



The Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) celebrate its ten year anniversary by engaging in a high-level science-policy discussion. The aim is threefold, i) highlighting the European societal challenges including the key research concerns, ii) exploring potential new pathways by showcasing the past scientific results, and iii) prioritisation of the science–policy discussion together with the national and European decision makers about the strategic urgencies.

In 2010, the Council of the European Union launched FACCE-JPI to stimulate a joint programming process and transnational collaboration between Member States in the remit of agriculture, food security and climate change. In 2020, the JPI celebrates its 10 years of existence. In the past decade, FACCE-JPI has implemented and invested in more than 20 activities and joint research actions that have funded 122 projects. It has also established alignment actions and organised numerous workshops. Between 2011 and 2017, FACCE-JPI mobilised nearly €180 million of funding. The anniversary falls in a period when countries around the world face the consequences of COVID-19, economies are in crisis in top of having heavy discussions about the possible transition pathways to a sustainable future.

Building on the 10 years' experience and the already existing results, the aim is to show priority pathways for the public discussions, for research and innovation actions and for European policymaking. FACCE-JPI recently renewed its own vision and its Strategic Research Agenda, preparing for the next decade.

Partnering for the future

FACCE-JPI is ready to continue combatting the societal challenges that we are facing in Europe and globally. Having built a reputable base, it has a profound understanding of the difficulties on the one hand and the solutions and prospects on the other hand. Today, policymaking is looking for solutions and well-founded decisions. Europe needs to rethink its own food system in the global context. There is a need for transnational solidarity, research programming and investment to build a European Research Area that includes all of Europe, to ensure solutions for European society's sustainable future. Thus, the event will give a platform for discussion with the wider public, a specific forum for researchers and additional fora for policy makers from Member States' ministries and European institutions.

Preliminary Programme

Virtual Session 1

26 November 2020 – 14:00-15:30h | EURACTIV Virtual Conference – sponsored by FACCE-JPI

The European Food System

The transition towards sustainability and climate mitigation

Moderator: EURACTIVE

The session aims to engage the wider public into a discussion about the future of European Food System. The aim is to highlight the major questions and priorities, also for those sectors and interested stakeholders who are not necessarily influenced directly by the future of the agri-food system, however might be affected due to the major changes. Our society faces challenges more urgent than ever. The food sector is striving to transform the way that we produce, manage and consume food. This will achieve sustainable and resilient agricultural production systems that can at the same time help reduce emissions and adapt to changing environmental conditions.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also raised questions about the fragility of our food supply, putting food security back on the agenda. Coupled with the on-going threat of climate change, agriculture has a crucial role to play to ensure European food remains safe, nutritious, affordable and plentiful.

A sustainably-driven recovery in Europe will require a re-think of the agrifood system with an integrated approach to climate, food and ecosystems. There is a growing polarization in the way society perceives solutions to agrifood challenges. Some focus on sustainability, whilst others favor economic 'pragmatism'. To achieve sustainable food systems, policymakers must look at evidence-based arguments, engaging with actors from multiple sectors at local, national and regional level. Only this will lead to a holistic, fair, and coordinated approach. Ongoing investments in research and innovation will be crucial to achieve the necessary changes.

Join this EURACTIV Virtual Conference to discuss how the European food system can be changed, taking account of European resources, resilience, production, consumption, consumer choices and geographical balance, and how can this best be achieved sustainably, minimizing the effects of climate change?

Invited panellists

- Peter Wehrheim, Head of Unit, Bioeconomy and Food Systems, DG RTD, European Commission
- Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Member, AGRI Committee, European Parliament (tbc)
- Maximo Torero, Director general for the Economic and Social Development Department, Food and Agriculture Organisation
- Frank Ewert, Scientific Director of Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) and Professor of Crop Science at the Institute of Crop Science and Resource Conservation (INRES) at the University of Bonn and FACCE-JPI Scientific Advisory Board Chair

Virtual Session 2

27 November 2020 – 10:00-12:30h | FACCE-JPI Scientific Debate

The critical role of science

Learning from the past to cope with future challenges

Moderator: Leo Enright

The session aims to seer discussion in the scientific community. In the context of the new FACCE JPI Strategic Research Agenda the research priorities will be presented. The aim is to highlight the potential research priorities to steer discussion between researchers and national research policy makers. Research results from the past drive today's decisions, the research priorities set today will influence the future consequences. FACCE-JPI with its large portfolio of research projects and their scientific results could benefit the Member States and European priorities. The European Research Area is revitalised by the mission-oriented approach and ambitious investment in European Partnerships. Showcasing the research outcomes and their impacts will contribute to the discussions that will set the future research priorities. FACCE-JPI and its Strategic Research Agenda are set to contribute to national and European missions and partnerships.

- 10:00-10:05** Welcome and opening by Events Chair Barna Kovacs
Barna Kovacs is the Secretary General of BIOEAST Initiative. He also works as a counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU and is FACCE-JPI Governing Board Vice-Chair.
- 10:05-10:20** **Scientific keynote presentation: The role of science in simplifying complexity in uncertain times**
Margaret Gill - Professor of Integrated Land Use at Aberdeen University and is seconded to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization as chair of the Independent Science and Partnership Council of the CGIAR. She was a former FACCE-JPI SAB chair.
- 10:20-10:30** **FACCE-JPI Strategic Research**
Gianluca Brunori - full Professor of Food Policy at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Pisa and FACCE-JPI SAB Vice-Chair
- 10:30-11:30** **Science presentations of success stories from FACCE-JPI each followed by Q&A**
FACCE MACSUR - Prof. dr. Martin Banse, Thünen Institute
METHLAB (FACCE-JPI ERA-GAS 2016 call) - Prof. Catherine Stanton, Teagasc
DEVIL (FACCE-JPI - Belmont Forum) - Prof. Pete Smith, University of Aberdeen
Agronickel (FACCE SURPLUS First Call) – Prof. Guillaume Echevarria, INRAE
- 11:30-12:00** **BREAK**
- 12:00-13:00** **Debate on programming the future in the context of research priorities**
Presentation on key elements that can define the role of FACCE-JPI in the new landscape of partnerships and missions in Horizon Europe 7 min Gudrun Langthaler, Research Council of Norway and FACCE-JPI Governing Board Chair
Panel discussion
Panel: Member State representatives Jose Manual Gonzalez Vicente (ES), Agata Foks (PL), Frank O'Mara (IE and member of the PC Cluster 6./SCAR) and SAB Vice-Chair Gianluca Brunori and Governing Board Chair Gudrun Langthaler

Virtual Session 3**27 November 2020 – 14:00-16:30h | FACCE-JPI Science to Policy Debate****Science, the cornerstone of future European policies****Working for a strong European Research Area***Moderator: Leo Enright*

The main objective of this session is to steer discussion on priority issues for national and European policy makers, international actors and to assess the policy priorities and research needs. A strong European Research Area (ERA) should be the backbone of the knowledge-based policymaking. The Commission set the ambition to create a single, borderless market for research, innovation and technology across the EU. The engagement of member states, the role of joint programming initiatives, and partnering in the context of national and European funds is crucial. The European policy priorities were set in the Commission's proposal on European Green Deal. The proposal with Farm to Fork, Biodiversity and Forestry strategies, the Climate Act and Circular Economy Package will substantially influence the national policies. Some of the target indicators set by those policies are still to be confirmed and scientific breakthroughs are needed to solve sustainability questions like pesticide-free agriculture, or full recycling of bio-waste. In the international context, the ambition of Europe to become a frontrunner in achieving the sustainable future is supported. However, still lot to discuss with international partners about the European self-sufficiency and technological sovereignty in the context of sustainable European Food System.

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14:05-14:20 Keynote presentation: FACCE-JPI impact on European and national policies

Sébastien Treyer - Executive Director at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations – IDDRI

14:20-15:20 Debate on European Policy Priorities

Panelist 3 minutes intervention and discussion

- **The agri-food research supporting the priorities of the CAP**

Nathalie Sauze Vandevyver, director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

- **Climate Strategy influencing the national priorities**

DG CLIMA (tbc)

- **Member States :**

- Germany - The German Presidency - Wolfgang Zornbach, Head of Division 521 - Sustainability and Climate Change Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

- Hungary - Anikó Juhász, Deputy State Secretary, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture

15:20-15:50**BREAK 30 min**

15:50-16:50 Debate on Europe's role in shaping global transition on sustainable pathways

- Tassos Haniotis - Director of Strategy, Simplification and Policy Analysis, Directorate General for Agriculture, European Commission
- James Lomax - Sustainable Food Systems and Agriculture Programme Officer, UN Environment
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) *tbc*
- Irene Hoffmann - Secretary, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- Janny Vos - Strategic Partnerships Director, CAB International

15:50-16:55 Time for feedback – short survey on the 3 Sessions content and organisation

16:55-17:00 Wrap-up and closure