PLATFORM

Questions on instruments

General

- What is the reason of the Commission to develop the Framework Partnership Agreement?

- What is the reason of the Commission use European Joint Programming for a public-public collaboration? Why for zoönoses (One Health) topic?

- What is the vision of the Commission concerning how to manage research funds in EC-MS cofunded programmes?

- What is expected by the Commission from Member States?

FPA

- If an FPA is in place, will topics still be part of the Work Programmes?

- If not, 'where' will they be, and how will the EC decide on allocating top-up budgets?

- How 'large' is the remit of an FPA (area matching a SC? area matching the scope of calls e.g. the SFS calls of SC2 of H2020).

- What is the duration of an FPA?

- What evaluations are foreseen?

- What reporting will be needed?

- Questions on FPA governance and memberships
    - What should be in the ToR of an FPA?
    - Role of the Party that is tasked to prepare, have parties acceding, and maintain FPA? What should be the tasks? What should NOT be in the tasks of the organising Party?
    - How much time would this task take? Who pays this?
    - Can the organising Party be themselves a programme owner/manager?
    - Criteria for membership. In H2020 there is a check to ensure that organisations that get a grant are financially sound and that they are capable of being a H2020 project partner. Should this be applied to those organisations that apply to be member of a FPA as well? Who does this?
    - How and who decides on which organisations are allowed in an FPA. If there is a contract between 50 organisations established, and a new organisation would like to join for a specific cofunded call, who then decides if this organisation may join the consortium.
    - Do all organisations that are already in the contract have to agree on that?

- On what grounds can a membership of an FPA be ended?
- Is it possible for organisations that are not from an EU MS or AS to be part of an FPA?
- Is an organisation that works with tenders (procurement) allowed in the FPA?

- Questions on the specific agreements for each individual call in the frame of the FPA.
  - Is there a role (described?) for the Party that is tasked to coordinate the FPA?
  - What is the difference for a funding body once there is an FPA, compared to without FPA?
  - Will there still be Cofund calls outside FPA's?
  - Can additional activities be funded besides the call secretariat tasks (networking, scoping, giving visibility to the resulting research projects and outcome, seminars for the program)
  - Would there be a minimum funding requirement for a partner?

EJP
- In what way, and for what set of activities, could a JPI use the European Joint Programming instrument.

Scenario thinking exercises

1- Imagining...
a situation where there would be in place an FPA in the area of SC2 (with about 100 programme owners / programme managers from Member States and Associated States within that contract)
How would it work then, with regard to:
- who can suggest topics?
- how are topics selected? who selects topics?
- are topics only selected where an existing ERA-NET is ready to take the lead?
- are all topics selected supported by EU top-up funds?
- is there a "black box" like in the Plus and the Cofund?
- time from idea to call?
- how are the distribution of the EU top-up budgets decided?
- how will the Commission decide where to add EU top-up?
- can a Cofund set a minimum level of funding?
- can a Cofund decide on the focus (for example applied/multi-actor research only) and set that as requirements for funding bodies to fulfill (e.g. possibility to fund SMEs)?

In all these aspects, what is the role of EC, role of PC, role of SCAR, role of PLATFORM, role of individual networks (ERA-NETs, JPIs, other), role of Member States, role of an individual funding organisation, role of scientific community.

2-Imagining...
that during Horizon 2020 many of the Societal Challenges would like to work with FPA, then:
- what is foreseen as a way of working for calls on areas that are not within the boundaries of a single societal challenge?
- can the EC co-fund combine budgets from two or more themes?
- Will the FPAs need to be re-done if the framework programme after H2020 has another division of topics than the current seven societal challenges?
- if individual funders would prefer to be in one FPA rather than in seven FPAs (for each SC), would it then be possible that the FPA will become ONE large MEGA-FPA? How to govern that?