

Benefit of Cross Border Research and Networking

Funders Perspective

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Who we are?

Federal Office for Agriculture and Food – BLE

The BLE is acting on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture – BMEL

Traditional tasks:

- **Quality controls of various agricultural products**
- **Stock keeping of basic food stuff as civil emergency reserve**
- **Regulation of the market** for agriculture trade and the regulation of the market for agricultural products within EU
- **Catching regulations and management of national catch quota**
- **Managing three fishery patrol vessels and three fishery research vessels** (200 crew members)

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„New“ challenges and tasks:

Programm and Research project management on national, European and International level

Funding Body and Project Manager

National Level – main programmes (approx. 100 Mio. €/ year)

- Programme on Organic Farming
- Programme on Research and Innovation
- Smaler programmms e.g. Biodiversity

European and International level (approx. 7 Mio. €/ year)

- Programme on International Cooperation

BLE - European Research Affairs

BLE involvement

Starting point ERA-NET Core Organic – FP6

- 14 ERA-NETs
along the whole value added chain
including Forestry and Fisheries
- 2 JPIs - FACCE & HDHL





European Research Affairs at BLE

Networking



Joint Programming

„JPI on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change“ (FACCE)

CSA2 – FACCE Evolve
1.3.2015 – 29.02.2020

„JPI Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life“ (HDHL)

HDHL CSA2.0
01.02.2016 – 31.01.2021

SCAR
Programme Committees

BMEL

BLE

Legwork and harmonization

DAFA

Federal Research Institutes

feeding in

Setting of topics and communication of German priorities in the European research context

Use of results

ERA-NET
(Overhead KOM)
ERA-NET Plus
ERA-NET Cofund
(EU TopUP)

Technology Platforms
TP Organics
TP Animal Health

Abgelaufene Projekte

Core Organic
Core Organic II
Eupresco
SUSFOOD
ICT Agri I
FACCE CSA I

ANIHWA
ERA-NET
01.01.2012 -

COFASP
ERA-NET
01.02.2013-31.01.2017

FACCE+
ERA-NET plus
01.10.2013 - 31.12.2018

Core Organic+
ERA-NET plus
01.12.2013 -

ICT Agri II
ERA-NET
01.01.2014 -31.12.2017

C-IPM
ERA-NET
01.01.2014-31.12.2016

SUMFORE ST
ERA-NET
01.01. 2014

SURPLUS
ERA-NET Cofund
01.03.2015 -28.02.2020

ERA-HDHL
ERA-NET Cofund
01.02.2016 - 31.01.2021

WaterWorks
ERA-NET Cofund
Februar 2016 – Januar 2021

FACCE ERA-GAS
ERA-NET Cofund
März 2016 – Februar 2021

SusAn
ERA-NET Cofund
Coordination : BLE
März 2016 – Februar 2021

Neue Projekte

Core Organic
ERA-NET Cofund

HDHL - Intestinal Microbiome Knowledge Platform
ERA-NET Cofund (INTIMIC)

SUSFOOD
ERA-NET Cofund

Overall Goal of Cross Border Research and Networking **Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)**

Challenges / Barriers for researchers & funders:

- ERA is fragmented
- Less research capacities in Member States
- Different regulations / rules and administrative items in Member States / Europe
- Different languages
- Decision makers are not always convinced by cross border work and research

The two levels of Networking within ERA-NETs

1. Funders – Project Owner & Manager – Main tasks

- Writing **common proposals for ERA-NETs** on EU level
e.g COFASP
- **Harmonising MS funding systems**
- Creating **common Strategic Research Agendas & Implementation Plans**
- Creating **Foresight studies for sectors** (e.g. COFASP Foresight)
- Developing **strategies for sustainability** of networking
- **Funding of common research** „Virtual common pot“ or with EU top-up (Co-fund ERA-NET)

2. Researchers – Research Organizations

- **Realising Cross border research projects**
- ...

Cross border research Added value for funders

- **Using national programs for cross border research** to cover challenges in sectors and realising common work on grand challenges, e.g. climate change and food security
- **Using synergies** and bring together capacities & facilities across Europe
- Benefit of networking and knowledge exchange across borders
- **Cross boarder research / work strengthens the position of MS** in context with research management on European level



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Thank you very much for your attention

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