

Green ERA-Hub (GEH)

Preserving the achievements of the ERA-Nets and preparing for the future

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Rationale



The GEH is a network of ERA-Net (Cofunds) in the Agri-Food Sector

Why

- The ERA-Net instrument will not be continued under Horizon Europe, thus the ERA-Nets cannot go on in the well-proven format;
- Relevant partnerships start in 2024 with not yet (fully) clear content;
- Relevant Partnerships may not address all topics of the ERA-Nets.

Aims

- To keep the momentum gained in the ERA-Nets over the last 17 years;
- To continue to build on funding investments and labour done;
- To preserve best practice and managerial competences;
- To continue valorisation also after the end of individual ERA-Nets;
- To organise/structure co-operation with FACCE-JPI;
- Arrange for new (joint) activities;
- Prepare the transition of the ERA-Net into the partnerships.

Who is the GEH?



ERA-NET **SUSAN**



SusCrop – ERA-NET
Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production
FACCEJPI



Who is the GEH?

- CoreOrganic
- EJP-Soil
- ERA-CAPS
- EraCoBiotech
- Euphresco
- FACCE ERA-GAS
- FOSC
- ICRAD
- ICT-Agri-Food
- LEAP-Agri
- SusCrop
- SusFood
- SURPLUS
- SusAn

History

**Towards closer
cooperation, whilst
maintaining the advocacy
for specific relevant topics**



History of the (networking) process (I)

- During HEU development, it became clear that the ERA-Net instrument would not return in the Framework Programme;
- In all ERA-Nets / relevant initiatives, discussions on how to move forward – *End network / Self-sustained / Partnerships / CSA / COST / ...*;
- In 2020/2021 identification of relevant initiatives, with the help of the former *Platform CSA*;
- The coordinators/representatives were informed and in favour of the idea.

History of the (networking) process (II)

During 2021-2022, 6 Meetings were held:

- Nature of the networking
- ToR of the Green ERA-Hub

Requirement: Keep the characteristics of the existing initiatives

Inherent difficulty: The actors in the hub (coordinators) represent an entire consortium – they speak not only for their respective institution/country

...and have a contract with obligations and requirements!

History of the (networking) process (III)

- Decision to respond to the CSA-Topic *HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ERA-01*

Partners: host institute of the network coordinators + long-term cooperation partners in the Networks; e.g.; ILVO, MIPAAF, BIOEast represented by the HU gov

- Submission Deadline 23rd of September 2021
- The proposal was accepted for funding on 18th January 2022; Contract negotiation finished end of March 2022 and contract was signed end of May 2022
- GEH will start per September 2022, and the Kick-Off Meeting will be 15-16 September in Ghent (BE)

Output



**Learn from the past and
prepare for the future**

Activities in the GEH

WP 1: Coordination and management

WP 2: Strategic roadmapping

WP 3: Future funding – definition and implementation of transnational calls for research proposals

WP 4: Monitoring, evaluation & impact assessment (MEIA)

WP 5: Knowledge and Exchange of best practices from transnational co-operation

WP 6: Widening and outreach

WP 7: Joint Activities – capacity building

WP 8: Communication, dissemination and exploitation

Expected benefits (I)

- To **jointly monitor projects beyond the end** of the ERA-Net Cofunds under comparable standards;
- To **better/fully valorise/utilise** funding investments;
- To **keep together the communities** of researchers and funders;
- To **keep competences** in management and practice;
- To conduct **research gap analyses overarching all ERA-Nets** (Cofunds) involved and **identify potential gaps** with Partnership SRIAs;

Expected benefits (II)

- To derive/develop potential **new/additional actions**;
- To **implement these new actions** on a voluntary basis under variable geometry;
- To organise cooperation **of ERA-Nets with FACCE**;
- To **support and/or prepare initiatives** for the upcoming Partnerships.

Thank you!

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