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1. Preface

On last January 2016 the Grant Agreement of JHEP2 “**Support to the implementation of the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) of the Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPI CH)**” was signed by 16 JPICH Partners.

JHEP2 is a 48 month-Project within Horizon 2020 framework, which is finalized to support the implementation of the Strategic Research Agenda following the recommendations emerging from the High level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) in the Biennial Report 2014 and in the Report on “Alignment in the context of Joint Programming”.

The main objectives of this project are:

- Develop effective and efficient governance of the alignment of the national research and innovation programmes;
- Reinforce common activities on cultural heritage;
- Apply quantitative and qualitative key performance indicators (KPIs) for monitoring and assessing the JPICH alignment process.

JHEP2 is composed by four work packages:

WP1 – Alignment of national research programmes and activities with JPI cultural heritage

WP2 – Implementation of other joint activities including joint calls

WP3 – Monitoring and evaluation (KPI)

WP4 – Coordination and management

The following chapters describe the activities performed during the last 18 months of project (**from 1st July 2017 to 31st December 2018**) inside the WP4 – Coordination and management in terms of Governing Board, Executive Board, Scientific Committee and Advisory Board periodic meetings, agenda, minutes and attendees lists as foreseen in the DoA.

2. JHEP2 Meetings

2.1 JHEP2 Steering Committee meetings

Three Steering Committee meetings were organized:

29th of November 2017, Rome (Italy);

13th of June 2018, Rome (Italy);

19th of November 2018, Rome (Italy).

The Steering Committee is composed by the Management Board plus the JPI Cultural Heritage Executive Board members nominated by the countries participants to the JPICH.

29th of November 2017, Rome (Italy)

The agenda, the minute and the attending list of this meeting are provided in the **Annex 1**.

The main points discussed during the meeting are summarized below.

The future of the JPIs activities is strongly linked to the structure of the FP9 which will follow Horizon2020 but the main information about FP9 are still missing.

During the meeting it was remarked the importance of the alignment of national research programs and activities with JPICH and it was showed the implementation of other joint activities including joint calls. results indicated four areas: Identity and Perception, Digital Heritage, Changing Environments and Conservation and Protection. Next step provides the choice of the topics for each area.

Ms De Menna reminds to all the JPICH partners the strong importance that the Commission reserves to the alignment. She clearly underlines that all the initiatives linked to the alignment has to produce concrete results and not only abstract ideas.

Following, all the Tasks and Work Package Leaders report the update regarding the activities carried on for their specific Work packages and deliverables.

The Coordinator report that the 10 JPIs organized in collaboration with the GPC (High Level Group) on 7th and 8th November in Brussels the “Workshop on the future of Joint Programming”.

In occasion of this meeting the 10 JPIs were clustered in 6 topics: Ageing, Infectious disease, Food and nutrition, Sustainable cities, Biodiversity and Climate Changes. The JPI on Cultural Heritage participated at the Sustainable Cities cluster with JPI Urban Europe. This structure was decided by the GPC.

JPICH partners expressed their disappointment for this kind of clustering. They underline that Cultural Heritage should represent a specific topic and not an element included in the topic of Sustainable cities. Cultural Heritage is not only related to cities, but also to rural areas and humanities.

The meeting ends with the updating on the Heritage in Changing Environment Call. The deadline for the proposals submission is fixed to the day after (30th of November 2017).

The period for the eligibility check is included from 4th to 14th of December 2017.

The National eligibility evaluation will be between 18th of December and 14th of January 2018.

The Coordinator remarks to all the partners that the costs for handling the call will be shared among the participants.

13th June 2018, Rome (Italy)

The agenda, the minute and the attending list of this meeting are provided in the **Annex 2**

The main points discussed during the meeting are summarized below.

During this Steering Committee meeting Ms Emanuela De Menna (European Commission) summarizes the most important points of the Horizon Europe: the next EU Research & Innovation Funding Program (2021 –

2027).

100 billions of euro will be invested in different sectors of the research.

The specific objectives of the program are:

- 1) Supporting the creation and diffusion of high-quality knowledge;
- 2) Strengthening the impact of R&I in supporting EU policies;
- 3) Fostering all forms of innovation and strengthen market deployment;

Three pillars are provided:

- 1) Open science;
- 2) Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness;
- 3) Open innovation.

It is remarked the importance of the alignment and the most important results of the Workshop on Alignment which was held in Madrid last April, 25th 2018 are summarized by Spain.

The discussion is also focused on the necessity to concretely transform the Heritage Portal in a Knowledge Hub because the Knowledge Hub has more space and a bigger capacity. The way to upload the documents is more easy and fast and also the quality of all the data and initiative about Cultural Heritage will be higher.

All the JPICH countries agree to cooperate with ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property). A statement will be signed between JPICH and ICCROM to cooperate together in projects, workshop and to reciprocally exchange the know how focusing the activities on the safeguarding and the valorization of Cultural Heritage.

The JPI CH Coordinator as handling partner of the Heritage in Changing Environment Call updates the participant countries about the last steps of the procedure of selection:

11 countries decided to participate in the call investing a total budget of 4.6 million euro.

The call was launched on 4th of September 2017 and the proposals were submitted within 30th of November 2017.

42 proposals were submitted but only 39 passed the national eligibility check. These 39 proposals were judged by remote evaluators and they are waiting for a further and deepest evaluation by 8 international peer review experts. At the end of this phase the Management Board meeting will be fixed to decide what proposals will be financed.

19th November 2018, Rome (Italy)

The agenda, the minute and the attending list of this meeting are provided in the **Annex 3**

The main points discussed during the meeting are summarized below.

In occasion of this meeting the Commission in person of Ms Emanuele De Menna summarized the most important moments of the Fair of European Innovators on Cultural Heritage, an important event organized by the Commission in Brussels last 15th and 16th of November 2018 in the context of the European Year of Cultural Heritage. About 400 people among experts, stakeholders and cultural heritage academics participated and 37 projects were called to show the last innovations in different fields of cultural heritage (socio-economic, digital, tangible and intangible, environment etc..).

All the pillars of H2020 were represented and also 4 projects funded by Heritage Plus call were present: Chime, Heritamus, Heat, Prothego.

The event was organized with the aim to shake the community of innovators in Cultural Heritage and to federate the different communities of the Cultural Heritage sector.

Another important point of discussion of this Steering Committee meeting was the organization of the next calls: the Eranet Co fund on “Conservation and Protection” and the call “Identity and Perception”.

All the countries are asked to confirm the initial economic commitment. The handling partner for the “Conservation and Protection” call will be the Spain but it was not still decided when it will be launched.

On the base of the requests received by the Commission the budget call invested by the JPICH countries is not very high and this element could represent an obstacle to obtain the co funding.

The call “Identity and Perception” will be handled by the Netherlands but all the details have to be still

planned.

The results of the Heritage in Changing Environment Call are communicated. After the procedure of selection five projects will be funded.

It was also stressed the work done by the JPI CH Task Force Strategy.

5 countries participated: Italy, France, Norway, United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

The Working Group examined the:

- Vision Document
- Strategic Research Agenda
- Action Plan
- Business Plan

The meeting ends with the statement about the payment of the Business Plan fee approved by the JPI CH partners for the period 2017-2018. All the countries specify when the fee will be paid and the exact amount that the Coordinator will receive.

In reference to the Business Plan all the partners agree that the document has to be revised for the period 2019-2021 basing the work on the document used for the period 2017-2019.

3. JPI CH Meetings

As JHEP2 is a CSA project for the implementation of the JPICH, the day after the Steering Committee meeting is usual to organize the JPI CH Governing Board (GB) meeting. At the Governing Board meeting are presented the state of art of the activities performed by the Steering Committee for the approval. The role of the GB is to define the JPICH strategies on the bases of countries mandate.

The Governing Board is composed by the representatives nominated by the countries involved in the JPICH

3.1 Governing Board (GB) meetings

The Governing Board members gathered three times:

30th of November 2017, Rome (Italy);

14th June 2018, Rome (Italy);

20th November 2018, Rome (Italy);

Different matters were discussed in occasion of the Governing Board meetings: JPI CH future planning within JHEP2 as the alignment, common actions, infrastructure cooperation, communication, internationalization activities, the presentation of the JPI CH Business Plan, the dissemination activities.

30th November 2017, Rome (Italy)

The agenda, the minute and the attending list of this meeting are provided in the **Annex 4**

The main points discussed during the meeting are summarized below.

In occasion of this GB meeting the Commission remarked that there will be 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. Maybe it could be possible to have the possibility to receive the co-funding for the year 2020.

It is anticipated 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 a high “countries contribution” and number of participants.

It is suggested to consider a joint call with the JPI Urban Europe. A joint proposal submitted by different JPIs could provide an added value to reach the goal of the co-funding.

JPICH partners are not agree with this proposal because the Cultural Heritage and its main issues are not totally included in the purposes of JPI Urban Europe.

A very important part of the meeting was also dedicated to the discussion of the Business Plan draft.

The business Plan serves as an instrument to the JPI CH program management by identifying the tasks to be implemented with concerning effort and resource requirements. It encloses a framework referring to the strategic documents underpinning our JPI (SRA, Vision Document and Action Program), a list of future activities as agreed with the Consortium, and a financial planning.

It is reminded that the last version of the Business Plan was modified and the costs of 2017 were revised.

The Business Plan was voted at the last Governing Board in Cyprus (8th of June 2017) and 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 and in that occasion each country expressed its total commitment for the 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 the 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.

It is proposed 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.

This option shall be discussed with all the JPICH members.

All the participants are informed about the list of the JPI CH events planned in 2018. The first event will be the Workshop on the Alignment planned on 16th March 2018 in Cyprus. The second JPI CH event will be the International Workshop on Funded research Projects which will be held in Turin, possibly on 24th and 25th of May 2018. More information about the other two events will be available shortly.

The last developments about the Long Term Strategy are discussed by the partners. The group discussed about the goals, the objectives, and the ambitions which will interest the activities of the JPI CH in the next ten years from 2017 to 2027:

- 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

Another important part of the meeting was also dedicated to the discussion of The Vilnius Document which is founded on the Joint Statement by ICCROM and JPI CH on Enhancing Heritage Research Participation and Impact. this document was developed as an outcome of the “*Workshop on the Role of JPI CH 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.

14th June 2018, Rome (Italy)

The agenda, the minute and the attending list of this meeting are provided in the **Annex 5**

The main points discussed during the meeting are summarized below.

All the JPICH partners, in occasion of the last Governing Board meeting in November, agreed to write a document addressed to the other 9 JPIs in order to affirm the importance of Cultural Heritage which was recognized as one of the priority areas of the European Union.

The aim of this document is to demonstrate that the role of Cultural Heritage in answering “great” societal challenges cannot be underestimated. Cultural Heritage research has to be considered as an independent and specific field of research.

It was agreed that the document should be also sent the European Commission.

It is presented the document that circulated among partners “Strategic vision for the evolution of the JPI Cultural Heritage”, as a contribution of the JPICH Coordinator with respect to the debate on the future of the JPI on Cultural Heritage.

In view of a new generation of European partnerships, Horizon Europe will streamline the number of partnerships that the EU will co-programme or co-fund with partners as Member States, academia, industries, and philanthropic foundations.

To reinforce the role of the JPICH in the next European research scenario (including intangible, tangible, natural and digital cultural heritage and humanities) a Task Force coordinated by the Coordinator will prepare an extended document by the end of 2018.

The dialogue with other existing networks in the different areas of research on Cultural Heritage will be strongly promoted, but above all a new structure of Governance will be organized and supported.

In occasion of this meeting the Governing Board members agree to elect the new Chair at the next Governing Board meeting on November following the current ToR.

The candidates have to submit to the JPICH Coordinator their candidacy one month before of the election date (19th October 2018) because the next GB meeting will be held in Rome on 20th November 2018.

In reference to the collaboration with the other 10 JPIs it is presented the Conference on “10 Years Joint Programming: Achievement and the Way Forward” which will be organized next 20th September in Wien within the EU Austrian presidency by the JPI Urban Europe.

The Conference aims is to gather the main stakeholders of the JPIs, to share their experiences in developing and implementing challenge-driven R&I programmes and exchange on possible contributions towards Sustainable Development Goals. Especially with regard to FP9 and the introduction of missions, the JPI model can serve as a reference.

This meetings ends with the preview of the Fair of European Innovators on Cultural Heritage”, an important event organized by DG R&I in the context of the 2018 EYCH in Brussels, next 14th-15th November. The two-days meeting will be structured in plenary sessions, 5 parallel sessions and a demo area (20 stands will be available). The JPICH will have its own stand with material to disseminate and results to show. In addition JPICH Heritage Plus Projects have already applied for the demo area: Chime, Heritamus, Clima, Prothego, Heat and Heuright.

All the JPICH partners interested are invited to register.

20th November 2018, Rome (Italy)

The agenda, the draft minute and the attending list of this meeting are provided in the **Annex 6**

The main points discussed during the meeting are summarized below.

In occasion of this meeting an important update about the Fair of European Innovators in Cultural Heritage was shared with all the partners.

The most important moments of the event, organized in Brussels last 15th and 16th of November by the European Commission in occasion of the European Year of the Culture, are summarized.

The main purpose of the event was to combine research and innovation policies to promote a stronger dialogue in the Cultural Heritage field.

In occasion of this meeting were launched:

1. A specific platform: Community of innovators in Cultural Heritage (www.innovatorsinculturalheritage.eu/launch), open to everybody and to all the communities;
2. a task force on “Circular business and financial models for cultural heritage adaptive reuse”.

JPI CH participated in the event with five projects financed in occasion of the Heritage Plus Call:

Heat, Prothego, Chime, Euro Magic and Heritamus which were invited to show the results obtained and the most innovative solutions regarding their activities.

In occasion of the last Governing Board meeting in Rome the New Chair of the JPICH was nominated.

France, with Pascal Liévaux, was the only country to present a candidate within 18th of October 2018 and for this reason it will be the new Chair.

The new propositions for the 2019-2021 are anticipated by the new Coordinator.

In the new management structure chart, the Chair represents the JPI and not his/her countries. The Governing Board will be composed by the Chair + 2 co-chairs + the Chair of the Advisory Board and the Chair of the Scientific Committee. Each country will have right to one vote.

Charles Giry Deloison (ANR) reminds the necessity to discuss again about the composition of the Advisory Board and the Scientific Committee. The Steering Committee will be composed by the Chair + 2 co-chairs + representatives of the Pillars (1 or 2 still to be decided) and the Secretariat.

A third level is composed by the 4 Pillars: strategy, programming, communication and impact. A fifth pillar on the internationalization will be discussed in June 2019.

The roadmap for the future calls is discussed by the participants. The call "Conservation and Protection" will be handled by Spain (MINECO) while the call on Identity and Perception will have the Netherlands (NWO) as handling partner. The period of launch has to be still decided in both the cases.

It is also remarked the necessity to enlarge the JPI membership and to strength the cooperation with the international research funders, IGOs and NGOs.

It is opportune to involve in the JPI CH more countries, as for example Germany, which at the moment are not participating in the program.

4. Heritage in Changing Environment Call

Last 4th of September 2017 the Heritage in Changing Environment call was launched.

11 JPI CH countries participated in the call: Belarus, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Norway, The Netherlands, UK.

The call budget invested by the countries was equal to 4.6 M€.

The financing system was the virtual common pot.

At the deadline (November 30th 2017) 42 proposals were submitted. Three of these proposals were declared not eligible by either the Handling agency or the national funding partners..

All the eligible proposals were first remotely assessed on the formal evaluation criteria defined in the call by three remote reviewers. After this evaluation a different International Assessment Panel composed by 8 experts carefully discussed and ranked in the specific Consensus meeting, the eligible proposals. During the Management Group meeting (composed by the representatives of the eleven countries participated at the call) on the base of the resources available, 5 proposals were recommended for funding as follows:

1) Wetland Futures in Contested Environments: an inter- and trans disciplinary approach to wetland heritage in the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ireland (**WETFUTURES**): Ireland, Netherlands, UK

2) Community Archaeology in Rural Environments - Meeting Societal Challenges (**CARE_MSOC**): Czech Republic, Poland, Netherlands, UK

3) Heritage Opportunities/threats within Mega-Events in Europe: Changing environments, new challenges and possible solutions for preservation in mega-events embedded in heritage-rich European cities (**HOME**): Italy, Cyprus, Poland, UK

4) CONSERvation of 20th century concrete Cultural Heritage in urban changing environments (**CONSECH20**): Italy, Belarus, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Netherlands

5) Extinction as cultural heritage? Exhibiting human nature entanglements with extinct and threatened species (**EXINCT**): Norway, Poland, UK

5. Cooperation with JPIs Coordinators

As JPI CH Coordinator, we participated with the other JPIs Coordinator at the organization of the important event “*10 Years Joint Programming Achievements and the Way Forward*” held in Vienna the 19-20 of September during the European Commission Austrian presidency.

This one-day conference aims at gathering the main stakeholders of the JPIs, to share their experiences in developing and implementing challenge-driven R&I programmes and exchange on possible contributions towards Sustainable Development Goals. Especially with regard to FP9 and the introduction of missions, the JPI model can serve as a reference.

We developed a film on JPIs Initiative and define a common declaration, “*Driving Research and Innovation to Address Societal Challenge*” signed by all the 10 Coordinator and presented during the event (**Annex 7**).

In addition to that, members of the JPI CH Coordination office regularly participated in all the meetings organized among JPIs Coordinators with the purpose to discuss about common issues.

Regular meeting were also performed with the GPC (Coordinator and some Members) in addition to the twice year GPC meetings at which the JPIs Coordinators were invited to attend.

6. JPI CH dissemination activities

Within the activities organized by the JPI CH in the occasion of the European Year of Cultural Heritage there were the organization of three important public events:

- JPI CH Workshop on Alignment, Madrid 25th of April 2018;
- JPI CH International Workshop on funded research project, Turin 28th - 29th of May;
- JPI CH International Workshop Citizens Involved: Participatory, Governance of Built, Amersfoort, 3rd – 4th October 2018.

6.1 Organization of the JPI CH Workshop on Alignment

The organization of this event has been done by the Spanish partner MINECO, as Leader of JHEP2 Work package 1.

The Coordinator collaborated with MINECO in the agenda definition and in the dissemination of the workshop information through the JPI CH web site and other dissemination channels.

The main goal of this one day workshop was to bring together knowledge and expertise regarding alignment in order to identify best practices for alignment, promote engagement with decision makers towards alignment of research programs and strategies, and identify potential for further joint activities towards alignment.

6.2 Organization of the JPI CH International Workshop on funded research project

The organization of this event has been done entirely by the MIBAC, as JPI CH Coordinator in order to give the best visibility at the projects funded by the JPI CH countries.

On last 28th and 29st May 2018 was held in Venaria Reale (Turin - Italy) at Centro Fondazione per la Conservazione ed il Restauro dei beni culturali “La Venaria Reale” the second JPI CH International Workshop on Funded Research Projects. This event was the continuation of a exploitation process of the projects funded by the JPI CH started last 2017.

Eleven projects from Heritage Plus Call and one project from JPI CH Pilot Call were involved. The aim of the event was also to provide more visibility on JPI CH activities and to give a new impetus to Cultural

Heritage dedicated research by the presentation of the most recent research results which in occasion of this special initiative were exploited putting into perspective their foreseen impact.

The International Workshop provided also an interactive moment represented by the “LABs” focused on four identified thematic areas.

All the projects were divided into 4 ‘clusters’ on the base of their topics:

Cluster A - New technologies for conservation and protection of cultural heritage.

New technologies or existing technologies that are being applied in innovative ways to meet specific needs in the field of tangible cultural heritage conservation. It can also refer to the digital heritage solutions.

Cluster B - Living traditions for bottom up local development

Revitalize and enhance the intangible heritage for boost territorial and cultural development from local communities, enabling to stimulate local tourism growth.

Cluster C - New models for cultural heritage management

Development of methodologies and innovative approaches, through the involvement of all stakeholders - from institutions to museums - that are able to enhance and to protect the local cultural heritage in all its forms.

Cluster D - Re-thinking urban spaces and landscape as cultural heritage assets

The urban area is subject to continuous transformation. In these evolutionary processes, the tangible and intangible cultural heritage that changes with the city must be preserved as well as enhanced on the basis of sustainable local development. This research area also includes the enhancement and preservation of the landscape - constantly threatened by globalization and growing urbanization - as an integral part of the cultural heritage.

In the first half day all the representatives of the participating projects discussed together about the methodologies, final results or intermediate results.

In the second half day a Round Table on JPICH Projects impact was organized.

Chair of the round table was Elisa Rosso (Fondazione Centro per la Conservazione ed il Restauro dei Beni Culturali-Venaria Reale).

The main scope of this round table was to discuss on the future needs of Cultural Heritage research in the context of European Research Programming and the JPI Cultural Heritage transnational actions.

In term of results we had:

- More of 70 participants (researchers, stakeholder, student, European Commission DGs, ONG and Public Institutions) took part to the event;
- There was a very high level of discussion and a strong interaction between projects and participants;
- This initiative was a very good opportunity for exchanging results and information among the projects and for creating networking.

6.3 Organization of the JPI CH International Workshop Citizens Involved

The organization of this event has been done by the Dutch partner RCE.

The Coordinator collaborated with RCE in the agenda definition and in the dissemination of the workshop information through the JPI CH web site and other dissemination channels.

This event offered an international exchange of best practices of participatory governance of cultural heritage. It presented real-life projects by speakers with first-hand experiences and coming from different backgrounds. The focus was mainly on built heritage, taking into account successful examples of participation in archaeology and the larger areas of historic built environment and cultural landscapes. The aim of the conference was to highlight the advantages (but also disadvantages) of participatory governance,

to exchange experiences and to offer advice – including dos and don'ts – for the management of future participative heritage initiatives. New insights in cultural heritage governance strategies were presented, including the results of recent research projects.

In the **Annex 8** the program of the three international Workshops.

7. Internationalization activities

JPI on Cultural Heritage attributes a great relevance to the international exchanges in the research.

It strives to increase public attention and to strength the international orientation within the specialized institutions, ministries and agency abroad.

Internationalisation is an investment for the future and requires a long term commitment not only to the current partners but also to all the new countries which will decide to enjoy the JPI on Cultural Heritage in the next months.

The strategic goals defined in this section reflect the new initiatives and activities to achieve thorough internationalization:

- 1) Encouraging and supporting the organization of seminars, workshop and meetings to promote international exchanges;
- 2) Promoting and supporting international research cooperation and research activities on an international level;

The Coordinator regularly participated in workshop and seminars worldwide to network and promote all the activities, the programme and the main challenges of the JPICH in order to involve new partners interested to give a concrete contribution to the research in the field of Cultural Heritage.

As result of these internationalization activities in the period interested by this deliverable in particular we received an expression of interest to become a member of the JPI CH from the Republic of Kosovo, in specific from Kosovo Council for the Cultural Heritage. Its representatives participated in the last months in many JPI CH activities organized in Italy and Europe. In occasion of the next Governing Board Meeting in June 2019 will be formalized their participation at the JPI CH

The JPI CH Coordinator last year took also contacts with Egyptian Ministry of the Research trough the Italian scientific attaché. The Egyptian Ministry of the Research is evaluating the possibility to participate in the JPI CH initiatives.

Also the countries of Malta, Serbia and Slovenia requested more information to be part of this JPI.

8. Project website

The project website (www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu) was constantly kept up to date in all the pages of the structure: news, governance, meetings, documents and members.

JHEP2 has a dedicated area in the JPI CH web site, where information about its action, participants, meeting agendas, presentations, minutes and deliverables are found. Every beneficiary can access it using the password, which has been communicated.

Into the home page was uploaded also the Strategic Research Agenda available for printing and are inserted also the links to the JPI CH Vision Document, Terms of Reference (ToR), a link to the more recent news, and the link related to the JPI CH brochure and flyer.

The exchange of project documents, minutes and publications, as well as the planning of meetings and activities is being carried out via JHEP2 web site (open or reserved area for project partners).

Other important information are constantly distributed via emails.

Annex