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Joint Programming Initiative on
Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe.

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Via del Collegio Romano, 27
JHEP2 Steering Committee and JPI CH Executive Board Meeting

Minute

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European Commission: Ms Emanuela De Menna (video conference)

Agenda

TOP 1: Opening session

Welcome and update on the CSA JHEP2 in support to the JPICH

TOP 2: Communication by the EC

TOP 3: The JPI CH future strategy

JPICH Coordinator will present:

- 3rd GPC Workshop on the Future of Joint Programming.
Parallel session: Sustainable Cities
- JPI annual conference: collaborations with other P2P (i.e. JPI Urban Europe, JPI MYBL, Biodiversa)
- Proposal ERA-NET Co fund “Conservation and Protection”.
- WP 2018-2020 - call SC5-19-2018 “International network to promote cultural heritage innovation and diplomacy” Discussion on proposal preparation.

TOP 4: WP1 - Alignment of national research programmes and activities with JPI cultural heritage

MINECO will present the WP1 working progress. Presentation of the Workshops “JPICH Alignment” scheduled for 12-16 March 2018. Draft programme. Definition of the Workshop output, i.e. “Memorandum of Understanding on Alignment”.

TOP 5: WP2 - Implementation of other joint activities including joint calls

NWO will present the WP2 work in progress:

NWO, as handling partner, will present the **Digital Heritage: update and future roadmap**.

MIBACT, as handling partner, will present the **Heritage in Changing Environment call: update and future roadmap**.

TOP 6: WP3 - Monitoring and evaluation (KPI)

MCC will present the WP3 working progress on performed activities. Presentation of **Del 3.4 – First interim evaluation of JPICH alignment process** (deadline December 2017)

TOP 7: WP4 - Coordination and Management

MiBACT will present and discuss:

Signature of MoU with ICCROM

Communication and Dissemination Actions

Schedule of next JPICH Project Meetings

TOP 8: Meeting conclusion

Work programme for the next 6 months: planning and deadlines

Final comment

Minutes:

On November 29th, 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 Culture Activities and Tourism, Via del Collegio Romano, 27.

Opening and welcome address:

Cristina Sabbioni (Coordination Unit) welcomes all the participants.

A round table of presentations follows.

TOP 1: Opening session

It is communicated a change in the agenda: Emanuela De Menna (EC) will be present via videoconference after lunch and not in the morning. For this reason the discussion on Workpackage 2 focused on the implementation of the joint activities (included the calls currently on going) is anticipated in the morning.

Topic 3: JPICH future strategy

Cristina Sabbioni remembers that WP2018-2020 was approved last October. Now the European Commission is working on FP9. Nothing is still officially defined. Following some rumors it is probably that the instruments of FP9 will be defined within the end of 2017, while the structure and the topics will be better established by next June. In 2018 under the Austrian presidency the topics and structure of FP9 will be completed.

It is anyway important to remember that the European Parliament will be elected in the spring and this event could change some plans.

She briefly summarizes the differences between Horizon 2020 and FP9 underlining that Societal Challenges are the pillar which will submit more and relevant changes. They will be probably structured in missions. The number of these missions could be change from 5 to 15 but no sure information is still available by now. In this context the 10 JPIs coordinators decided to take an action considering that their work was based above all on the the Societal Challenges pillars.

3rd GPC Workshop on the Future of Joint Programming Parallel session: Sustainable Cities

With this purpose a meeting, organized by GPC, was held on 7th and 8th November in Brussels. GPC decided, in fact, to organize a specific workshop on the future of Joint Programming. JPIs were clustered in 6 topics: Ageing, Infectious disease, Food and nutrition, Sustainable cities, Biodiversity and Climate Changes.

Cristina Sabbioni, before to continue, remarks the important role of GPC which is strongly supporting all the JPI's and the work done by them in the last years.

Many experts were invited to express their opinion for deciding the priorities of FP9 and its most important. In this new scenario it was underlined also the necessity to promote a stronger synergy among all the JPI's. JPICH, for example, could cooperate with JPI Urban Europe because these two JPIs have many points in common in reference to their challenges and objectives. But also other JPI's, as for example JPIND, are interested to have a closer collaboration with JPICH. It is important now to forget the structure of Horizon2020 and to participate in a fruitful way in FP9.

All the JPICH members noticed that JPICH was not directly included in the 6 provided topics.

ANR points out that this exclusion could be represent a limit for the JPICH activities and that cooperating with JPI Urban Europe in the context of Sustainable Cities could be not sufficient because many competences of JPICH are not included in that topic.

Also RCE underlines that sustainable cities should cover much more the humanities matters but this is not happening for the moment. Also Poland stresses that JPICH can't be included in sustainable cities because JPICH is based on a very large concept of Cultural Heritage including the sectors of tangible, intangible and digital and for this reason it should have in FP9 a separated topic and a specific programme.

Cristina Sabbioni remembers that also if from the beginning GPC wanted to merge JPICH with JPI Urban Europe the italian position was always contrary to this possibility because JPI on Cultural Heritage has a concept to preserve.

Cristina Sabbioni anyway specifies very well that this is the position of GPC and not of the European Commission. It is, however, important to underline that unfortunately EC had always had a different approach with each JPI and that JPICH was never encouraged by the Commission.

A round table to decide the role and the position of JPICH in FP9 follows.

All the members are called to decide if JPICH must be a specific and separated topic or if it has to be merged with other JPI's.

Netherlands: JPICH has to operate in the context of a separated topic;

Sweden: JPICH must be considered inside a separated topic;

UK: supports the separated topic;

Czech Republic: supports Cultural Heritage as a separated topic but Daniel Hanspach suggests that it is, anyway, opportune not to leave the cooperation with sustanaible cities because this sector is important;

Poland: JPICH deserves a separated topic but not only related to the culture;

Lithuania: Prefers a separated issue;

Norway: Mari Solerod specifies that Cultural Heritage must have a separated topic but the cooperation above all referred to the calls with other JPIs has to be considered;

Spain: sustains a separated challenge for JPICH;

France: supports a separated topic;

Cyprus: promotes Cultural Heritage as a separated topic but Styliani Petroudi encourages also the opportunity to be active with the other JPIs for enjoying new Joint Calls;

Slovakia: prefers that JPICH works in a separated topic.

Final decision taken: the Governing Board shall sustain a different position for Cultural Heritage in the context of FP9. Cultural Heritage should be considered a separated area of the research in the future framework program. The possibility to cooperate with all the other JPIs remains, anyway, open. The objective to reach is that the topic is transversal for promoting more collaborations.

It is underlined that this new position will require a lot of work to achieve positive results.

Cristina Sabbioni proposes to write a common position document and to send it to all the bodies which are involved in this process. She also suggests to involve in writing this paper Prof Sacco who is an expert who worked at Harvard University and now is again in Italy and could give a big support.

France decides to draft this document which will be shared with all the partners at the end of January and it will be modified on the base of the comments received by the JPICH partners.

Proposal ERA-NET Co fund “Conservation and Protection”.

All the members discuss about the decision, taken by the Commission, to exclude the proposal on Conservation and Protection from the Eranet Co Fund 2019. The decision of the European Commission was not clear considering that the countries members and the Coordinator followed all the rules asked by the EC for participating.

One of the reasons used by EC to justify the expulsion was the budget call considered too low. The other JPI's invested between 10 and 12 millions of euro while the JPICH less than 10.

France (ANR) asks more explanations about the fact that its commitment equal to 1 million of euro was not considered by the EC and not included in the final document used by the EC to take a decision.

Cristina Sabbioni suggests to Xavier Engels (ANR) to directly ask the reason to EC.

Unfortunately the Commission was not very clear in presenting the rules and the procedure to follow. Some procedural limits, in fact, were established only in a second time and this aspect caused a big mismatch in the evaluation of the call.

The Commission asked a total amount higher by the participants clarifying that its maximum contribution would have been equal to 5 millions of euro.

Cristina Sabbioni remarking the unclear position of EC notice also that JPICH was the only JPI not to have included in the presented budget the in kind contribution.

Cristina Sabbioni clarifies that the call on Conservation and Protection will start on 2020 with or without the support of the EC.

Estrella Fernandez asks all the participants to increase the budget to give JPICH the possibility to take part in the Co Fund in 2020. All these comments are collected to be forwarded to the EC.

WP 2018-2020 - call SC5-19-2018 “International network to promote Cultural Heritage innovation and diplomacy”. Discussion on proposal preparation.

Cristina Sabbioni remembers to all the participants that the text of the call was circulated. She briefly presents the most important points of the call anticipating that this call is the combination of two calls which merge different topics. For this reason the structure can be considered complex while the budget is not very high.

The type of action is a CSA .

The deadline is fixed on 27th February 2018.

The Commission contribution is equal to 2,5 /3 millions of euro. An amount quite low.

Cristina Sabbioni shows to all the participants the structure of the call, the scope and the main bullets. She specifies that Iccrom, Unesco, Itcp and Isabelle Maribona are available to offer a strong partnership. Also the E-RHIS Coordinator is interested to participate as beneficiary. Italy can offer 3 bullets in reference to this participation:

- the coordination;
- the involvement of E-RHIS;
- the availability of the Italian representative in Brussels to participate for free playing a diplomatic role in this proposal.

The decision about the participation of JPICH in this call is put to the vote. A round table follows:

Cyprus: favorable, but it needs to check better inside its organization.

France: will not participate.

Spain: will participate but not as Mineco. Probably other participants like Fecit will join this call.

Norway: will not participate because the project is too ambitious and the time is too short.

Lithuania: the Research Council will not participate, but it will explore other institutions and it will let know.

Poland: will not participate.

Slovakia: probably not, but it will confirm its position in occasion of the GB meeting.

CZ: will probably join, but it needs to decide which partner of the Czech Republic will be involved.

UK: the proposal is too focus on technology sector and UK is not interested. The UK representative will confirm the English position at the GB meeting.

Sweden: will not participate. The project is too ambitious for the very short time.

Netherlands (RCE): same position of Sweden. It will not participate.

Netherlands (NWO): will not participate.

The majority is not in favor of the participation.

Topic 4 - WP1 Alignment of national research programmes and activities (MINECO).

Emilio Cano (MINECO) summarizes the work done in the last months. WP1 is composed by three tasks:

Task 1.1: Overview on policies and instruments (BELSPO)

The deliverable 1.1 was submitted in December 2016. It was rejected by the EC because it was considered not presented in a clear way. Emilio Cano specifies that the problem regarded more the form than the content. Mineco and Belspo will work again on the document to respond to the requests of the EC.

Task 1.2: Best practice (RCN)

The deliverable 1.2 written by Norway was regularly submitted last June.

Task 1.3: Engagement with decision makers (ANR and RPF)

Two deliverables will be produced in the next year by ANR and RPF. Xavier Engels remembers that each participant shall contribute promoting strategic dialogue initiatives within the Agencies/ Ministries involved in cultural heritage research across the consortium and beyond the JPICH. These actions will require the engagement of agencies and organizations involved in heritage science, the exploration of opportunities for Cultural Heritage, the promotion of synergies with H2020 and Structural Cohesion Funds. Each country will present yearly a report with a brief description of all the activities realized at national level.

Task 1.3: Workshop on the alignment (RPF presentation)

Styliani Petroudi (RPF) presents the workshop on the alignment. This workshop will open the events of the European Year of the Culture for JPICH in 2018.

It is remarked once more the importance to align the research programs of all the participating countries.

It is necessary to identify at national level some contact persons who have to focus the critical points and to promote strategic dialogue initiatives. The Liaison with Member States' programming authorities is another instrument to promote the alignment of national policies with the JPICH-SRA.

Also the participation of all the JPIs in workshop on the alignment will contribute to present, to share and to discuss policy recommendations. It will be possible in this way to make plans for implementing and promoting alignment of research programmes within the field of CH."

The venue of this workshop is still not confirmed. Initially Cyprus had to host the event on 19th March 2018 but many participants ask to organize the workshop in Brussels because the Commission is organizing the high level conference on Cultural Heritage on 20th March.

In this way it will be possible for the interested people to follow both the initiatives.

All the members decide that at the end of the workshop it will be produced a document which has to confirm and reaffirm the direction of all the activities already done and, at the same time, of all the JPICH future initiatives.

At the beginning the document proposed is a MOU but many partners notice that it is not necessary to sign again that kind of document to express the intention to cooperate to promote Cultural Heritage. A common declaration will be sufficient to give JPICH a bigger visibility at european level. All the members agree.

Topic 2: Communication by the EC

Emanuela De Menna gives an overview of the European Commission activities.

She remembers that WP2018-2020 was published in October. European Commission is working now on FP9 but no official communication is available because some consultations are still on going.

She introduces the upcoming events of interest for JPICH in occasion of the European Year of Cultural Heritage:

- **High level conference for DG Research and Innovation:** a one day conference, mainly focused on the policy aspects of Cultural Heritage. This event is planned on March 20th.
- **Middle November 2018 in Brussels:** it will be organized a big event of 2 days about the Fair of EU innovators and the results of research projects. In occasion of this initiative will be organized also a demo area to publically show the results of the research projects as for example prototypes and products. With this scope a survey was launched to projects' consortia in order to exploit and give visibility to what it was done. Also the projects funded by Heritage Plus Call was contacted.
- **Community of innovators and ambassadors for innovation:** it will be created an open platform for the innovators (researchers, academics, policy makers, etc) which will have the scope to make a connection between the different innovators. European Commission invited many projects coordinator to participate in this community. A preparatory meeting of 2 days will be organized in Brussels. Cristina Sabbioni will participate as representative of JPICH. More information will be available on the EC website starting from December/January 2018.

Coming back on the alignment Emanuela De Menna underlines that also for the Commission the alignment is a very important aspect of JHEP2. She specifies very well that the workshop of March shall provide concrete actions on the alignment not only a discussion about it. It will be necessary to draft a specific roadmap containing the specific actions finalised to the alignment. She suggests to

take into account the results of the surveys which have been carried out on WP1 and WP3. The road map is required by the DoW and it is opportune to start a decision making process because at the moment the state of the art is not so clear.

Cyprus asks Ms De Menna to give an example or to suggest an idea of what could be the outcomes of the workshop. Time is too short to organize the workshop in this direction within March.

Also Emilio Cano (MINECO) asks Ms Emanuela De Menna to indicate the name of people or a key person from the EC who could participate in the workshop sharing his knowledge and successful experiences. Spain remarks, in fact, that the alignment is a process which has to involve not only the single countries but to work even at European level.

Emanuela De Menna agrees and recommends to arrive to the workshop with concrete and well detailed proposals.

About the Co Fund on Conservation and Protection Ms De Menna will refer to her colleagues all the comments and the questions asked by the JPICH members.

The reason of the exclusion of the proposal on Conservation and Protection from the Eranet Co Fund 2019 is not very clear. Many partners underline that EC made a big mistake of evaluation.

Emanuela De Menna remarks that the economic position of JPICH was not strong and with this purpose she suggests to the participants to increase their economic commitment to have more possibilities to receive a co funding in 2020. Another instrument to obtain the Co Fund by the EC could be represented by the cooperation with other JPI as for example JPI Urban Europe which presents many common aspects and objectives with JPICH.

Many partners are not favorable to the collaboration with JPIUE. This relationship would limit too much the scope of the JPICH. In fact an eventual call would be related mainly to urban environments while the concepts of conservation and protection in relation with the JPICH have a larger ray of action involving also the digital heritage and the rural heritage.

Ms Sabbioni closes the discussion underlining that under H2020 JPICH was the only JPI not to receive any co fund and this confirms the negative and different approach of the Commission compared with the other 9 JPIs.

Topic 5 - WP 2 Implementation of other joint activities including joint call.

Arnold Lubbers (NWO) presents the work done by the WP2.

Starting from the Joint Call he remembers that on 30th November 2016 JPICH Governing Board approved the Roadmap for 2017-2019.

4 joint calls were planned in this period.

2017

Digital Heritage

Heritage in Changing Environments

2018

Identity & Perception (previously: 2019)

2019

Conservation & Protection (previously: 2018)

NWO, as handling partner, will present the Digital Heritage: update and future roadmap.

Arnold Lubbers briefly presents the Joint Call on Digital Heritage remarking the most important data and procedural steps. At the end of the call 8 projects were funded.

He closes his intervention anticipating to all the partners that NWO would like to handle the Perception and Identity Call. The timetable of this call would be the same of the Digital Heritage Call. All the members agree.

MIBACT, as handling partner, will present the Heritage in Changing Environment call: update and future roadmap.

Patrizia Bianconi summarizes the road map and the most important information about the Heritage in Changing Environments Call.

11 participating countries;

Deadline for the submission of the proposals is 30th November 2017;

Call Changing Environments eligibility check: from 4th to 14th December;

National eligibility evaluation: from 18th December to 14th January.

She anticipates to the JPICH members the next steps of the procedure.

Each proposal will be remotely evaluated by two experts. Esther Jansma (RCE) proposes to use three experts for each project.

NWO underlines that during the coordination of the Digital Heritage Call no fee was paid to the evaluators.

Patrizia Bianconi stresses that the costs for handling the call have to be shared among the participants. The reference, for example, regards the costs of the process of evaluation by the international panel. Partners strongly ask that all these aspects were well and clearly specified in the future in the MOU which is signed before to start a new call. MOU is a regular contract containing all the conditions. Each partner has to know from the beginning how much all the call process will cost. Some expenses have to be authorized officially and before to start.

The funding decision will be taken in May 2018.

Starting date for the projects: between June and November 2018.

Task 2.2 Follow up of the Workshop organized in Lithuania (Vilnius) 29th September on “The Role of JPICH funded research projects on heritage practice. Social, cultural, political and economic value of cultural heritage”

He explains the main purpose of task 2.2: improving the visibility of research results financed through JPICH. In order to implement the objectives of this task many activities were organized: identifying objectives, discussing strategies, exchange visits, training models etcetera. This planning was described in the deliverable 2.4 which was submitted in June 2017.

3 activities were foreseen and proposed as a result:

- (a) First activity aiming to identify objectives;
- (b) Second activity aiming to discuss the strategy;
- (c) Third activity aiming to perform an action as an experimental tool for knowledge transfer/exchange with heritage practitioners.

He describes better the characteristics of each activity summarising the most important points discussed in occasion of the workshop organized by RCL in Vilnius on last 28th and 29th September. Among the outcomes of this event he remembers the proposals of a joint statement between ICCROM and JPICH on Enhancing Heritage Research Participation and Impact. A draft version of the statement circulated among all the JPICH partners and in occasion of the GB meeting will be signed the official document.

In reference to the activities of implementation he anticipates that in June 2018 in Kaunas (Lithuania) will be structured a summer school modulated as a pilot instrument for knowledge exchange.

Emanuela De Menna expresses her compliments to JPICH members for all the activities organized.

Coming back to the Joint Calls she asks to receive briefly their figures: the participating countries, the number of the proposals, the budget in order to circulate the information among her colleagues in the Commission.

She invites all the members to contact her to participate in all the events organized by the EC in occasion of the European Year of the Cultural Heritage.

With this regard Patrizia Bianconi remembers to all the participants that the second JPICH Projects Parade which will be held in Turin on 24th and 25th May 2018 was inserted in the event of the European Year of Cultural Heritage not only at european but even at italian level by the MIBACT minister: Dario Franceschini.

Task 2.3 Follow up Action Program 2016 - 2018

Kees Somer (RCE) summarizes the the roadmap of the Action Programme and the most important steps from 2016 to 2018. He continues reporting the feedback of the last events organized in Cyprus on March 20th (Workshop “Enjoyment of Cultural Heritage by means of new and old media) in Portugal on 1st and 2nd of June 2017 (International Conference on social, cultural, political and economic value of cultural heritage), in Lithuania: Workshop on the role of JPICH funded research on heritage practice) closing this summary with the Call for Experts which was held in Spain last October.

The first important indications about the CH Governance Strategies, which will be held in Netherland in October 2018 were given.

Task 2.4 Case studies (SNHB, AHRC)

Jan Turtinen (SNHB) presents Task 2.4.

The aim of this task is both to demonstrate the potential value of cultural and natural heritage to society, but also to show what impact this selected research has had in society.

SNHB and AHRC have set up an online survey and questionnaire which were sent to SC for comments about:

Summary of the research

Summary of impact

Impact checklist

Evidence of impact

Only 6 responses were received.

The instructions with the survey and the questionnaire will be reviewed before to be sent JPI partners to collate cases.

Presentation of Del. 2.11- Growing the Heritage Portal into a Knowledge Hub (deadline December 2017) and Task 2.5: the Knowledhe Hub (MCI- ROMANIA)

As a consequence of the absence of Ms Monica Alexandru for health problems this presentation was postponed.

Topic 6 - Monitoring and Evaluation (MCC)

MCC presents the WP3 working progress on performed activities.

Alexandre Caussè (MCC) summarizes the purpose, the structure and the objectives of WP3. He describes the roles of the participants: MCC (WP leader) and Portugal and Belgium as task leaders of task 3.1 and 3.2. All the partners are informed about the rejection by the EC of the last deliverable submitted in June. It will be resubmitted within 11th December, while the new deliverable 3.3 will be submitted by the end of December. He concludes his presentation briefly remembering the activities performed during the year by the Task Force on Monitoring and Assesment created last January 2017.

Topic 8 - Meeting conclusion

Patrizia Bianconi informs all the participants about the second payment of JHEP2. Unfortunately the Commission rejected in the last months two deliverables and as consequence also the financial report related to them. She anticipates that if these deliverables will be re-submitted within 11th December, the Commission will have the time to pay the Coordinator by December (JHEP2 second payment) and the Coordinator will provide to distribute these amounts to the JPICH members in January.

The dates of the nex meetings are established:

- on 13th and 14th June 2018 the Jhep2 Sc, the Executive and Governing Board meetings will be held in Rome.
- In the same days the Scientific Committe meeting for the evaluation reports could be organized.

An updated table with the future meetings and JPICH activities will circulate by JPICH Coordinator via e-mail.

Meeting ends at 6.00 pm