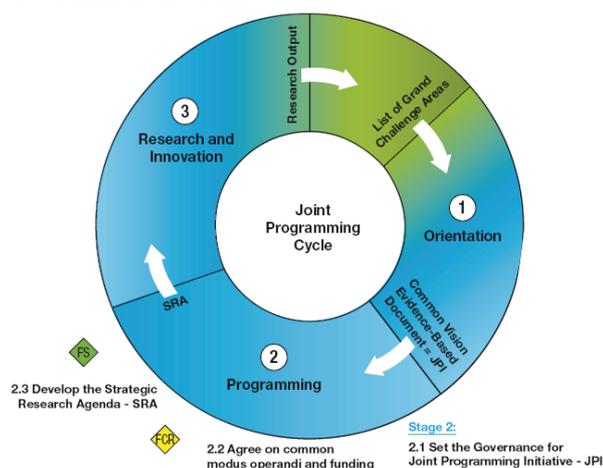


EDITORIAL

The Recommendation by the European Commission paves the way to a new phase of this JPI. Following the roadmap defined by the European Science Foundation, we have completed phase 1 (Orientation), and we are making strong progress in phase 2 (Programming). Support from the Commission and endorsement by the Council will lead us to phase 3 (Research and innovation). The Strategic Agenda – our next goal – will mark the transition to phase 3. This month has set another JPI milestone, with the complete implementation of our Governance structure. The Recommendation sets a clear path to transnational cooperation which will require a different coordination model. The foreseen call for a Coordination and Support Action on the Water JPI will help us implement this new deal. In the near future, responsibilities will be assigned to specific partners, thus widening the coordination team.



Coordination and Support Action could be published in January, with a deadline in the second half of March. These events would complete the map of Joint Programming Activities, with the ten JPIs endorsed and progressing.

INTERNAL MEETINGS

First meeting of the Scientific and Technological Board (STB)

Seven out of the ten members of the Scientific and Technological Board got together in October 18 for the first meeting. The JPI coordination team and a number of National Delegates accompanied them in this occasion. The morning was devoted to brief STB members of the nature, history, future steps and governance of the Water JPI. In the afternoon STB members elected their leadership:



Dr. Damià Barceló, President of the STB, Director of the Catalan Institute for Water Research, [ICRA](#) - IDAEA-CSIC (Spain). He has followed the objective of solving environmental problems in the field of

water quality, by the development of new analytical methods for emerging pollutants (polar pesticides, surfactants, endocrine disruptors, drugs).



Dr. Cees Buissman, Vice President of the STB, a Wageningen University professor, is scientific Director of [Wetsus](#), a centre of excellence for sustainable water technology based in the Netherlands.

The STB then discussed ideas for our Strategic Agenda and profiles of scientists and technologists which could constitute the basis for the STB enlargement, to be decided at the next meeting of our Governing Board.

EC RECOMMENDATION ISSUED

The [Recommendation](#) and supporting [documents](#) were issued in November 27th. The next day, Friday 28th, marked the start of the process at the Council, with a meeting of the Research Working Party in which the Recommendation was [presented](#) to Member States. This process will continue and eventually lead to a Council Decision, expected for the Competitiveness Council of December 5-6. The call for an FP7

First meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)

Six out of the seven members of the SAG reunited in Brussels last October 19 for their first meeting. The meeting agenda was similar to the one used for the STB. The SAG did not analyse its enlargement, for this task will be directly performed by the Governing Board. The SAG leadership was elected:



Water Supply and Sanitation Platform, SAG President, in the person of Mr. **Durk Krol**, Director.



Finnish Environmental Institute, SAG Vice President, in the person of Prof. **Seppo Rekolainen**.



Second meeting of the Executive Board (EB)

The second meeting of the Executive Board was held in October 20. Representatives from ten partner countries attended the meeting. Our Liaison officer, **Michel Schoupe**, presented recent European Commission activities in support of the JPI. He covered the issue of the Recommendation, and the prospects for a Council Decision and the publication of a Call for a Coordination and Support Action. His presentation also covered in detail the mapping performed by Commission services on the FP6 and FP7 activities related to water challenges. This mapping will be analysed in detail in the following issue of this Newsletter, owing to its relevance. We will put both EC and National public water funding in parallel in order to assess the nature of the partnership and the relevance of the European Research, Development and Innovation Programmes in water.

The Board received input from the STB and SAG meetings, analysed progress in the Candidate European Innovation Partnership “Water Efficient Europe”, and discussed the creation of a Task Force on a Framework for the Strategic Agenda and the Drafting of the Coordination and Support Action. The EB agreed that the next meeting will be held in March 1st. Partner countries are invited to host this meeting.

CANDIDATE EUROPEAN INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP (EIP) “WATER EFFICIENT EUROPE”

The event was held in October 20th. The consultation [document](#) and [report](#) have been published, and comments are welcome till November 7th. Your opinion on this process is very important!

UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS

WssTP Board Meeting. The water JPI will attend the Board meeting in November 4th in Amsterdam in the category of observer.

JPI-ERANET Event. The [event](#) will be held in November 9-10th in Brussels. JPI representatives, GPC members, ERA-NET coordinators and participants, Art.185, ETP, JTI, PPP, EIT, EIP, MEP and Permanent Representations will be there. The meeting will develop an ambitious agenda deepening in the implementation of Joint Programming and in the coordination of European Initiatives.



World Water Forum

will be organized in March 12-17th in Marseille. The JPI will contribute by disseminating our innovative approach to the coordination of Public Programmes in Europe.

DON'T GET LOST WITH THE JPI!

These European initiatives flood us with a never-ending list of acronyms! In order to help you survive this hazard, we have created a handy [Glossary](#). We welcome your ideas on new terms!

LINKS TO THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

[First season](#) (issues #1-9), [#10](#). Get updated JPI documents from our [public repository](#)!