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European Commission: Emanuela De Menna (video conference)

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Minute

On November 30th, the Governing Board Meeting for the Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe (JPICH) was held in Rome (Italy), at the Ministry of Cultural Heritage Activities and Tourism, Via del Collegio Romano, 27.

Opening and welcome address

Antonia Recchia (Coordinator) and Cristina Sabbioni (Coordination Unit) welcome all the participants.

A round table presentation follows.

Antonia Recchia underlines the important development that JPI on Cultural Heritage had in the last years testified also by the number of Participants, which is today much higher compared to the starting period. She also stresses the importance that the cultural heritage field has for the European Parliament and the Council, which decided to promote 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH).

The minute of the last Governing Board Meeting (8th June 2017 in Cyprus) is approved.

EC Communications

Emanuela De Menna (European Commission – DG Research and Innovation) updates the JPICH Partners about the Work Programme 2018-2020 published last October. She informs that currently there are two opened calls in the context of Societal Challenges 5 regarding Cultural Heritage. One is a research and innovation action focused on resilience and sustainable reconstruction of historic areas to cope with climate change and hazard events. It is a two-stage call and the deadline is on the 27th of February 2018.

The other one regards international networking finalized to support heritage innovations and diplomacy. This call is for a CSA (coordination and support action), based on one step and with deadline on February 27th. In this case the consortium needs to include researchers, policy-makers, businesses, cultural institutions, private organizations and stakeholders. The main purpose of this call is to promote not only technological solutions, but also new business models, social innovations, governance etc. The knowledge on cultural heritage is a real important instrument for diplomacy. The networks need to be organized in order to provide expertise to

other countries, not only to the Neighborhood Countries, but specially to all those Countries in which cultural heritage is at risk, considering every kind of risks.

De Menna anticipates that an innovation action call is planned on 2019 on landscape regeneration.

The JPICH participants have no questions about these issues.

Proposal for ERA-NET Co fund : final budget

In reference to the Era Net Co-Fund call, Emanuela De Menna remarks that there is no possibility for the JPICH to obtain a co-funding by the European Commission on 2019 for the “Conservation and Protection of Cultural Heritage” call proposal. She informs that there is still possibility to receive the co-funding for the 2020.

De Menna anticipates that 4 JPIs are in list for obtaining a co-funding in 2020 and the JPICH is fourth in the ranking list. The other JPIs in fact have high Countries’ contributions and number of participants.

She suggests to consider a joint call with the JPI Urban Europe, underlining that this JPI is at the first place in the ranking list. A joint proposal submitted by different JPIs provides an added value to reach the goal of the co-funding.

Cristina Sabbioni (JPICH Coordination Unit) remarks that the EC was not clear in defining and communicating the criteria for participating at the Era Net Co-Fund call.

At the 5th October Meeting in Brussels the added value for joint calls with other JPIs was not mentioned, as well as the threshold on Countries’ commitment. In addition no information was provided by the EC about how to improve the position in the Co- Fund ranking list.

Sabbioni also points out that in any case the projections for 2020 are not very positive, because it is quite clear that in the Horizon 2020 last year there will not be sufficient resources to finance all the activities planned. At the moment the budget for the Work Programme 2020 is still pending.

Cristina Sabbioni kindly asks Emanuela De Menna to forward all these comments to the EC.

Charles Giry Deloison (ANR) asks Emanuela De Menna if the participation in a joint call in 2020 is mandatory or if the JPICH may participate independently, in case the participating Countries will manage to reach the 10 millions euro threshold requested by the Commission.

De Menna confirms that the participation in a joint call must be considered only a suggestion and if a JPI will have enough economic resources may advance the proposal alone.

De Menna also underlines that probably in 2020 the criteria of selection will be the same than the ones used in 2019, but this information shall be confirmed in the next months, because it is still object of an internal discussion.

Cristina Sabbioni (JPICH Coordination Unit) remarks that the only criteria mentioned by the EC in presenting the rules for proposal submission was the evaluation of the leverage.

On this side the JPICH surely reached a very high score and it was the only JPI which did not included the in kind contribution in the leverage evaluation.

For all these reasons the ranking list approved and the suggestions and comments received by the EC result unacceptable. They represent an underestimation of the work done by the JPICH countries.

Cristina Sabbioni underlines also that the evaluation of the leverage was calculated not including the “Digital Heritage” call launched in 2017 and in the closing phase with the approval of funded project.

For the leverage evaluation only the future calls were taken into account, that are “Conservation and Protection of Cultural Heritage” (6.3 M€ Countries’ contribution), Heritage in Changing Environments (4.6 M€) and “Identity and Perception” (at least 4.4 M€) for a total amount of about 15 M€, excluding the in kind contribution.

Cristina Sabbioni expresses even her surprise to have learned that the proposal on Conservation and Protection of CH was considered an overlapping topic in the context of Societal Challenges 5. Many drafts of the proposal were sent the DG R&I – SC5 to present the main call purpose and no objections were raised.

Charles Giry Deloison (ANR) suggests that for avoiding other misunderstandings in the future it would be necessary by the Commission to clearly specify in writing the criteria of participation, the extra rules, the element “obligatory” etc.

Emanuela De Menna (EC) supports this opinion and assures all the participants that she will refer to the Commission all the opinions and the doubts expressed in order to clarify the situation and above all to find the best solutions for guaranteeing the participation of the JPICH in the Co Fund 2020.

Output from EB Meeting on “The 3rd GPC Workshop” and WP 2018-2020 SC5-19-2018 call on “International network to promote cultural heritage innovation and diplomacy”

Cristina Sabbioni summarizes the outputs received on the clusters proposed by the GPC in occasion of the last meeting in Brussels on 7th November. The clusters and the discussion were mainly focused on the limits that these clusters could have and could reflect.

In particular Cristina Sabbioni explains that the JPICH was included into the cluster “sustainable cities” at the P2P annual meeting with the JPI Urban, SET Plan Smart Cities and EIT Inno Energy for discussing on possible synergies. After discussion the JPI countries agreed that the JPICH cannot be included in that kind of ‘cluster’ considering the importance, the significance and the strategic role of cultural heritage also out of the urban areas. In addition it was underlined the JPI Urban Europe may not include social and humanities sciences, while the JPI CH is based on research applied to the tangible, intangible and digital cultural heritage. Consequently the Partnership decides to work for making evidence of the specificity of the JPICH.

Cristina Sabbioni invites all the JPICH Participants to visit the web site of this JPI in order to look for some common areas of interest.

Cristina Sabbioni opens the discussion on the call “International Network to promote Cultural Heritage Innovation and Diplomacy”, following the e-mail sent by Norway inviting to consider this opportunity.

Many Countries consider the call topic very ambitious and the deadline (27th February 2018) too short. Some Countries expressed their interest, including, Italy, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Spain.

The discussion proceeded in evaluating the opportunity to prepare a position paper of maximum three pages finalized at the on going discussion on FP9, also considering the strict timetable the EC intends to follow. France will circulate a draft by the 31 of January.

Updated JPICH Business Plan 2017-2019

Patrizia Bianconi (JPICH Coordination Unit) updates all the participants about the last version of the Business Plan informing that the costs of 2017 were revised.

She remembers that this Business Plan was voted at the last Governing Board in Cyprus and that it can be considered as a general agreement. All the Countries decided that this document will have a validity of three 3 years: 2017-2018-2019. Each country expressed its total commitment for this three-years period.

The Business Plan was not completely approved last June because of problems related to the budget and for this reason it was necessary to update the document for finding a common solution.

The first part and the description of the activities were not modified.

As required in June by all the partners in this new version have been reported all the activities of JHEP2 project and Heritage Plus project. Even the in kind contribution related to JHEP2 project has been specified. The costs of the Heritage Portal were not included in 2017 table because currently the portal is not working and no country is managing its activities.

The table regarding 2017 was even updated including the fee of 5000,00 euro which each country shall pay to sustain the management costs of JPICH secretariat as decided together by all the partners last June in Cyprus.

The 2018 table provides also the “potential” costs of the Heritage Portal taking into account that the costs were calculated on the base of the data received by Ireland, which was the last country to administrate it.

Patrizia Bianconi suggests to the countries to pay each year a little higher quote in order to avoid the problem of the short age, as for example 5.000 Euro in 2017, 5.500 Euro in 2018 and 6.000 Euro in 2019.

Summarising she proposes to pay:

€ 5000 in 2017

€ 5500 in 2018

€ 6000 in 2019

This option shall be discussed with all the JPICH members.

Kees Somer (RCE) notices that Business Plan should include even the joint activities and all the events already planned in 2018 but with this regard Patrizia Bianconi reminds that BP is an on going living document. In this starting phase it is important to fix the bases and in a second time it will be possible to insert step by step all the activities planned in the JPICH context.

Patrizia Bianconi remarks the necessity to take soon a decision about this document remembering that in the last three years Italy was the only country to sustain the costs of the management and that this situation is not more possible.

Eva Stegmeijer (RCE) confirms the position of Netherlands remembering that RCE has no problem to pay the fee of € 5000,00 but at the condition that all the countries will do the same. She also notices that Business Plan should define better the in kind contribution specifying not only the possibility to insert it but also the countries which will offer it.

As last solution it could be decided to exclude from the GB vote the countries which will refuse the payment of the € 5000,00 fee.

Because the position of the partners is far from a solution it is established to postpone the final confirm of the Business Plan in January in occasion of a conference call.

The Coordinator will circulate again the BP table and each country shall specify the value of the own in kind contribution within 20th December. The updated version of the BP will circulate again among the partners around 10th-15th January and a call conference will be organized at the end of January.

Patrizia Bianconi invites all the countries to indicate the number of person/months, which they will decide to involve in all the activities planned in the next three years.

Calls on Digital Heritage and Heritage in Changing Environment

NWO summarizes the results of the Digital Heritage Call. She remembers that 10 Countries took part at this call and 34 proposals were submitted. Following the evaluation 11 projects were included in the ranking list, of which the top 8 will be financed.

Heritage in Changing Environments Call

Patrizia Bianconi makes a list of the 11 countries participating in this call. She remembers that the deadline for the proposals submission is fixed the 30th of November and that within the 14th of December the general check by the Coordinator will be concluded. She anticipates to the call Participants that they will receive soon a password to enter in the call platform in order to proceed with the national eligibility check.

After this step all the proposals will be remotely evaluated by at least two experts (following MoU) within the end of March and the Panel review meeting will be organized by the third week of April. In the middle of May the final decision about the choice of the projects to fund will be taken. In this way the funded projects will start between June and the end of November.

She updates the members about the number of requests of registrations to the platform: 55 requests.

The existing JPICH database of independent international experts will be updated. All the Funding Partners and JPI Participants will be involved in searching for additional independent international experts according to the needs of the Proposals, ref. presentation (TOP5) on "Heritage in Changing Environments – CE Road Map & Costs" - by Patrizia Bianconi, JPICH Coordination Office.

Estrella Fernandez (MINECO) anticipates that Spain is available to indicate the contact of some experts even if Spain is not directly participating in this call. Her contribution is well accepted.

2018 EYCH: 4 JPICH events - dates and venues

Patrizia Bianconi shortly summarizes the list of events planned in 2018, including those planned within the 2018 European Year for CH. The first event will be the Workshop on the Alignment planned on 16th March 2018 in Cyprus. In reference to this workshop the participants propose to consider a change of venue, also considering the European Commission is planning another important event for the 20th of March in Brussels (High Level Conference on Cultural Heritage). The intention is to ask KIK-IRPA the possibility to host the

workshop on 19th March in Brussels. In it will not be possible the date and venue will remain as planned, 16th March in Larnaca (Cyprus)

Patrizia Bianconi will circulate the list of the 2018 JPICH events, underlined in yellow the events that are included in the official programme of the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

In particular the second JPICH event will be the Project Parade on May in Turin, possibly on the 24th and 25th, followed by the Workshop on Governance organized by RCE on 14th and 15th October in Netherland.

Next JPICH internal meetings:

13th June: *Morning* - Scientific Committee meeting finalized to the evaluation of the projects report.
Afternoon - JHEP2 Steering Committee Meeting and the Executive Board Meeting.

14th June : Governing Board Meeting.

In addition on 14th and 15th November Sweden will organize a workshop also included in the JHEP2 programme. Probably also in November the JPIs Cross Cutting Event will involve all the ten JPIs which will share opinions, ideas and common activities.

The final JHEP2 meeting is planned in October 2019 and the venue needs to be decided.

LTS Task Force: activities and update

Mari Solerod (RCN) presents the last developments about the Long Term Strategy.

She introduces the group which worked on it in occasion of two digital workshops, six digital meetings and e-mail exchanges.

The group discussed about the goals, the objectives, and the ambitions which will interest the activities of the JPICH in the next ten years from 2017 to 2027.

She also underlines the advantages to work remotely: more flexibility and the possibility to engage and cooperate in smaller, task oriented groups in between governings board meetings.

Mari Solerod presented the main goals the group had agreed on, as a result of discussions in workshops and meetings:

- 1) Strengthen international cooperation on CH, within Europe and beyond
- 2) Ensure visibility, relevance and impact for CH research
- 3) Strengthen transdisciplinarity and inclusiveness of CH research
- 4) Reinforce the promotion, alignment (with non-JPI CH activity) and coordination of CH research.

She concludes her presentation by inviting other participants to join the group and to comment and discuss the results of the Task Force.

In the subsequent discussion Eva Stegmeijer (RCE) underlined the importance to reinforce all the activities related to the internationalization promoting above all those instruments necessary to attract in JPICH extra European country as Brasil, China, Turkey, Africa, Venezuela etc.

Jan Turtinen (SNHB) also believed that internazionalization should be one of the most important point of the LTS on which to focus the attention and the future of JPICH.

Estrella Fernandez (MINECO) observed that the internazionalization is without doubt a very important activity for JPICH, but she also stressed that before to promote the relationship with the extra-European Countries, it would be more opportune to encourage the cooperation with all the European countries still not participating in the JPICH, as for example: Germany, Hungary, Greece, Switzerland etc.

Esther Jansma (RCE) suggested to use social platforms, as for example Facebook, to give JPICH more visibility and to reach fastly a big number of experts and interested people.

Monitoring and assessment

Alexandre Causse (MCC) briefly presents the results of JHEP2 WP3: Monitoring and evaluating the JPI. He remembers that WP3 Leader is France (MCC) and that the WP is composed by two tasks:

- Task 3.1: Monitoring the alignment process of joint research programming - Task leader: FCT, Portugal;

- Task 3.2 : Assessment of the alignment process - Task leader: BELSPO, Belgium

The main objectives of WP3 stated in the DoA are:

- 1) To monitor and assess JPICH alignment and implementation process;
- 2) To demonstrate and evaluate JPICH impact by identifying and applying qualitative and quantitative key performance indicators (KPIs).

The first objective of WP3 is to revise the JHEP set of indicators in line with the actions to be developed in JHEP2. The main aims are now to continue the implementation and monitoring of these indicators and to assess the alignment and implementation process.

Alexandre Causse summarizes the timetable of the last deliverables submitted and the next to submit.

He remarks that :

- Del. 3.1 – Key Performance Indicators to monitor alignment at national research programmes level and at JPI-CH research activities was submitted in June 2016;
- Del 3.2 – First Interim evaluation of JPICH alignment process was submitted in June 2017 but it was rejected by the EC and it will be submitted again in December;
- Del 3.3 – First report on the implementation of the alignment of common research programmes at single Member States and Associated Country levels will be submitted in December 2017 but it is already available as draft.

He also anticipates that Del 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 will be submitted in the period included between December 2018 and December 2019.

He finally summarizes the work done by the Task Force on Monitoring & Evaluation of the JPIs, which was created on 19th January 2017 and that was composed progressively by the representatives of all JPIs.

JPICH and ICCROM Agreement

Vaidas Petrulis (RCL) presents the *Task 2.2 “Heritage practice”*. The main objective of this task is to improve the visibility of research results financed through JPICH.

Within this Task three activities were selected to be showed as a result:

Activity 1. Identification phase focused to set up a network of operating partners on further implementation of the T.2.2

Activity 2. Discussion phase with the aim to discuss how to improve the visibility and the impact of the research projects funded by JPI CH. With this occasion the results of three projects funded by JPI CH (“Smart value”, “PICH” and “H@V”) were presented.

Activity 3. Implementation phase which will have time and place in June 2018 in Kaunas (Lithuania) and that it will consist in organizing a summer school as a pilot instrument for knowledge exchange and in a training for heritage practitioners and students which will represent a tool for dissemination results of JPICH funded projects.

Vaidas Petrulis (RCL) introduces **The Vilnius Document** which is founded on the Joint Statement by ICCROM and JPICH on Enhancing Heritage Research Participation and Impact.

He explains that this document was developed as an outcome of the “Workshop on the Role of JPICH Funded Research Projects on Heritage Practice” which was held last September 2017 in Lithuania. The main purpose of this potential relationship is to assure a better cooperation between research institutions and non-academic communities in order to guarantee that research has a greater relevance and impact in the heritage field.

Cristina Sabbioni before to introduce the representatives of ICCROM reminds to all the participants that a draft of the joint statement circulated among them and opens the discussion.

She introduces the ICCROM representatives: Dr Alison Heritage (Heritage Science Officer) and Dr Theocharis Katrakazis (ICCROM).

After a round table of presentations they explain that ICCROM considers JPICH a key strategic partner in the field of Cultural Heritage specifying that the relationship with JPICH is active from longtime.

They underline as ICCROM and JPICH have the same objectives and area of interest and that the reinforcement of the already existent relationship will permit to both the institutions to reach more concrete

goals. ICCROM is really interested to extend its activity to the international level also considering the big dimension of JPICH.

During the discussion Esther Jansma (RCE) ask to better specify in the joint statement what are the roles of each body, the shared objectives and to define the borders of the own work.

Charles Giry Leroy (ANR) and Pascal Lievaux (MCC) support this observation.

Mari Solerød (RCN) comments that as ICCROM does not cover the full spectre of thematics of JPICH, but has an emphasis on conservation, we should not base our efforts to ensure relevance and to strengthen cooperation between research institutions and non-academic communities solely on our cooperation with them. She also comments that it is be a good idea to adjust the statement's mention of communication to be less about dissemination and more about twoway communication.

Cristina Sabbioni asks Vaidas Petrulis to update the statement following the discussion. Lithuania and France will follow the revision of the document. It is established that after the revision, the document will circulate again among the JPICH Partners, well in time before the next meeting, and it will be signed by Antonia Recchia, as JPICH Coordinator.

Xavier Engels (ANR) shifts the focus on the Heritage Portal and the problems related to its management. It is necessary to solve soon because the Heritage Portal is a very important instrument of dissemination for JPICH.

Cristina Sabbioni remembers that the portal is active from 2010 and that Ireland because of economic problems decides to renounce to the management last June.

The meeting ends with an updating by Cristina Sabbioni about the last activities of internazionalization. She informs the participants to have participated in November in a workshop organized in Petra by the JPICH Project Prothego. In occasion of this workshop it was started an action, which is on going, to encourage Egypt, as important Mediterranean Country, to join the JPICH.

The meeting ends at 4.10 pm.