



## Joint MPCs-JPIs inter-institutional meeting

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### Flash-Note

The meeting was aimed at contributing to the enhancement of research and innovation in the Euro-Mediterranean region by fostering dialogue between policy makers and coordinators or representatives of different Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) that involve or could involve Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs).

Specific objectives of the meeting were:

- Presenting the **state of the art** of current EU-MPCs joint programming and **potential** for long term cooperation in R&I
- Presenting the **main results** of MedSpring work and analysis on JPIs carried out in WP6, regarding priority areas and actions to foster scientific cooperation and integration of R&I policies in the Mediterranean area
- Deepening **reciprocal** knowledge MPCs-JPIs
- Identifying and agreeing **common objectives** based on common interests
- Drawing a **prospect** of cooperation and frame of **actions**

The representatives of the JPIs who attended the meeting (**FACCE, JPI OCEANS, JPND, CULTURAL HERITAGE, AMR, WATER**), as well as the main representatives of the ERANETs ARIMNET and ERANET-MED and of the P.R.I.M.A. initiative under art.185 of TFEU illustrated main features, coming events, actions and priority issues that could be jointly addressed. Also, the **European Commission** showed its interest in a stronger dialogue MPCs-JPIs.

On the basis of the presentations made and of the discussion, **participants** agreed on the importance to build a roadmap for coordination of joint activities. Here follow the main outcomes of the discussion:

As for joint areas of interest MPCs/JPIs:

- JPI FACCE, WATER, CLIMATE are in line with the main focus of ERANETMED and PRIMA
- There is a potential interest of JPI Oceans and FACCE to have calls of Mediterranean interest
- WATER, AMR, JPND are potentially open to Mediterranean Countries
- JPI Cultural Heritage and WATER are of great interest for the Mediterranean Partner Countries

- For JPND, it could be interesting to explore with MPCs the effects of diet in neuro-generative diseases. Other area of potential interest with Mediterranean countries of JPND is the epidemiologic character of some diseases.
- Some points for investigating convergence with priorities of FACCE JPI could be: - Mediterranean crop yields in the face of climate change, -Resilience of regional food system to climate change, -Climate change induced natural disasters reduction with regards to the food chain, -Water management for agriculture, -Urban agriculture, - Developing renewable crop-livestock-renewable energy -Multi-component agriculture - Adaptation of livestock to heat.
- P.R.I.M.A. initiative is interested in responding to the need of building an healthy and sustainable Euro-Mediterranean society, with a focus on food system and water resources. The initiative will follow an integrated and multi-faceted approach, involving topics and sectors related to energy, health, environment.

As for next steps to be undertaken:

- The roadmap and indicators proposed in the Preparatory Documentation to the meeting can be a good starting point to enhance coordination of research and innovation in the Mediterranean area.
- More joint events with MPCs/JPIs need to be organised, more exchange of information is needed
- MED SPRING project will follow up the results of the meeting and build on this experience for favouring integration, synergies and new cooperation activities. It will provide dissemination of information of JPIs and screening for interest in MPCs and viceversa through its web site. It will encourage and support, whenever possible, the organisation of ad-hoc meetings.

*Annexes:*

**Annex 1:** List of Participants

**Annex 2:** Meeting Agenda

**Annexes 3-11:** Presentations