

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
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Joint Programming**

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NOTE

Subject : **Summary conclusions of the 8th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 20 January 2010**

The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Angeles RODRIGUEZ-PEÑA, representative of the Spanish Presidency of the EU.

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

1. Preliminary suggestions for JPI themes

The Group was informed on the state of play of preparations to submit templates for the following preliminary suggestions for JPI themes, with a view to possible identification of a new wave of themes by GPC in May, according to the time table presented by the Presidency:

- a) Ageing Society (DE)
- b) Enhancing the utility of climate knowledge for decision-making in Europe (DE)¹
- c) Healthy and productive Seas and Oceans (NO)
- d) Antimicrobial resistance (SE)

¹ This theme has merged with the theme "Living with Climate Change", presented by the Austrian and Finish delegations on 4 December 2009.

- e) Future of cities and transport (FoCiT) (AT)
- f) Water challenges for the changing world (ES/NL)

An update was also presented on the themes selected by GPC on 10 November 2009 and endorsed by the Competitiveness Council on 3 December 2009, for which the Commission has been invited to submit proposals, namely: Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change; Health, food and prevention of diet related diseases, and Cultural heritage, Climate Change and Security.

2. Framework conditions

The group agreed on a revised approach of the future GPC work on to the development of Framework Conditions for Joint Programming in research, as set out in document CREST-GPC 1302/10.

Delegations were requested to nominate their representatives to the FC Team, a working group composed of GPC delegations on a voluntary basis which is tasked to work on the template for FC and compile the FC guidelines. In addition, delegations were asked to suggest which other relevant European organisations could be involved in the FC Team's work.

3. Any Other Business

Due to the fact that some countries associated to the EU Framework Programmes (AC) still have not nominated their representatives to the Group, following the invitation to do so by the Czech Presidency by sending a letter of invitation to all EU ambassadors of AC on 20 March 2009, it was agreed that letters of invitation will be resent by the Spanish Presidency.

In addition, it was also agreed that with a view to better coordinating the implementation of the SET-Plan with JPI themes handled by GPC, this issue will be included on the agenda for one of the future GPC meetings. A suggestion was also made that the European Institute for Technology and Innovation could present its work to GPC.