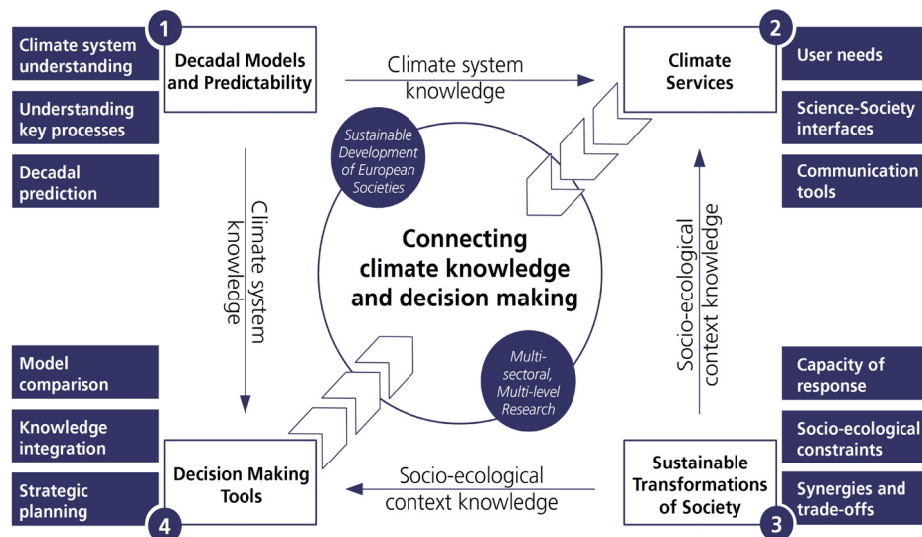


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Joint Programming Initiative

Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe

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Expert-Workshop
Documentation



24. and 25. January 2011
Palais Harrach, Vienna

On 24-25 January 2011 in the Palais Harrach (Freyung) in Vienna, the departments II/4 (Research and Innovations for the Future) and II/5 (EU Research Policy and Coordination) of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research (BMWF) invited an international audience to a development workshop for Joint Programming in the area of climate research.

The event was organized in cooperation with the Center for Global Change and Sustainability of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

A total of seventy participants accepted the invitation, officially representing fourteen countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. In addition, the European Commission (Research Section) and the European Environmental Agency sent their own representatives.

In the framework of the workshop, internationally renowned experts advised and discussed with national sponsors of research the European climate research agenda for the next 15-20 years. Austria was represented in the expert working groups by, among others, Prof. Dr. Helga Kromp-Kolb (BOKU Center for Global Change and Sustainability) and Prof. Dr. Ulrich Brand (Institute of Political Science , University of Vienna).

The discussion was centered on the awareness that current and future climate research must be increasingly oriented towards the real needs of decision-makers from politics, the economy and civil society than has until now been the case. This is necessary in order to enable them to make decisions appropriate for society in spite of the complexity of the topic 'climate change'.

In addition to an active dialogue between science and society and institutionalized linkages, such as climate service centers, the social sciences are called upon to draw the connections between climate research—which has so far been strongly influenced by the natural sciences—and societal realities.

Workshop

Day 1 – 24.01.

09:00 – 10:00	Arrival & Registration
10:00 – 10:45	Workshop introduction (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome!• Workshop information: objectives, expectations, programme• Input by the EC on JPI Framework Conditions Session chair: AT
10:45 – 11:30	JPI Vision (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary: Presentation and discussion of the JPI vision paper Session chair: NL
11:30 - 13:00	Strategic Research Agenda – SRA (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary: Introduction into the SRA• Plenary discussion on the four modules: connection to other modules Session chair: DE
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch in-house catering
14:00 – 18:00	SRA contin. (Working Groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parallel working groups on SRA modules 1-4 Chair: coordinators of modules 1-4
18:00	End of workshop day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outlook on day 2, Reception
20:00	Invited Dinner by the Mayor and Governor of Vienna Welcome by Vice-Mayor and Vice-Governor Maria Vassilakou

Program

Day 2 – 25.01.

08:30 – 12:00	SRA – Module Interface Sessions (Working Groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parallel working groups: Discussion on interconnection between modules Chairs: coordinators of modules 1-4
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch in-house catering
13:00 – 13:30	SRA-module interconnections (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of working group results Chair: DE
13:30 – 15:00	Parallel session 1 – JPI Members (national representatives) JPI Governance Chair: AT, IT
13:30 – 15:00	Parallel session 2 – Experts Discussion on SRA operationalization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential instruments, activities Chair: DE
15:00 – 16:00	Workshop outlook and closure (Plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary wrap up of parallel sessions• Outlook and next steps Chair: AT, FI

Follow up on January 26
Informal collaboration talks between JPI CLIK'EU and ERA-Net CIRCLE 2

Common strategic research agendas at the EU level are formulated via the 'Joint Programming' process in order to address large, societal challenges, such as climate change or urbanization trends. Austria is represented through the BMWF (Department II/4, Dr. Irene Gabriel) as a core partner in the Joint Programming Initiative "Connecting Climate Change Knowledge for Europe" (JPI CLIK'EU), which has accomplished an important step in the process through this development workshop.

Through its strong role in JPI CLIK'EU, Austria (via the BMWF) has developed significant opportunities for designing the European climate research agenda.

The social challenge and responsibility, in the context of climate change, were fulfilled through the coordination of the workshop. Accommodations for the participants were arranged in the world's first zero-energy hotel, vegetarian meals were provided through an organic and fair trade caterer, and information regarding climate-friendly travel to and from the event by train was actively provided. These aspects of the event contributed not only to the reduction of its ecological footprint, but were also praised by numerous participants.

The social responsibility of science, as well as that of its sponsoring institutions, was highlighted from the perspective of a key political decision-maker through a presentation by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Governor of Vienna, as well as Municipal Councilor for Urban Development, Traffic & Transportation, Climate Protection, Energy Planning and Citizen Participation, Maria Vassilakou, that was given during an official evening reception of the participants by the City of Vienna on January 24th, 2011.

The dialogue that began on that evening between the BMWF Department for Climate Research and the ambitious climate policy of the City of Vienna reflects the societal orientation of JPI CLIK'EU and will therefore be remembered by the participants as an impressive example of mutual learning between science and society in Austria.