

EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA
COMMITTEE

High Level Group for
Joint Programming

Secretariat

ERAC-GPC 1307/11

NOTE

Subject: **Summary conclusions of the 18th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 11 November 2011**

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Jacek GIERLIŃSKI, representative of the Polish Presidency of the EU.

The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

1. Approval of the provisional agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 5207/11 with the following modifications:

- The order of the items was changed.
- Item 7:
"7. Harmonisation of JPIs with other EU initiatives (eg. EIP)
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Discussion"

was removed from the agenda.

- Item 8 was changed as follows:
- "8. Preparatory work for ~~updating~~ **implementing** of the Framework Conditions
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Discussion"

2. Outcome of the Annual Joint Programming event of 9-10 November, Brussels

- **Information by the Commission**

The Commission representative provided information on the Annual Joint Programming event that took place in Brussels on 9-10 November 2011.

The main pieces of information included:

- It was a major event addressed to research funders and programme managers.
- The representatives of almost all initiatives were present.
- The event allowed to take stock of the lessons learnt with the different types of public-public partnerships to, for example, identify research topics or monitoring and impact assessment.
- The event provided a good forum to discuss cross cutting issues and best approaches for future public-public partnerships such as Art.185 initiatives, the future ERA-NET instrument or usage of Framework Conditions by JPIs.

3. Finalisation of the GPC Rules of Procedure

- **Discussion**
- **Approval**

The Chair presented a new version of the GPC draft Rules of Procedure which was prepared taking into account the comments received from the delegations and afterwards he opened the floor for discussion. The main issues under discussion were the following:

- Voting arrangements and quorum.
- The role of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
- The role and involvement of the associated countries.

After an exchange of views, a new version was prepared which was adopted by consensus. The new GPC Rules of Procedure are set out in doc. 1305/11.

The Chair recalled that as a consequence of the adoption of the Rules of Procedure there would be a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the GPC elected from among the Members. The Chair proposed a preliminary planning for the procedure of the adoption of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair. As the delegates agreed to the way of proceeding the Chair informed that the whole procedure would be explained in detail in a letter that would be sent to all the delegations within a few days.

4. Approval of the GPC's contribution on the ERA Framework

The GPC adopted by consensus its contribution to the ERAC input to a proposal on the ERA Framework as set out in doc. 1306/11.

5. State of play of the second wave of the Joint Programming Initiatives

- Presentation by the Commission

The Commission representatives provided the following presentations:

- Commission Recommendation on the JPI The Microbial Challenge – An Emerging Threat to Human Health;
- The Joint Programming Initiative "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans" - Background and Progress;
- Commission Recommendation on the JPI Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe;
- Commission Recommendation on the JPI "Water Challenges for a Changing World";
- Commission Recommendation on the JPI Urban Europe – Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions.

6. Discussion on the possible way forward:

a) Ways to involve industry in Joint Programming Initiatives

The Spanish delegate presented an updated version of the paper concerning the ways to involve the industry. The delegations were invited to send their comments by 25 November (to the GPC Secretariat and the Spanish delegate). A new version taking into account the comments received was planned to be sent to delegations by 2 December.

b) Monitoring of the Joint Programming Initiatives

c) Challenges to Joint Programming

The Chair recalled that the Commission gave the presentations on the above mentioned subjects already during the previous meeting and opened the floor for an exchange of views.

d) Using the Structural Funds for participation in JPIs

The Commission representative gave a presentation on EU Cohesion policy 2014 - 2020 (proposals from the European Commission).

7. Harmonisation of JPIs with other EU initiatives (eg. EIP)

- **Presentation by the Commission**
- **Discussion**

This item was removed from the agenda.

8. Preparatory work for implementing of the Framework Conditions

- **Presentation by the Commission**
- **Discussion**

The Commission representative gave a presentation on the Framework Conditions for Joint Programming.

9. AOB

The representative of the Polish Presidency informed the GPC that the Presidency was preparing draft Council conclusions on the launching of the joint programming initiatives on 'Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans', 'Urban Europe - Global Urban Challenges, Joint European Solutions', 'Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe', 'Water Challenges for a Changing World' and 'The Microbial Challenge - An Emerging Threat to Human Health'. The Council conclusions are foreseen for adoption by the Council ("Competitiveness") of 5-6 December 2011.

The Danish delegate presented the research and innovation programme of the incoming Danish Presidency. The meetings of the GPC are planned for 8 March and 24 May 2012.