

ERAC-GPC 1305/17

NOTE

Subject: Summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 6 June 2017

The meeting was chaired by the GPC Chair, Mr Leonidas ANTONIOU and the GPC Vice-Chair, Mr Emmanuel PASCO-VIEL. The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

1. Welcome by the Chair and approval of the provisional agenda

The agenda was approved as set out in document CM 2867/17 with some changes of the order of the agenda items.

2. Long Term Strategies of the Joint Programming Initiatives

Under this agenda item the following presentations were provided:

- Mr Philippe Amouyel presented the strategy of the JPND;
- Ms Heather McKhann presented the strategy of the JPI FACCE;

- Ms Martijntje Bakker presented the strategy of the JPI HDHL;
- Ms Cristina Sabbioni presented the strategy of the JPI Cultural Heritage;
- Ms Denice Moi Thuk Nhung presented the strategy of the JPI MYBL;
- Mr Carlos Segovia presented the strategy of the JPIAMR;
- Ms Jacqueline Wood presented the strategy of the JPI Oceans;
- Mr Patrick Monfray presented the strategy of the JPI Climate;
- Mr Maurice Heral presented the strategy of the JPI Water;
- Ms Margit Noll presented the strategy of the JPI Urban Europe.

In the discussion that followed the presentations, the delegations raised the following main points:

- High value of the Long Term Strategies provided by the JPIs.
- Some delegations were of the opinion that an idea of joint secretariats for some of the JPIs should be taken into consideration.
- Some delegations were suggesting a more homogenous system for the sustainability of the JPIs.

Mr Jeorg Niehoff, Commission, inter alia:

- appreciated the common structure of the strategies submitted.
- underlined that the strategies are good for the policy outreach.
- mentioned that perhaps the budgets included in the strategies do not always reflect all the plans of the respective JPIs as more outreach translates in more funds.
- noted higher expectations from the Commission services regarding the future framework programme.

- informed that the tentative timing for the publication of the Commission proposal concerning the future framework programme has been set for summer / autumn of the following year.

The Chair:

- warmly thanked all the representatives of the JPIs for their hard work in preparing their Long Term Strategies.
- recalled that the Long Term Strategies are living documents which can be changed as needed.
- encouraged the JPIs to fully present their long-term visions at the policy level;
- underlined the well elaborated reflection on the JPIs direct connection with the grand societal challenges;
- praised the estimation of the rough budget needs for the coming years.

3. Annual Joint Programming Conference (7-8 November 2017)

Mr Joerg Niehoff (Commission) provided a presentation on the Annual Joint Programming Conference to be held on 7-8 November 2017.

4. Possible ways of promoting long-term strategies for JPIs, 2017-18

The Vice-Chair provided a presentation on the above subject.

5. Update concerning ERA-LEARN 2020

Mr Joerg Niehoff (Commission) provided a presentation on the latest developments in ERA-LEARN 2020, namely an update on Work Package 3: Monitoring and Impact Assessment.

6. Update on the Article 185 initiatives

Mr Joerg Niehoff (Commission) provided, inter alia, the following information:

1. The building blocks of Horizon 2020 interim evaluation
 - Publication of Staff Working Document on 29 May (including information/data on P2Ps);
 - Report of the High Level Group on maximising the impact of EU R&I Programmes (“Lamy Group”);
 - Commission Communication on the Horizon 2020 Interim evaluation is planned to be published in October 2017 (Staff Working Document on Art. 185 Initiatives and Staff Working Document on Art 187 Initiatives planned to be published in September 2017 will be annexed to the Communication).
2. Staff Working Document on Art. 185 Initiatives will be based on:
 - Two final evaluations (BONUS/EMRP)
 - Four interim evaluations (AAL2, EDCTP2, EMPIR, EUROSTARS2)
 - Meta-Evaluation of Art. 185s
 - Public Stakeholder Consultations

7. GPC opinion on the future of Joint Programming Process

The GPC adopted its opinion on the "Future of Joint Programming to address societal challenges" in the context of the mid-term review of Horizon 2020 and the preparation of the 9th EU Framework Programme for research and innovation (doc. 1304/17).

8. Report of the Task Force on national action plans and strategies for Priority 2a

Ms Petra Žagar (SI delegation) provided a presentation on the above subject.

9. Mutual Learning Exercise – state of play

Mr Thomas Zergoi (AT delegation) provided a presentation on the latest developments in the MLE.

10. Procedure for the selection of a new JPI

Mr Peter Spyns (BE delegation) provided a presentation on the support tool for the GPC assessment process for new JPIs. He kindly agreed to update the tool to reflect the GPC voting arrangements.

11. General information concerning the recent developments within the ERA-related groups

The Chair informed delegations about the following items:

1. Interim evaluation of H2020 and preparations for the next FP for research and innovation
 - ERAC SB has already discussed the draft opinion and ERAC members have been given the opportunity to provide comments on the draft.
 - A final draft is foreseen for ERAC examination before its plenary on 16 June and adoption in written procedure before end of June 2017.
 - The opinion will be submitted to the incoming Estonian Presidency in time for the Informal meeting of the ministers responsible for research.
2. ERA national action plans and strategies (NAPs)
 - A workshop on ERA NAPs will be organised back-to-back with the ERAC plenary in Tartu (EE) on 21-22 September 2017.
 - Three break-out sessions on excellence, funding and complementarity.
3. Adoption of the 2016 ERAC Annual report is foreseen at the 16 June plenary.
4. Review of ERA governance is foreseen in 2018
 - An update is foreseen at the June ERAC plenary.

- The matter was discussed in the last ERAC SB and it was agreed that Mr Christian Naczinsky (AT ERAC delegation), together with the team of interested delegations, will contribute to the draft questions to be submitted to the ERAC plenary in the Directors General format in December 2017. According to the mechanism agreed by ERAC, this meeting at DG level launches the review which should then be ready by the end of 2018.

5. Follow-up on the streamlining of the ERA-related groups

- ERAC SB agreed on the draft mandates of the Helsinki and SGHRM groups as ERAC Standing Working Groups (SWGs).
- Draft mandates were sent to ERAC for adoption by written procedure.
- Next steps: a call for expressions of interest for members of the new SWGs and election of the Chairs and possibly vice-Chairs.

12. AOB

Mr Patrick Monfray (FR delegation) made an intervention regarding the co-funding of Joint Programming in H2020 WP 2018-20 and proposed a statement on "Joint Programming co-funding and Horizon 2020 WP 2018-2020" for the GPC's consideration. The GPC did not adopt a formal statement on this issue because it was considered that this request should be addressed at the level of the strategic configuration of Horizon 2020 Programme Committee. Several delegations (AT, DE, SE, IT, PT, BE, EL) supported the relevance of taking up this subject.

The Chair recalled that the next GPC plenary meetings will be held on 15 September and 4 December 2017.