



3rd Annual Workshop. *ERA-NETs for the future* Programme

Dates: 13 -14 February 2014
Venue: Museum Boerhaave, Lange St. Agnietenstraat 10, 2312 WC Leiden
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13 February 2014, 9:00 – 17:30

8.30 Registration open

9:00 SESSION 1. WELCOME, OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

- Welcome (*Ino Ostendorf, PLATFORM SC chair ; Kees Kwant, main organiser; Dirk van Delf, director Boerhaave Museum*)
- Tour de table (*all participants*)
- Opening speech (*Monique Remmers, head of unit CAP, European Agricultural Policies & Food Security, Ministry of Economic Affairs*)
- PLATFORM project update (*Christine Bunthof, PLATFORM coordinator*)
- Objectives of the Workshop (*Kees Kwant*)

10:15 SESSION 2. PRESENTATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Programming for innovation: multi-actor projects and thematic networks, and the synergy of H2020 and ERA-NETs (*Inge van Oost, EC, DG AGRI*)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 SESSION 3. IMPACT, SYNERGY AND COHERENCE

Session objective: Flash presentations of surveys and analysis done by PLATFORM. Sharing of good practices. Discussions towards consolidated recommendations that feed into the writing of the PLATFORM Roadmap. Suggestions for deepening and extending assessments and for new issues to address in view of PLATFORM2.

- Impact assessment of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions (*Christian Listabarth, WP3*)
- Call management - results of survey and master class (*Ulla Bertelsen, WP3*)
- Collaborations among ERA-NET Actions - analyses of opportunities and cases (*Matté Brijder, WP4*)
- Collaboration between ERA-NET Actions and Joint Programming Initiatives (*Heather McKhann, WP4*)
- ERA-NET in the international research environment (*Jasper Dalhuisen, WP4*)
- PLATFORM Communication and dissemination activities (*Annette Kremser, WP5*)

13:00 Networking sandwich lunch

14:00 SESSION 4. COORDINATION DYNAMICS OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Session objective. This session discusses concepts of European research programming. It concerns the reconfiguration of national research and innovation systems towards a European research area. R&I activities can be conceptualized as either integrated at European level, coordinating with other Member States or nationally (or regionally) juxtaposed. To measure progress towards the ERA this categorization can be applied along the lines of: providing orientation for R&I, programming and funding, and research performance. Estimates show that Europeanisation of R&I has substantially increased over the past ten years, with the ERA-NET actions playing a major role. Not only in publically funded research there is a trend towards more coordination. The Public-Private Partnerships add a further coordinating approach where orientation, programming and/or performance is coordinated or even integrated.

In this session we look to coordination dynamics in order to get a sharper picture of the unique contributions of ERA-NETs/JPIs/Art185's and to better assess the (potential) impacts.

14:00 Introduction presentations

- Coordinated programming and funding in Europe, principles, policies and practice (*Eric Regouin, SCAR and H2020 PC SC2*)
- Principles and approach in industry-driven programming (*Annita Westenbroek, JTI Bio Based Industries*)
- Synergies. The case of ERA-NETs and private sector platforms (*Karen Görner, WP4*)

15:00 Break-out in four groups, each group discusses these questions:

1 *On cards, answer per person:*

What is your key take-home message from the introduction presentations?

2. *On post-its and then to stick on a flip-over putting together similar items*

What are the major achievements of the bioeconomy ERA-NETS over the last years (e.g. calls, networking, orientation through research agendas, alignment, ..)

3 *On flip-over:*

What are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the ERA-NET approach with regard to Europeanisation in R&I?

4 *On flip-over:*

General recommendations to increase coherence.

16:00 Plenary feed-backs

16:20 WRAP-UP OF THE DAY

16:30 GUIDED TOUR OF ONE HOUR IN FOUR GROUPS IN THE MUSEUM

18:00 GUIDED CITY TOUR, START AT MUSEUM BOERHAAVE AND ENDS AT THE RESTAURANT (optional)

19:00 DINNER AT RESTAURANT TOPLEVEL (top floor of Hampshire hotel Fitland, Bargelaan 180)

09:00 meeting room open

09:15 SESSION 5. NATIONAL PROGRAMMING IN A EUROPEAN CONTEXT

- Slovenia (*Kim Turk Križanec , Ministry of Education, Science and Sport & Jana Erjavec, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment*)
- Germany (*Stefan Lampel, Dept. EU & International Affairs, Project Management Juelich*)
- ERA-NETs and European Structural Funds (*Yvette Lammers, Contact Point EC Structural Funds*)

10:15 SESSION 6. RECOMMENDATIONS IN VIEW OF H2020 ERA-NET PROGRAMMING

Session objective. To give recommendations with regard topic selection, objectives and operation of P2P initiatives and to coordination, harmonization and coherence in addressing the European bioeconomy and ERA strategic goals.

Participants are requested to prepare for this session by reading provided material. This will inform the participants of the recommendations made by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Research last year with regard to the future of ERA-NETs. SCAR regularly discusses on P2Ps and decided last year to make a reflection paper. The discussions at the first Annual Workshop of PLATFORM and those in a small working group of PLATFORM have contributed to that paper as well.

Secondly, the new ERA-NET instrument under Horizon 2020 is a must-know for many of us. If so for you, and you did not join the Commission Infoday on January 16 or a national information session, or if you did but need to refresh your memory, note that the webstreaming is still online, together with all presentations <http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-cofund-h2020-infoday2014.htm>. This will answer a lot of question, but there may still be open questions. The session gives a chance to ask them.

This session will give input to writing the scene-setting introductory section of the PLATFORM Vision and Roadmap, a key document to be delivered by the project in September 2014. It presents the vision and a stepwise plan for coherent and progressive public-public collaboration in research programming and implementation in the bioeconomy, as gathered and discussed through the various tasks in the PLATFORM project, including those on effective and efficient ERA-NET call management and impact assessments (delivered by WP3 tasks) and collaborations with other ERA actors (delivered by WP4 tasks).

10:15 Introduction presentations

- Briefing about the SCAR reflection paper on the future of ERA-NETs and JPIs (2013) and the reply of the Commissioner (*Stefan Rauschen, SCAR member*)
- ERA-NET Cofund instrument and topics (using slides of Joerg Niehoff, EC DG RTD, key points will be recalled from presentations by the Commission on the Cofund Infoday 16 January).
- PLATFORM Roadmap: aim and outline (*Ino Ostendorf, PLATFORM SC chair & Egizio Valceschini, WP4*)

11:00 Break-out in four groups, each discussing these points

1. *Tour de table to collect questions on flip-over (15 minutes max)*

Any open question to the Commission with regard to the ERA-NET Cofund instrument.

Questions will be collected and forwarded to Joerg Niehoff

2. *On post-its and then to stick on a flip-over putting together similar items*

Recommendations for the H2020 ERA-NETs with regard to topic identification and selection for ERA-NET Cofunds, and with regard to activities of the future ERA-NETs

- a. What criteria should be used for ERA-NET Cofund topic selection ?
- b. Who should the Commission consult?
- c. What should the P2Ps do in terms of further progression towards the European Research Area?
- d. Recommendations with regard to self-sustained networks

3: *Tour de table to collect suggestions on flip-over*

What are your suggestions on how PLATFORM2 can further strengthen mutual learning, maximising synergies and increased coordination in order to achieve a more effective and harmonized environment for ERA-NETs.

12:00 Plenary feedbacks

12:20 Lunch

13:00 SESSION 7. BRIDGING BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE

This session is co-organised with the Service Point for the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.

Session objective. This session will address the potential synergies and collaboration between PLATFORM, the ERA-NET Actions, and the EIP-AGRI. An overview of the EIP-AGRI basics will be presented as well as the activities of its Service Point. An interactive discussion in groups will reflect on common interests and how to collaborate in closing the gap between research and practice.

13:00 Introduction presentations

- The EIP Service Point (*Willemine Brinkman, EIP Service Point*)
- pitch presentation successful multi-actor collaboration – Case from CORE ORGANIC (*Ulla Bertelsen*)
- pitch presentation successful multi-actor collaboration – Case from WOODWISDOMNET (*Ilmari Absetz*)

13:40 Break-out in four groups, each discussing these questions:

Q1 Which common interest does your ERA-NET have with the aim of EIP-AGRI?

Q2 How can ERA-NETs and EIP collaborate in closing the gap between research and practice? (e.g. with regard to development of multi-actor research collaboration, taking up results of operational groups, working with practitioners, disseminating research results and opportunities for application to end-users, national networks)

14:40 Plenary feedbacks

15:00 CLOSING OF THE MEETING