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The Water JPI 2016 : Water challenges for a changing world

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The Water Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) will host its 2016 Conference in Rome on the 19th May 2016. This international event is targeted to a wide range of stakeholders and will present the new version of the Water JPI Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), and discuss on how to implement it and the benefits from international cooperation.

The WATER JPI SRIA version 2.0 lays out research, innovation and development needs in the water sector grouped by thematic areas and priorities selected after a stakeholders' consultation for their scientific and societal importance and structured around these five core themes : Improving Ecosystem Sustainability and Human Well-being ; Developing Safe Water Systems for the Citizens ; Promoting Competitiveness in the Water Industry ; Implementing a Water-Wise Bio-Based Economy ; Closing the Water Cycle Gap Improving Sustainable Water Resources Management.

Following keynotes from the European Commission, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, round-table discussions will cover the identified water research priorities in the SRIA, its implementation, and the benefits of international cooperation to jointly tackle the grand challenge of achieving sustainable water systems in the world.

A poster session presenting the transnational projects funded to-date by the Water JPI will also take place during the conference.

The Water and FACCE JPIs announce the launching of a call for international and transnational collaborative research projects on "Sustainable management of water resources in agriculture, forestry and freshwater aquaculture sectors".

The call is open from 16.2.2016 with a closing date for the submissions pre-proposals on **19.4.2016**.