



JHEP2
Coordination action in support of the implementation of
Joint Programming Initiative on
Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe.

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Ministry of Culture and Activities and Tourism
Via del Collegio Romano, 27
JHEP2 Steering Committee and JPI CH Executive Board Meeting
Emeroteca Room

Minute

Participants:

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Emanuela De Menna (**European Commission- by videoconference**)

Agenda

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H2020 Calls 2018-2020 update

Fair of European Innovators on Cultural Heritage, Brussels, November 2018 Horizon Europe

TOP 3: WP1 - Alignment of national research programmes and activities with JPI cultural heritage

MINECO will present the WP1 working progress. Follow up of the Workshops “JPICH Alignment” held in Madrid the 25th April 2018: main output and results.

TOP 4: WP2 - Implementation of other joint activities including joint calls

NWO will present the WP2 work in progress:

Del. 2.11 – Growing the Heritage Portal into a Knowledge Hub (January 2018)

Del. 2.8 Midterm report on the activities implemented on the basis of the GB decision on priority order Action Programme (June 2018)

Del 2.2 Update of the Report of themes for joint calls and roadmap for future calls (December 2018)
Del. 2.5 Second evaluation report of activities of knowledge exchange with heritage practice (December 2018)
MIBACT, as handling partner, will present the Heritage in Changing Environments call: update and future roadmap
Update of organization of JPICH International Conference on “Participatory Governance of Built Heritage”, 4-5 October in Amersfoort

TOP 5: WP3 - Monitoring and evaluation (KPI)

MCC will present the WP3 working progress on performed activities:
Del 3.3 – Second interim evaluation of JPICH alignment process (December 2018)

TOP 6: WP4 - Coordination and Management

MIBACT will present and discuss:
Technical and Financial Second Reporting Period 1/7/2017-31/12/2018: rules and activities for Participants.
Follow up of JPICH International Workshop on project funded 2018, held in Turin 28th-29th May
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Final comments

Minute:

On June 13th, the Executive 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 Activities and Tourism, located in Via del Collegio Romano, 27.

TOP 1: Opening and welcome address

Cristina Sabbioni (JPICH Coordination Unit) welcomes all the participants.
A round table presentation follows.
Cristina Sabbioni announces a change in the agenda because Ms De Menna will not be present the day after at the Governing Board meeting. All the communications by European Commission are anticipated.

TOP 2: Communication by the EC

Cristina Sabbioni asks Ms De Menna (EC) to confirm the dates of the 15th and 16th November pertaining to the Fair of EU Innovators on Cultural Heritage in Brussels. She also underlines that the interest in participation expressed by the community of Cultural Heritage is very high.
The event will be structured in two days with plenary sessions and 5 parallel sessions which will be organized for each day. It will also include the H2020 ROCK event for 2018.
The Fair will host a demo area composed of 20 booths with 40 innovations from EU-funded projects spanning from IT technologies, products, systems and services to business and organisational models. JPI CH will participate in the event and it will have a specific stand. Seven projects belonging to all the projects funded by JPI CH were selected to participate. They will have the occasion to show their results and objectives in front of a very important audience and international experts. The selected projects are: Prothego, Chime, Clima, Heat, Heuright, Lucerna and Heritamus.
Ms De Menna (EC) specifies that even the projects that were not selected will have the opportunity to participate and to be present in the stand in order to show their results to the research community, policy makers, professionals, innovators, social changemakers, pioneers, businesses and investors, SMEs, cultural and creative industries, networks and NGOs.

More information about the logistical organization of the event will follow.

Horizon Europe

Ms De Menna (EC) summarizes the most important points of the Horizon Europe: the next EU Research & Innovation Funding Programme (2021 – 2027).

100 billion euros will be invested in different sectors of the research.

The specific objectives of the programme are:

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

Three pillars have been provided:

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

Unfortunately only 2.4 billion euros were provided by European Commission to finance the research in the cultural heritage field.

Cristina Sabbioni stresses that the expectations were higher (about double this amount). She asks Ms De Menna for more information about this big reduction by European Commission, but did not receive any more news at this regard.

Ms. Sabbioni also informs all the participants that the Italian representative in Brussels, Mr Fabio Donato asked for an increase in the budget. All the JPICH partners have been asked to contact their representatives in Brussels in support of this initiative.

TOP 3: WP1 - Alignment of national research programmes and activities with JPI Cultural Heritage

Juan Climente Basco (MINECO) presents the most important results of the Workshop on Alignment which was held in Madrid last April, 25th 2018.

6 countries (France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden) plus JPI Water, plus E – RIHS, plus ERALEARN and EC participated in the meeting.

Ten presentations were showed and three working groups were composed:

- Alignment barriers and how to overcome;
- Alignment indicators;
- Roadmap of actions.

In occasion of this workshop:

- ERALEARN presented the alignment material developed based on 26 case studies and 29 alignment actions;
- JPI Water showed the work done on alignment divided in four levels: strategic, operational, financial and scientific;
- The Spanish National Plan for Research Conservation in Cultural Heritage as example of policy alignment at national level was presented.
- Norway and Spain discussed about the del. 1.1 and 1.2.

- E-RIHS RI presented its programme and discussed about the possibilities of cooperation with JPICH.

After this workshop on alignment next steps will provide:

- Establishing a task force group on alignment and approve it in the Governing Board (June,2018)
- Developing an alignment strategy
- Presenting the alignment strategy in the RTD event for the EYCH 15-16 November 2018

Cristina Sabbioni informs the participants that Spain will circulate the minute of the workshop for all those who were not present.

TOP 4: WP2 - Implementation of other joint activities including joint calls

Jeanet Bruils (NWO) introduces the presentations of WP2, which is full of activities.

Del. 2.11 – Growing the Heritage Portal into a Knowledge Hub (January 2018)

Monica Alexandru (MCI) introduces her presentation regarding the transformation of the Heritage Portal in a Knowledge Hub. This modification was strongly requested by European Commission.

The main objective is to create a Cultural Heritage platform to establish and disseminate best practices and to shape the research agenda. The new portal will provide input to the EU, national and local policymakers and will seek to screen research and innovative initiatives from the community to share them inside and outside the EU.

The knowledge Hub shall promote the knowledge exchange and cooperation at all levels in the Cultural Heritage field among the researchers, institutions, cultural organisations as museums, galleries and other cultural institutions.

JPI CH currently has two portals: the JPI CH website and the Heritage Portal. The first is dedicated exclusively to the Consortium while the second one is dedicated to the external stakeholders.

The Knowledge Hub should unify these platforms under the control and the coordination of the Consortium.

Monica Alexandru (MCI) concludes her presentation showing the cost analysis related to the maintenance of the Knowledge Hub.

Estrella Fernandez (MINECO) asks more information in relation to the new organization of the portal but many partners are not convinced about its creation. The management of the project would be too difficult, the costs would be too high and it would be necessary to select one or more partners which shall daily organize all its activities.

Cristina Sabbioni reminds the partners that the Heritage Portal was managed for free by Ireland for one year until June 2017 but Ireland can't continue to administrate it because of a lack of resources. At the moment no country is following the Heritage Portal and no solution was found.

Del. 2.8 Midterm report on the activities implemented on the basis of the GB decision on priority order Action Programme (June 2018)

Kees Somer (RCE) anticipates the submission of the deliverable 2.8 by the end of June 2018 and outlines the next actions for each partner in the Action Programme 2018 and 2019.

Cristina Sabbioni reminds all the participants that the European Commission will communicate its decision about the co-funding proposal on Conservation and Protection in September.

First, the European Commission asked all the JPI CH members to increase their budget but this was not possible. After the final decision by the Commission it will be necessary to understand if and how to proceed.

The community of researchers is strongly interested in this call and very probably JPI CH partners will decide to launch it even without the support of the Commission.

The Coordinator will circulate a document among the partners, after September, asking them to confirm their final budget and decide whether to organize this call for 2019 or 2020.

The Heritage in Changing Environments call: update and future roadmap

Patrizia Bianconi updates the participants about the Heritage in Changing Environment Call.

11 countries were involved for a total budget of 4,6 M€ through the funding schema of the virtual common pot.

The call was launched on 4th September 2017 while the deadline for the proposals submission was November 30th.

She also explained to the partners the reason for which the original timetable was not respected.

As for the Digital Heritage Call the maximum JCS and JPS handling costs were calculated at 5% of the final total call costs. Handling costs will be shared by the JPICH CE Parties in a fair way, i.e. the share of costs will be related to the actual share of funds nationally committed to funding JPICH CE project.

Signing the MoU all the countries accepted to divide the costs of the call.

To cover these costs Parties are expected to make additional funding available.

It is however recognized that some Parties can only contribute to these costs in kind.

Parties may offer:

- to host and pay for the meeting facilities for the JPICH CE CEMG meetings;
- to provide additional assistance in formulating the JPICH CEMG meeting minutes;
- to host and pay for the meeting facilities for the JPICH CE International Assessment Panel; to provide additional assistance in carrying out the remote peer review process;
- to provide additional assistance in running the JPICH International Assessment Panel meeting;
- to pay for travel and subsistence costs of International Assessment Panel members;
- to take care of the management of the progress reporting and evaluation of JPICH CE projects (act as the JPS).

She summarizes the most important steps of the call remembering that originally 42 proposals were submitted but after the national eligibility check only 39 were considered eligible. These 39 proposals were evaluated remotely by three different experts.

The remote evaluation process ended at the end of May. Unfortunately, in order to follow the same procedure of the Digital Call it was decided to not pay the remote evaluators for their work and this caused a big delay with respect to the schedule provided in the time table.

After the remote evaluation all the proposals were evaluated by 8 peer reviews experts. Each of these experts received 1000 euro for her or his work.

The Independent Panel Meeting will be held in Rome on 2nd and 3rd July. At the end of this meeting a ranking list of potential funding projects will be obtained.

After the Independent Panel Meeting it will be necessary to organize the Management Board Meeting in order to verify how many proposals will be concretely funded.

All the partners decide to organize the MB meeting in July.

Patrizia Bianconi ends her presentation informing all the countries participating in the Heritage in Changing Environment Call that the costs to divide are equal to 20.000,00 euros.

Christina Fredengren (SNHB) ask the partners to send Sweden more cases studies which will be necessary for the Deliverable which Sweden is managing in cooperation with UK.

TOP 5: WP3 - Monitoring and evaluation (KPI)

Alexandre Caussé summarizes the last activities of WP3.

He reminds the participants of the objectives of this workpackage as stated in the DOA:

- 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 basis for this work were the JPICH indicators identified by the first CSA JHEP methodology for monitoring and evaluation (JHEP, WP5, deliverable 5.2) and the common approach for monitoring alignment implemented by the GPC biennial Report for JPIs Self-Assessment.

The first objective of WP3 was to revise the JHEP set of indicators in line with the actions to be developed in JHEP2.

Now, the main objectives are to continue the implementation and monitoring of these indicators and to assess the alignment and implementation process.

He concludes showing the deadline of the next deliverables: 3.4, 3.5, 3.6

Technical and Financial Second Reporting Period 1/7/2017-31/12/2018: rules and activities for Participants.

Patrizia Bianconi (JPI CH Program Manager) updates the participants about the technical and financial second reporting period (1/7/2017-31/12/2018).

After the approval of the Reporting Period 1 by the Commission the Coordinator distributed to the partners the reimbursement of the eligible costs incurred for the implementation of the action during the corresponding reporting periods.

Patrizia Bianconi remarks to the partners that in any case the total amount of the pre-financing and interim payments must not exceed 90% of the maximum grant amount set out in Article 5.1.

She observes that some countries, for example Norway and the Netherlands, reported an amount relative to travel and accommodation expenses higher in comparison to the limit provided by the European Commission. She underlines that this is possible for the partners but that in this case the financial cover by European Commission is not guaranteed. In this phase Norway and the Netherlands received as reimbursement an amount lower compared to what they reported for the reason detailed above.

She continues specifying that the remaining 10% will be distributed at the end of the project and that it will not be possible to ask the EC for more money.

Estrella Fernandes (MINECO) supports this position confirming that it is very important for the Coordinator of a project to be conscious in distributing the money received by the European Commission. This is also due to the fact that the auditor sent by the EC for the financial verification became very rigid.

Patrizia Bianconi (JPI CH Program Manager) anticipates that the 2nd Review Interim Report will pertain to the period included between 1st of July 2017 and 30th of November 2018.

The WP leaders and the Task leaders will receive a mail with all the information for the submission of the documents.

She concludes her presentation summarizing some recommendations of the European Commission regarding the necessity to concretely finalize the transformation of the Heritage Portal in a Knowledge Hub, the importance of closing the amendment of JHEP2, and the implementation of the activities on the Allignement and the building of a realistic and detailed plan of action for:

- improving and strengthening the relationship between the researchers and and the JPICH partners;
- Alertness and active involvement in the development of new national strategies and funding schemes relevant to the JPI CH's SRA.

WP Leaders are asked by the Commission to integrate in their deliverables more specific data regarding activities and outcomes.

International Workshop on Funding Research Projects, 28th -29th of April –Venaria Reale (TO)

Cristina Sabbioni (JPI CH Coordination Unit) summarizes the most important information regarding the International Workshop on Funded Research Project (which was held in Venaria Reale last 28th and 29th May, 2018) for all people not present.

Patrizia Bianconi (JPI CH Program Manager) specifies that all the project presentations showed during the event will be made available on the JPICH website.

Estrella Fernandez (MINECO) suggests a different structure for the programme for the next Parade. She points out that it would be better to not divide the projects into different clusters, so that people interested will be able to follow all the presentations they would like to attend.

Cristina Sabbioni (JPI CH Coordination Unit) is open to finding alternative solutions with the JPI CH partners for the event of next year.

Christina Fredengren (SNHB) asks for information about the JPICH Business Plan and Patrizia Bianconi (JPI CH Program Manager) at that point reminds all the participants that, in March, the Coordinator circulated a revised version of the Business Plan and the relative MOU but that the countries participating in the JPICH gave no feedback.

Cristina Sabbioni anticipates that the Business Plan and the MOU will circulate again among the partners.

Meeting ends at 6.30 p.m.