

Additional Activities, practical examples with use of funds

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Additional Activities, example of FACCE SURPLUS

- Presentation of FACCE SURPLUS
- Planning: preparing the ERA-NET Cofund proposal
- WP6: Joint Programme
- WP7: Short and long-term strategy
- Budget for additional activities
- Reporting on units
- Summary

FACCE SURPLUS

- ISIB-12a-2014: Sustainable and Resilient Agriculture for Food and Non-Food Systems
- The ERA-NET should seek synergies with [...] in particular the FACCE-JPI
- Submitted in June 2014; launch of the co-funded call in January 2015; start of project funding January 2016; start of FACCE SURPLUS March 2015 (end February 2020)
- 23 partners from 15 countries/regions; call budget approx. 16,5 m€
- 5 m€ requested:
 - approx. 4 m€ as 33% of “Direct costs of providing financial support to third parties” and
 - approx. 1 m€ as reimbursement of Unit costs (83 units)-> **Additional Activities**



At proposal stage

- 83 Units for 23 partners -> need to involve all partners
- Some are more (or solely) interested in additional joint calls; others will focus more on networking activities, communication & dissemination...
- -> 2 WPs : „Implementing a joint programme“ and „Short and long-term strategy on sustainable and resilient agriculture“
- Possibility for partners to “step in” those WPs (e.g. a partner taking in charge the evaluation in the frame of an additional call, etc...)



WP6: Implementing a joint programme

- Lead: JÜLICH
- M1-M60
- Objective: implement (2-3) further joint calls (based on procedures, timeline, documents... from the co-funded call) and „pave the way“ to sustainability.
- „Joint programme“: series of calls with unique scheme & procedures -> applicants get used to it
- Long-term: become sustainable programme (keep launching *annual* calls after the ERA-NET)
- First additional call possibly in January 2017 (then Jan. 2018 and Jan. 2019).

WP6: Implementing a joint programme (2)

- 6.1. Preparation of the call scope, procedures, documentation and hardware (WP2): whenever possible reuse co-funded call. Call scope will be discussed in scoping workshops, kick-off meeting of projects (e.g. identify gaps), with FACCE-JPI, with FACCE SURPLUS SC...
- 6.2 Releasing the call (WP2): call office task
- 6.3 Evaluation and recommendation (WP3): will take into account the observer's report; need to check how to (re-)organise the evaluation
- 6.4 Monitoring & Communication of the funded projects (WP4): the monitoring and communication processes for the projects from the co-funded call will be applied to further funded projects



WP6: Implementing a joint programme (3)

- 6.5 Sustainable establishment of a “Joint Programme” (M58): a MoU to keep launching annual calls after the end of the ERA-NET. Procedures, rules need to be agreed and described. Experiences from previous ERA-NETs which became sustainable will be assessed. This task requires early action, i.e. start during the implementation of first additional call -> *is relatively uncertain*.
- 6.6 Enlargement of the consortium (WG): a critical issue to become sustainable: reach a “critical mass” in terms of partner institution (and therefore of research partners). This task will particularly (but not only) aim at reaching international countries. *First success with NZ joining the co-funded call*. Other countries addressed in South America and Asia.

WP6: Implementing a joint programme (4)

- D6.1 : Call Announcement for Call 1 [30] (*most probably M 24*): Call Announcement from the 1st joint call without EU funding (*most probably early 2017*)
- D6.2 : Call Announcement for Call 2 [50]: Call Announcement from the 2nd joint call without EU funding.
- D6.3 : MoU on the "Joint Programme" [60]: Memorandum of Understanding to establish the "Joint Programme" (signed from M58 to M60)
- Budget: 24 PM (12 in kind) -> 115 k€; support expected from partners (e.g. in the WG enlargement,



WP7: Short and long-term strategy on sustainable and resilient agriculture

- Lead INRA
- Contr.: JÜLICH, Defra, AU
- M1 – M60
- Objective:
 - link FACCE SURPLUS to FACCE-JPI and ist SRA;
 - link with other EU & international initiatives (e.g. SCAR, JRC bioeconomy observatory...)
 - prepare other activities needed (e.g. scoping workshop in coop. with WP6)
 - prepare follow-up actions (long-term)



WP7: Short and long-term strategy on sustainable and resilient agriculture (2)

- 7.1 Coordination with other FACCE activities: including projects already launched e.g. MACSUR
- 7.2 Coordination and overseeing of implementation of additional events (workshops, networking meetings, scientific conference...):
 - Common kick-off, mid-term and end-term meeting of projects (incl. additional projects)
 - 2 scoping workshops -> topics for further calls
 - Stakeholder event -> progress made by projects
 - International conference on bioeconomy (end of FACCE SURPLUS)
 - Training summer course
 - Networking of research infrastructures & platforms
 - *Others?*



WP7: Short and long-term strategy on sustainable and resilient agriculture (3)

- 7.3 Identification of existing EU and international initiatives and ensuring exchange of information: dialogue with other initiatives, ERA-NETs, ETI, Biobased Industries JTI, SCAR, JRC -> avoid duplication of work and create synergies, e.g. networking of projects
- 7.4 List of potential follow-up actions to carry on following the ERA-NET through EC and/or Member States' programmes: in coop. with WP4&7, prepare longer term beyond projects financed through FACCE SURPLUS, take into account FACCE-JPI research goals in the area of FACCE SURPLUS

WP7: Short and long-term strategy on sustainable and resilient agriculture (4)

- D7.1 : Report on potential follow-up activities [48]: Report on potential follow-up activities to perpetuate the actions carried out under this ERA-NET
- D7.2 : Links with other EU and international initiatives [60]: List and description of links made between this ERA-NET and FACCE – JPI, between this ERA-NET and other European and international initiatives and partners
- Budget: 15 PM; 155 k€
- Also “in kind” contribution expected from partners
- Whenever possible, link events together/with other events

Add. activities: Budget

- WP6: 24 PM (12) -> 115 k€
- WP7: 15 PM -> 155 k€
- + 190 k€ „Reserve funds“:
 - will be used to cover additional costs encountered while implementing additional activities that go beyond the co-funded call as described in the WPs 6 & 7;
 - any partner may apply for reserve funds during an SC meeting in order to implement an activity: present this activity and the budget required. The SC will decide;
 - will be useful e.g. in case of important event we are not yet aware from (e.g. bioeconomy conference in 2019...)
 - Potentially money left from other parts of the black box (e.g. from EU money planned for the co-funded call; we will most probably not spend the exact amount)

Units: how to report?

- Additional calls: funder joining a call (call announcement as „proof“); partner involved in administering the call
- Enlargement WG: contacts (e.g. emails); participation in WG meetings; list of contacts made (excel file)...
- MoU preparation: all Parties of the MoU
- Additional (that go beyond the co-funded call; not only projects from this call) events: involvement in organisation, logistic, active participation in the event
- Links with other initiatives: e.g. presentation in meetings with other initiatives, being the contact point between FACCE SURPLUS and e.g. SCAR...
- Others...

Summary

- Plan sufficient activities in relation to the required units
- Involve partners on variable geometry
- Budget is hard to determine:
 - Hard to know the exact costs (over 5 years)
 - Activities can change (e.g. conference in 2019 in USA... additional calls are planned but nobody can commit a budget for call in 3 years...)
 - Exact amount of available money is not known yet (will be “more” after the end of the co-funded call)
- Be ready to be flexible
- Way to report units is still “uncertain”
- If partners join later on (not for the co-funded call) to participate in add. activities, may they claim units?



Thank you for your attention!