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SUMMARY INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

This deliverable 3.4 is a report on the direct engagements with European based research funding agencies and Ministries (not including through Management Board meetings) since the adoption of the JPI Oceans Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda in 2015. The report covers in particular the CSA 17 month reporting period February 2016-June 2017.

It should be emphasised that this report is at the level of JPI Oceans interactions, not all of which are facilitated directly through CSA support. Many have been carried out by the Secretariat on behalf of JPI Oceans, some actions and visits are 'in-kind' where for example a JPI Oceans Management Board member undertakes a bilateral meeting on behalf of JPI Oceans.

This Deliverable D3.4 does not seek to prioritise or make specific strategic recommendations for the funders/countries to engage with: such discussions are taken at the level of the JPI Oceans Management Board and its Executive Committee.

Related Deliverables during this reporting period

- D3.8 Report on recent European/regional marine and maritime RDI strategies and update on Member country developments (to be submitted July 2017)
- D3.9 Report of mission in (non)MS Country
- D3.11 Report on interactions with international funding organisations

TASK 3.1 PURPOSE

The objective of task 3.1 is to 'Strengthen the operational network of marine and maritime research funders (funding organisations and Ministries) and engagement with other ERA initiatives (Art. 185, ERA-Nets, other JPI's, ...)'

Recognizing JPI Oceans as an intergovernmental body, within this task we plan to support the wider direct engagement of other key funders and policy decision makers, particularly maritime – transport ministries, Navies etc. as needed to take forward agreed actions, discuss proposals for ERA-Net COFUNDS, Article 185s and other potential initiatives. Furthermore the task will explore options to facilitate the alignment of national/regional/sectorial agendas and actions, especially by engaging and aligning with relevant international and intergovernmental bodies and initiatives in the marine and maritime sector or in areas where marine and maritime issues are relevant and agendas are mutually shared, such as through other JPis (climate, water, etc).

This task will undertake several missions to JPI Oceans Member Countries and non-Member Countries, meeting with relevant ministries and funding agencies and exploring their interest in becoming involved in the JPI Oceans processes and also, where needed, missions aimed at retaining JPI Oceans Member Countries and encouraging their greater participation. A further activity in this task is to screen recent European/regional marine and maritime RDI strategies and update on Member country developments, building on the deliverables from the former FP7 CSA Oceans and seeking further opportunities for alignments at policy level, identifying further opportunities for

collaboration, for example cost efficient planning and running of research infrastructures and new ways of working jointly, and identifying potentials for harmonisation.

Underpinning work to support dedicated working groups for exploring alignment of agendas, if the Management Board decides they are appropriate, is one example of how such activities could be performed (e.g. as is the case with BONUS and JPI Oceans). This might be considered a model for cooperation with other initiatives (eg BLUEMED). Dedicated working groups could also be relevant in relation to the implementation of JPI Oceans action with a science policy dimension.

PROGRESS

FUNDERS – BILATERAL - CURRENT JPI OCEANS MEMBERS

RCN and Julich have worked with the JPI Oceans Management Board and ExCom to develop a prioritised strategic approach to funders, focusing in first instance on ministries from countries who are already members of JPI Oceans in order to improve understanding of JPI Oceans and help mobilise in-country support at national levels.

The first such visit was to **France** in August 2016, meeting with representatives of the French Ministry of Research. The second was to **Spain** in February 2017, for a series of meetings with the new Management Board and CSA representatives from the reorganised Ministry for Science. For meeting reports see deliverable 3.9.

Portugal will be visited in October 2017 (alongside the JPI Oceans 2nd conference) and other missions are in planning (**Poland** late 2017).

ARTICLE 185, ERANETS, AND OTHER JPIS

ARTICLE 185

A high level working group, with agreed terms of reference and joint chairmanship has been established between the JPI Ocean Management Board and the Steering Board of the **BONUS 185** programme. Juelich and RCN participated in the preparation and joint meeting of representatives of the JPI Oceans Management Board and the Art. 185 BONUS project on 7 February 2017, the second such high level meeting, and in the BONUS 10th Anniversary event in May 2017 in Helsinki.

The JPI Oceans Strategic Research and Innovation agenda has played a part in informing the development of the **PRIMA Article 185**, together with the **BlueMED** initiative. JPI Oceans has a seat at the Advisory Board of the BlueMED CSA.

ERANETS

The overall goal of the ERA-NET Cofund **MarTERA** (H2020) is to strengthen the European Research Area (ERA) in maritime and marine technologies as well as Blue Growth. The ERA-NET Cofund MarTERA is a network of 18 ministries, authorities and funding organisations responsible for funding research and innovation projects in maritime and marine technologies from 16 countries. The proposal was prepared during 2015 and awarded in 2016. It brings together JPI Oceans member

organisations in collaboration together with new funding partners in Europe both within existing Member countries as well as three new international partners:

Country	MarTERA Participating organisation name	Participant short name	JPI member (at MB level)
Argentina	Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva	MINCyT	N
Belarus	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus	NASB	N
Belgium	Fund for Accompanying Economic and Innovation Policy	VLAIO	N
France	Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR	Y
France	Ministère de L'Environnement, de l'Énergie et de la Mer	MEEM	N
Germany	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie	BMWi	N
Ireland	Marine Institute	MI	Y
Italy	Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca	MIUR	N
Malta	Ministry for Education and Employment	MCST	Y
Netherlands	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research	NWO	Y
Norway	The Research Council of Norway	RCN	Y
Poland	Narodowe Centrum Badan i Rozwoju	NCBR	N
Portugal	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	FCT	Y
Romania	Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si Inovarii	UEFISCDI	Y
Spain	Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial	CDTI	N
South Africa	Department of Science and Technology	DST	N
Turkey	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey	TÜBITAK	Y

RCN has worked closely with the ERA Nets **COFASP** and **MarineBiotech** and with interested funding partners from the member countries of JPI Oceans to develop a joint proposal for an ERANET COFUND Bioeconomy programme worth approx. 20m Euro member contribution funding (plus estimated 10m Euro Commission contribution). This has been presented to the Member States (including through SCAR and SCARFISH) and to the Commission as a potential call topic for the H2020 2018-2020 work programme.

JPI Oceans through its secretariat also interacts with other technology based ERANETS including **OCEANERA**.

INTERACTION WITH OTHER JPIS

RCN, representing JPI Oceans Secretariat, participated in the preparation and joint meeting of representatives of the JPI Oceans Management Board and **JPI Climate** Governing Board in November 201 and we are working with JPI Climate to facilitate the implementation of a joint action on climate and oceans (possible ERANET Cofund in H2020 2019 WP, SC5).

RCN, representing JPI Oceans Secretariat, is working with representatives of the Secretariats for **JPI FACCE and JPI HDHL** to develop an activity on food and nutrition security. A number of meetings have been held, leading to RCN being mandated by the JPI Oceans MB to act for it in a CSA proposal. Furthermore RCN is working with the two JPIs towards the European Commission in view of their Food2030 strategy as well as the SCAR Food committee.

RCN has represented JPI Oceans in a series of meetings with the **GPC**, and the GPC's 'long term working group on joint programming' and in meetings directly of the JPI chairs and secretariats. Likewise the GPC organised a workshop where JPI Oceans was represented by RCN to look into new mechanisms and ways to partner between the GPCs and the JPIs in the next framework programme.

One outcome of these interactions between the JPIs has been the production of a joint brochure for the 10 JPIs. Another work which is ongoing and undertaken by RCN is to participate in the joint working group on harmonised indicators between the JPIs for later impact assessments and evaluations, also relevant for the work being undertaken by CSA Oceans WP2.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

RCN represented JPI Oceans and underlined the need for research and observation as a basis for science evidence to policy to underpin oceans governance during a round table in the European Parliament with **Commissioner Vella** in relation to the new publication of Brussels, 10.11.2016 JOIN(2016) 49 final (SWD(2016) 352 final) International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans, echoing the consultation input agreed by JPI Oceans Management Board on a partnership approach to research.

The JPI Oceans Secretariat engages with the relevant funding units in **DGR&I** (the Blue growth team) on a regular basis with a view to partnership opportunities at European and International levels. JPI Oceans contributed to the public consultations on the further priorities for H2020 Work programme 2018-2020 societal challenges 2 and 5. The European Commission Services, through DG R&I has observer status to the JPI Oceans Management Board.

OTHER

JPI Oceans, through its Member countries, its Secretariat and through the CSA Ocean 2 partners has regular and numerous contacts with many other key players and stakeholders in the international arena. In particular such interactions are undertaken in the context of the JPI Oceans specific actions (e.g. the Muniton action currently involves an interaction with NATO and with the Navies of Italy and Portugal). In a report of this type it is not practical to give detail of them all.



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