



# JPI "A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life" and global cooperation

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JPI: A Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) is an initiative from the member states and supported by the European Commission (EC) to align national research programmes, with national available budgets and join efforts on common challenges.

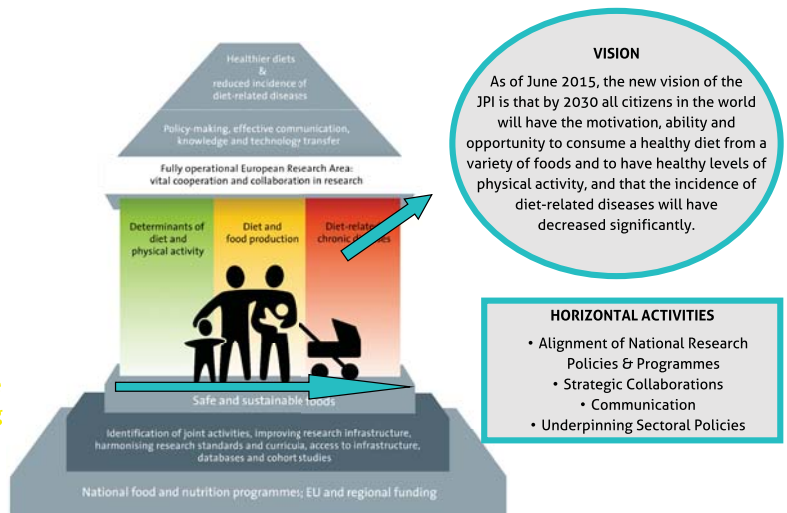
The JPI 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life' (HDHL) is providing coordination of research on the impact of diet and lifestyles on health.

## STRATEGIC RESEARCH AGENDA

The HDHL JPI Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) covering the 2012-2020 period and beyond was launched in 2012. In 2015 a 2nd edition has been published.

Three key interacting research areas were identified and described. In each of these three areas the JPI has defined research priorities and provided a roadmap for harmonized and structured research efforts. In the Implementation of the SRA 7 Joint actions have been launched in the three areas:

- **Determinants of diet and physical activity.** Ensuring the healthy choice is the easy choice for all consumers: DEDIPAC KHub
- **Diet and food production.** Developing healthy, high-quality, safe and sustainable foods: BioNH (Foodball, Mirdiet), Food processing for health (open), Intestinal Microbiomics (open)
- **Diet-related chronic diseases.** Preventing diet-related, chronic diseases and increasing the quality of life: ENPADASI KHub, Nutrition & Cognitive Functions (open), Malnutrition (open)



## Global cooperation

### 25 COUNTRIES INVOLVED

Canada and New Zealand are the first two countries outside EU who participate in JPI HDHL as a full member of the Management Board. Besides being an active partner in defining the JPI HDHL strategy and encouraging alignment with national policy, Canada and New Zealand have also been involved in some of the JPI HDHL Joint Actions. In 4 out of the 7 implemented actions at least one third country has been involved. In addition also on the JPI HDHL conferences and events there is often a participation from Third Countries.



### Strategy

The societal challenge of the JPI HDHL reaches beyond Europe. For some of the identified topics global interaction and collaboration with Third Countries is needed to make real progress. In 2014 and 2015 JPI HDHL established several new contacts with organisations and institutions in Australia, Israel and the USA. Through the FP7 project EU-Lac a first connection with Southern America has been made. In the upcoming period JPI HDHL will develop and implement a strategy to increase the collaboration with Third Countries especially for those JPI HDHL activities where worldwide research will truly contribute to underlying aims of JPI.



### Challenges

It takes time, especially for partners outside Europe, to fully understand the Joint Programming Instrument. An observer role for these partners could be a good instrument for both the JPI and the Third Country to explore possibilities for in-depth collaboration. Practical issues need to be taken into account ( e.g. the time differences and distance when planning meetings, deadlines of calls, etc.). The ERA-NET Cofund Instrument does not (automatically) acknowledge the investment of Third Countries in its top-up funding whereas the investment of Third Countries in the ERA-NET Cofund instrument does benefit the EU Member States.

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