

ERAC-GPC 1309/16

NOTE

Subject: **Mandate of the GPC Working Group on the Long Term Strategy
of Joint programming**

Delegations will find in the annex Mandate of the GPC Working Group on the Long Term Strategy, as adopted by GPC via the written procedure on 27 May 2016.

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of Joint Programming**

The *GPC Working Group on the Long Term Strategy of Joint Programming* (WG) shall have the objective to

- advise the GPC on addressing the long-term recommendations included in the "Evaluation of Joint Programming to Address Grand Societal Challenges" - Final Report of the Expert Group chaired by Mr Juan Tomas Hernani (the "Hernani report");
- on request of the GPC, take effective action in implementing those recommendations and
- support the JPIs in developing and presenting their long term strategies and commitments, in particular in the context of the preparation of the next FP.

The WG shall be set up for a maximum period of 1 year starting in June 2016 and can be extended for an equal or shorter period upon approval of the GPC plenary.

The GPC Rules of Procedures shall be applicable to the WG.

The WG shall be composed of volunteering GPC delegates, JPIs representatives and representatives of the European Commission.

The WG is free to invite other experts to collaborate with it if needed.

A. INTRODUCTION

The Hernani report states that *“Each of the JPIs should be invited to consider their longer term strategy in terms of socio-economic impact objectives/deliverables and what support instruments they would need from the next Framework Programme. Any such proposals should, of course, include firm commitments from national stakeholders and, where appropriate, other societal challenge stakeholders such as industry”*.

In that perspective, the main output of this WG is not an additional evaluation of the JPIs, but a general framework for JPI long term strategy which will serve as a basis for GPC recommendations regarding the future of JP in the next FP.

Moreover, as a first step towards a common approach for relation between JPIs and the FP, the Working Group will also prepare a proposal for the positioning of JPIs in the work programme 2018-2020.

If needed the WG may organize workshops or meetings for further consultation and support to the JPIs.

B. WORK DESCRIPTION

Work Package 1: Framework for the Long Term Strategy of JPIs

The first step of the WG is to prepare a framework which will serve as a template for all JPIs in order to prepare their long-term strategy toward the next FP.

The framework is expected to provide guidelines for the content of the Long Term Strategy (eg state of play, achievements according to original objectives, intervention logic for future activities, planned activities and instruments, success criteria and objectives, financial and other commitments etc.) that all JPIs should have in mind when preparing their strategy.

The group will take into account previous work, in particular the report from Implementation Group 3 (Monitoring JPIs), the relevant work from ERA Learn 2020 and the Hernani report.

Work Package 2: Proposal for JP in the WP 2018-2020

The Commission has started preparations of the work programme 2018-2020. As the Hernani report raised the issue of divergent support to JPIs from the FP, the group shall prepare an overall report for the consideration of GPC concerning the planned activities of the JPI's during the period 2018-2020, including support from H2020, as required.

The WG should seek close interaction with the individual JPI's here. Each of the JPIs will be encouraged to present their strategy for the years 2018 – 2020 (mainly based on the existing or under preparation JPIs' Implementation Plans), the commitments from the participating states to contribute at national and transnational level and the expectations towards the Commission services to support selected activities within the framework of the WP 2018-20.

Work Package 3: Proposal for JP in the next FP

The WP3 will prepare a synthesis report including:

- (a) the long-term strategies of the individual JPIs in relation to the next FP, based on the framework developed in the WP1, and
- (b) recommendations with respect to the role of Joint Programming for addressing the social challenges under the next FP.

The above will serve the GPC in order to issue recommendations to the ERAC and to the Council regarding the future of JP in the next FP.