



"Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe"

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JPI Climate is a pan-European intergovernmental initiative gathering European countries to coordinate jointly their climate research and fund new transnational research initiatives that provide useful climate knowledge and services for post-COP21 Climate Action. JPI Climate connects scientific disciplines, enables cross-border research and increases the science- practice interaction.



Call pre-announcement SOLSTICE Enabling Societal Transformation in the Face of Climate Change

JPI Climate is launching a joint transnational call for proposals in October 2019.

SOLSTICE seeks interdisciplinary contributions from consortia led by Social Sciences and Humanities who will address societal aspects of climate change. Given the pressing nature of global climate change, SOLSTICE aims at producing knowledge that can have an impact on society and policy; impact should not be limited to scientific publications, but should have the potential to trigger change in behavior and attitudes at any level of society.

The call will address three themes:

Social justice and participation

Sense making, cultural meaning and risk perceptions

Transformative finance and economy

The rationale of this call can be found in the JPI Climate [White Paper “Operationalising knowledge on and for societal transformation in the face of climate change”](#).

This call also seeks to attract scientists who work in disciplines that are typically not associated with climate change research in order to develop innovative approaches and combinations of disciplines.

Consortia should consist of scientists from at least three participating countries.

The following countries are interested in participating in this call: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, United Kingdom.

The list of participating countries is not final and may be subject to change until the official call announcement in October 2019. The submission deadline is foreseen for January 2020.





JPI Climate Official Side event at ECCA2019

Climate services: state of affairs, relevance for users and the way forward

27 May at in 13:00-17:00 Lisbon, Portugal

The JPI Climate side-event started before the official opening of the ECCA2019 conference and aimed to showcase various Europe-made climate services and develop a good understanding of further climate services developments and research investments needs, to look for synergies with other initiatives and international networks and explore the intrinsically interlinked roles of climate services both as support to climate smart investment decisions and as mobilizer of financial resources for adaptation and mitigation, in a sustainable future perspective.

The side-event was very successful and gathered 80 participants including researchers, academics, practitioners, financial operators, policymakers, private sector and research funders that invest in climate services research. The participants expressed a great interest in the role of climate services in adaption to climate change.

Key Notes were given by Daniela Jacob (Climate Services Centre Germany) about the climate services landscape in Europe and beyond, Frank McGovern (chair of JPI Climate) about Climate Services in JPI Climate: climate information relevant for users, and the outlook was presented by Diogo de Gusmão-Sørensen (Head of Climate Services, European Commission).

Pitch presentations of climate services projects ClimINVEST, CLIM2POWER, CitiSense, CoLiME were showcased to the audience and feedback provided by representatives from

ERA4CS/H2020 projects: DustClim, APPLICATE & S2S4E, INNOVA and EVOKED.

Mitigating and adapting to climate change requires the mobilization of substantial financial resources. An opportunity is currently opening for climate services tailored for the specific needs of the financial and investment sector. The panel discussion touched upon policy and business relevant questions and requirements that can inform and foster a fruitful exchange between the scientific community and financial and investment institutions. The panel discussion provided insights and views of current needs and offerings in terms of climate products and services, projected changes in those needs and where JPI Climate could be a partner in supporting these users and the broader climate services community.





JPI Climate activities at the booth 22 at ECCA2019

28-31 May in Lisbon, Portugal

As part of their communication and dissemination efforts, JPI Climate and Climateurope participated in the 4th European Climate Change Adaptation conference. The two initiatives showcased their activities to the conference participants through a joint booth (number 22).

The booth benefited from its strategic location (next to the booth of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises {EASME}, from the European Commission, and conveniently located near a coffee table) to attract a large number of visitors. The activities in the booth included informal exchanges with interested visitors and distribution of flyers about JPI Climate activities (SINCERE, AXIS, ERA4CS), presentations by representatives of ERA4CS projects, showcasing JPI Climate promotional videos (ERA4CS and SINCERE), and a very popular photo booth, where the visitors could take advantage of the different props available to make their pledges regarding climate action. Some examples included eating and travelling in a more climate-friendly manner, as well managing water more sustainably. The photos were widely shared via different social media channels, including Instagram and Twitter.

The distribution of complimentary reusable coffee cups further raised the interest of the conference participants in JPI Climate and Climateurope and also contributed to increase the number of visits to the booth.

The booth was also visited by high-level participants, including Jean-Eric Paquet, the European Commission's director-general for research and innovation, and Jian Liu, the Chief Scientist and Director of the Science Division from UN Environment.

JPI Climate and Climateurope also hosted the Climate-KIC Networking Session (28 May 2019) at the booth, as a way to explore synergies between these initiatives and the respective communities.

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JPI Climate Instagram account JPIClimateAction

Follow JPIClimateAction on Instagram to follow climate adaptation research information and climate action activities

The aim of the Instagram account during the ECCA 2019 Conference was to promote JPI Climate ECCA activities to our members and projects of JPI Climate and associated projects. After the ECCA Conference, we continue to work with this Instagram account promoting JPI Climate, SINCERE, ERA4CS and AXIS projects activities. The account has been renamed to **JPIClimateAction**. You are invited to contribute to this account with photos and texts from your work related to climate change. Please tag the photos of your work related to climate change with the hashtag **#JPIClimateAction**



24 berichten

118 volgers

413 volgend

Profiel bewerken

JPIClimate@ECCA2019
JPI Climate will be present during the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference in Portugal. Follow here its activities @ecca2019 (own pics).
www.jpi-climate.eu/

VERTALING BEKIJKEN





Call on Next Generation Climate Science in Europe for Oceans is launched

The JPI Climate & JPI Oceans Joint Transnational Call on Next Generation Climate Science in Europe for Oceans is now closed. The joint call is supported by 9 countries with a total budget of 8.6 million EUR. This call between JPI Climate and JPI Oceans mobilizes various funding organizations, providing a transnational added value on climate sciences, with a special focus on oceans and climate interactions.

The deadline for the submission of proposals to the call was on 14th of June and 11 proposals were submitted, involving 74 research teams.

JPI Climate two major projects *AXIS* and *SINCERE* activities



AXIS



The kick-off meeting of the projects funded by the ERA-NET *AXIS* will be held on

5-6 November in Brussels, Belgium

As announced earlier, the *AXIS* Joint Call for Transnational Collaborative Research Projects 2018 has selected for funding 10 projects for funding. The projects will receive a total funding of 15.6 Mio €. The European Union will support these projects with 5.1 Mio € from the Horizon 2020 framework programme.

The start of the projects is scheduled for 1st September, 2019. Additional information will be provided in due time to the funded projects.

The list of funded projects (including abstracts) can be viewed [here](#).

SINCERE NEWS

SINCERE Task 4.2. Flagship for Latin America

Scoping Workshop - preparing a joint vision and collaborative activities

On May 17th 2019, the Spanish State Research Agency (AEI), supported by the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), organised the “Scoping Workshop: preparing a joint vision and collaborative activities”, hosted by the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), in Helsinki, as part of the activities of the H2020 project SINCERE - Strengthening INternational Cooperation on climatE change Research. The aims of this Workshop, combining Climate and Social Sciences and Humanities, were 1) to identify common topics, from the scientific point of view, for collaboration between EU and Latin America and the Caribbean Community (EU-CELAC[1]) and 2) to develop a brief joint strategy which connects the T-AP[2], the Belmont Forum, and JPI Climate, among others.

The initiative was broadly welcomed: the workshop was attended by 27 participants from Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean countries, including climate and/or social science experts, as well as representatives from various institutions, funding agencies and relevant initiatives, such as JPI Climate, BiodivERsA and the Belmont Forum. Countries represented at the meeting included Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Guadeloupe region, Italy, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Spain and Uruguay.

On the basis of the outcomes obtained in this meeting, a second workshop is envisaged for the end of 2019 or early 2020. Workshop 2 will take the cooperation a step further by exploring what are the barriers and enablers of further cooperation. Thematic priorities and topics for cooperation will be analysed, followed by a scoping of the possibilities of joint funding opportunities and/or other mechanisms to finance research networking.

[1] EU-CELAC: Europe (EU) - The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

[2] Trans-Atlantic Platform



SINCERE flyer to spread the word about the SINCERE project now available in

English, Dutch, Russian, French, German, Latvian, Estonian, Slovenian, Italian, Danish, Norwegian, Spanish, Romanian

ADDED VALUE

- A solid basis for the European JPI climate partnership
- Increased visibility
- Contribution to the implementation of the global Paris agreement, Sustainable Development and SDG goals
- International platform

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HORIZON 2020

Strengthening International Cooperation on climate change Research

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The promotional video about the SINCERE project is online

The SINCERE project produced a promotional video in 2018 on JPI Climate collaboration to raise awareness about the project and JPI Climate activities. Please watch the video [here](#).

Recent events

Second meeting of the JPI Climate Transdisciplinary Advisory Board

26 April, 2019

The second meeting of the JPI Climate Transdisciplinary Advisory Board (TAB) was held on 26th of April. The main objective of the meeting was to clarify how the TAB members can better engage in the activities of the JPI Climate Action Groups, to contribute to JPI Climate and its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and provide feedback to questions from the Governing Board.

Frank McGovern (Chair of JPI Climate) opened the discussion with a summary on the recent developments on the JPI Climate Knowledge Hubs (KHs) a key strategic activity for JPI Climate. Two potential KHs are currently being developed by JPI Climate (one on sea-level rise and another on carbon neutrality and greenhouse gas balance) and additional areas are for potential future KHs were discussed.

JPI Climate KHs aim at being a key component in the European climate change research landscape and a valuable link in connecting climate knowledge with relevant stakeholders and policy-makers.

TAB members supported the idea of about investing in the development of KHs. It was highlighted that countries have prepared roadmaps for new climate solutions and innovations and the platform created by KHs would be highly useful to implement those - the right step to getting Europe climate-neutral by 2050. A KH on carbon neutrality was considered to be an interesting step towards engaging the business sector in climate action. KHs will produce regular assessments on the state of the art in the relevant scientific field, which can then inform decision-making by the relevant actors at different scales (from local to European and beyond).

The TAB produced a series of recommendations related with ongoing Scoping Forum Process that were then presented to the JPI Climate Governing Board (GB).

The next TAB meeting will take place on 23-24 October, in Brussels, back to back with the General Assembly of SINCERE.

The 17th JPI Climate Governing Board meeting

15-16 May 2019 Helsinki, Finland

The 17th GB meeting took place on 15-16 May 2019, in Helsinki, Finland. During the 2-day meeting the GB discussed the progress and future activities of the JPI Climate Action Groups, the roadmap towards the second SRIA Scoping Forum Symposium, collaborations with other partners (such as the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA), and the strategic directions for JPI Climate, including the synergies between this initiative and Horizon Europe, the next research and innovation framework programme.

Some of the upcoming priorities for JPI Climate include the development of the KHs on sea-level rise and carbon neutrality, as well as an upcoming joint transnational call on enabling societal transformation in the face of climate change, which will be launched in October 2019.

The 18th GB meeting will take place in Dublin, Ireland, on 26-27 November 2019.



Upcoming events



ERA4CS projects Mid-term meeting

17-18 September 2019, Brussels,
Belgium

The European Research and Innovation Days

24-26 September 2019, Brussels,
Belgium



SINCERE project General Assembly meeting

22-24 October 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Kick-off meeting of the AXIS projects

5-6 November 2019, Brussels, Belgium



Interesting news

How local initiatives help to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions - an exploratory study of Soesterkwartier, Amersfoort

The Dutch climate agreement was made in the context of the Paris Agreement. Amersfoort takes part by aiming at being CO₂-neutral and waste-free by 2030. Residents from the neighbourhood Soesterkwartier have taken the initiative to create a sustainable living environment. Concerned residents have united voluntarily in the association “Duurzaam Soesterkwartier”. The association aims for being CO₂-neutral in 2030 by collectively taking action. They have been active for 10 years already and together with the active inhabitants of Soesterkwartier, they are committed to meet a dual objective of reducing energy bills and implementing sustainable measures. At this point in time, the members of the association want to evaluate how much the actions have contributed to climate change mitigation. They hope the assessment helps them to step forward in the contribution they are making in protecting the environment and to serve as an example for other neighbourhoods.

The measures in Soesterkwartier are on energy efficiency, sustainable energy production and sustainable mobility, resulting in substantial CO₂ emission reductions. In total over 10 years, approximately 15,000 tons of CO₂ has been avoided and this contributes to reaching the Dutch goal of reducing emissions by 49% in 2030. Besides these emission reductions, the actions in Soesterkwartier

have resulted in social, environmental and financial co-benefits. However, Soesterkwartier can mitigate even more when the rental segment is more involved. Therefore, it is recommended that financial incentives are set-up to involve those that are not able and/or not willing to be involved. Additionally, the respondents would like to be more informed about which projects are going on and that existing projects can be repeated. Overall, the active residents of Soesterkwartier have translated their concern into actions, which have proven to help mitigate climate change substantially.

The report is available [here](#).

The Commission has launched an online consultation as part of the Horizon Europe co-design process on how the programme should be shaped in detail and implemented in practice through the [Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe \(2021-2024\)](#)

The Commission invites anyone with an interest in future EU research and innovation priorities, anywhere in the world, to participate in the consultation:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/have-your-say-future-objectives-eu-funded-research-and-innovation-2019-jun-28_en → **Share your views**

*The consultation will remain open till **8 September 2019**.*



**The pre-announcement of the BiodivERsA Call on
"Biodiversity and Climate Change"**

Published on the BiodivERsA [website](#)

We invite you to disseminate this call using your national / regional communication channels.

The Partner Search Tool will be used for this call. This tool will allow applicants to:

- look for a Partner for a project they would like to submit; or
- look for a Project to join.

Applicants will simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the following platform: <https://proposals.etag.ee/biodivclim/partner-search>. The form will then be visible on the platform and they will have the possibility to search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria: country, discipline, keywords.

Please widely spread the information about this Partner Search Tool to your researchers, as the more researchers use it, the more useful it is.

JPI Climate is also present in the social media

Join us in our group of 249 members in LinkedIn and the 1870 followers on Twitter, subscribe to our newsletter, have a look at our website and watch our videos on Youtube if you want to learn more about JPI Climate.



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