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Background

Since 2003 the ERA-NETs, JPIs, and EJPs aligned national research programmes and pooled national funds for joint calls, supported by (co-funding) instruments of FP6, FP7 and H2020, with significant impact. Networks in Agri-food and biotechnology funded more than 960 trans-national research projects. In Horizon Europe, a new instrument has been launched for Partnerships. The running networks in agri-food and biotechnology decided to maintain and valorise the knowledge, experience and community that has been built by them by means of forming together a Hub and have the ambition to keep supporting their thematic areas and research projects, organised calls, as well as contribute to preparations for the new Partnerships.

Results so far

- JUELICH (DE) and WR (NL) co-organized the workshops where representatives of the networks jointly initiated Green ERA-Hub, agreed on the ambitions, and started to plan activities.
- A possible topic for a coordination and support action was proposed to the EC and discussed in SCAR (European Member States Committee on Agricultural Research).
- Co-writing of a CSA proposal for Horizon Europe, submitted September 2021 and which was **granted** in January 2022.

External partners

Table 1. Networks represented in the Gren ERA-Hub

Initiative	Topic
BIOEAST Initiative	Central and Eastern European Initiative for Knowledge based Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture in the Bioeconomy
CORE Organic	ERA-Net Cofund on organic food and farming
EJP-SOIL	European Joint Programme on soil
ERA-CAPS	Self-sustained (former ERA-Net on plant research)
ERA CoBioTech	ERA-Net Cofund on platform technologies in biotechnology
ERA-GAS	ERA-Net Cofund on greenhouse gas emission
Euphresco	Self-sustained (former ERA-Net on statutory plant health (regulated and emerging plant pests)
FOSC	ERA-Net Cofund on food systems and climate
ICRAD	ERA-Net Cofund on infectious animal diseases
ICT-AGRI-FOOD	ERA-Net Cofund on ICT and high-tech in agriculture
SusAn	ERA-Net Cofund on sustainable animal production
LEAP-Agri	Self-sustained EU-African partnership on nutrition & food security
SusCrop	ERA-Net Cofund on sustainable plant production
SUSFOOD2	ERA-Net Cofund on sustainable food production and consumption
SURPLUS	Self-sustained (former ERA-Net Cofund on sustainable agriculture)

Key information about the proposal

- Call topic: 'HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ERA-01-09 Support for policy makers – Programme level collaboration between national R&I programmers', under the Horizon Europe component Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area.
- Project type: Coordination and Support Action
- Proposal title: *'Coordination of national research programmes in Agri-Food and biotechnology - Joining forces of ERA-Net Cofunds, EJP and self sustained initiatives (Green ERA-Hub)'*
- Duration: The GEH will start in September 2022 and will run for 4 years.
- The project aims to valorise almost two decades of jointly programming research and plans to launch new calls for proposals.
- Activities include: **strategic roadmapping, the organisation of 3 calls for proposals**, monitoring and evaluation of past and future research, various workshops and trainings, activities to support the participation of funders from Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and African countries in research programmes, and communication and dissemination activities.
- The CSA is currently in the Grant Agreement preparation phase

WUR involvement

- WUR leads the Work Package (WP) on Strategic Roadmapping. The work will identify research gaps and research needs in the remit of the GEH, will support the scoping on 3 calls and will provide a look forward to future research needs.
- WUR furthermore contributes to the WP for knowledge transfer and best practices; the WP for widening and outreach; the WP for joint activities and capacity building; and the WP for communication, dissemination and exploitation of the results.

Questions for audience

- Would insights from your research be of interest to the Roadmap?
- What is a link to your work? What can you offer that is useful for us?

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