

Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance

Membership Policy

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About Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs)

Joint Programming Initiatives were set up in 2009 to pool national research efforts in order to make better use of R&D resources and to tackle common global challenges more effectively. JPIs are a collaborative approach to research in which countries come together to define a common vision, a strategic research agenda and a management structure, in order to address the ‘grand challenges’ facing society in the coming years.

These global grand challenges (like antimicrobial resistance) are considered beyond the scope and resources of any one country to tackle and would benefit from a co-ordinated approach to research. Collaboration is understood as top down through the alignment of national research programmes and joint research calls but at the same time bottom up through incentivizing collaboration among the scientific community.

The JPIAMR Strategic Research Agenda, developed by the JPIAMR members, provides a framework to fight global grand challenges of AMR. The proposed activities, on a voluntary basis and in a partnership approach, will mobilise the available national resources of several nations in an optimal way while ensuring minimum duplication of effort and will utilize existing expert groups, and create research activities in many different fields that are relevant to AMR through annual/multiannual implementation plans.

JPIAMR Management Structure

The governance structure of JPIAMR includes:

- a Management Board (MB)
 - topic and/ or activity Working Groups
 - Core Call Steering Group
- a Steering Committee (SC)
 - a Chair and a Vice-Chair
- a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)
- a Secretariat

The Management Board is the main decision making body. It will seek advice from the Scientific Advisory Board on the Strategic Research Agenda and related matters. The Steering Committee supports the Management Board in all aspects concerning the preparation and implementation of decisions. The Secretariat organises the day to day management of the management structure and implements those tasks assigned to it by the Management Board and the Steering Committee. It takes the necessary actions and reports accordingly to the MB and the SC.

Membership rights and responsibilities

The JPIAMR seeks to enlarge its consortium. The overall aim is a global geographically adequate representation on all continents. New members are expected to demonstrate interest in JPIAMR Strategic Research Agenda and to act in at least one of the main pillars. A National Action plan for Antimicrobial Resistance and the readiness to engage in a global research cooperation on AMR research across national boundaries should exist. The participation in the Joint Calls is not mandatory, but builds one of the main pillars of the JPIAMR.

The different types of membership are described below in detail:

Members

- The nominated Management Board member has a governmental mandate
- All Members are represented in the Management Board (with a maximum of 2 representatives)
- They have voting rights
- Active contribution to the activities of JPIAMR is expected from countries represented by the Management Board member:
 - Attend regularly Management Board meetings
 - Be a member of at least 1 MB Working Group
 - Participate in some of the Joint Actions
 - Answer to the official JPIAMR surveys
- Contribution to JPIAMR operations:
 - Contribute in-kind for the time for participation in meetings, workshops and Working Groups events and travel costs of member's representatives
 - Contribute in-kind with the organisation of some of the JPIAMR meetings or workshops
 - If in the future financial fees are decided to be set by the MB its members would have to contribute

Observers

- The Observers are represented in the Management Board (with a maximum of 1 representative)
- They do not have voting rights
- They cannot be a member of the Steering Committee
- Active contribution to the activities of JPIAMR is expected:
 - Attend regularly Management Board meetings
 - Be a member of at least 1 MB Working Group
 - Participate in some of the Joint Actions
 - Answer to the official JPIAMR surveys
- Contribution to JPIAMR operations:
 - Contribute in-kind for the time for participation in meetings, workshops and Working Groups events and travel costs of member's representatives
- After 2 years its membership status should be evaluated

Partners

- Involvement in specific JPIAMR activities only
- Information on JPIAMR activities
- Participation does not imply a role in JPIAMR governance

In all cases, any participating country will have to respect the rules governing any JPIAMR joint actions/research activities.

How to become a member

A country can submit an expression of interest to become a member, observer or partner. It should be addressed in writing to the Chair of the Management Board. The letter should mention any major programmes, research networks, centres of excellence or bi-lateral programmes on AMR. The proposal shall be presented to the Management Board by the secretariat or a member of the Management Board. In discussing the application the Management Board will take account of the following considerations:

- Added value of membership to the initiative
- Level of anticipated participation: e.g. scale, duration of cooperation, potential areas of mutual interest collaboration, etc.

Finally it needs to be approved by the Management Board unanimously. After the MB has reached their decision, the Chair will inform the applicant of the decision. If accepted the new member will be invited to the following and subsequent Management Board meetings. If turned down, the applicant is informed why and what is necessary to do before applying again if they wish to.

Membership in the JPAMR initiative is terminated, if the respective State has put its wish in writing to the Chair of the Management Board, who in turn informs all its members.

A member can be disqualified from JPIAMR if has not attended for 2 years any MB meeting or has not participated in any Joint Action. The Management Board will have to approve its expulsion.

More Information on JPIAMR

Further information, strategy papers, factsheets, guidelines about processes and activities can be found on the JPIAMR website (www.jpiamr.eu) or on request from the secretariat (secretariat.jpiamr@vr.se).