

THE AFRICA-EU PARTENRSHIP



Outcome Report from the Stakeholder Event

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- The **FNSSA Roadmap** is on a good trajectory towards implementation with around 50 research projects such as <u>SeacriFog</u> as well as those under the <u>LEAP-Agri</u> programme in place. A new ERA-Net has recently been launched under the title FOSC.
 - The FNSSA Partnership is already well-developed with a *Cooperation and Support Action* (CSA, namely <u>LEAP4FNSSA</u>) to strategically accompany the implementation projects and a dedicated Working Group overseeing the overall implementation of the roadmap.
 - Under the LEAP4FNSSA, a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is currently being developed with an early light-evaluation and a second study already available. This framework will also be made available for other working groups, initiatives and programmes.
- The **CCSE Roadmap** on the other hand is not yet that developed. There are indeed already several research projects ongoing, e.g. under the <u>JPI-Climate</u>. However, the Working Group is yet to be established. The challenge here is the lack of nominations from the Member States.
 - → Therefore, please re-evaluate if you can identify someone from your national network who can represent your country in this important governing body of the CCSE.
- In March 2020 a new Research and Innovation Action in the area of renewable energy will be launched under the CCSE roadmap with a budget of 30 Mio. € (15 Mio. € each from the EC and the participating funders). The <u>PRE-LEAP-RE</u> project has developed a research agenda, cooperation framework, and long-term perspective that should serve as the basis for the future action.
 - → In preparation of the future joint programme, the PRE-LEAP-RE consortium is still open for declarations of interest to join the funders' network to realise a cofunding scheme. Even if not feasible now, research funders are encouraged to register in the network as this will be an important contribution to the CCSE partnership. If you are interested in taking part in this valuable initiative, please get in touch via the PRE-LEAP-RE website.
 - → During the workshop on CCSE, the wish was formulated to strategically discuss issues of funding and how to make the partnerships more sustainable.
 - → The importance of modelling and resources assessment was discussed in the context of the CCSE.
- A new Africa-Europe Innovation Partnership was launched in 2019 with the aim to support and connect innovation and technology incubators and accelerators across Africa and Europe. The <u>initiative</u> was positively received by the stakeholders in so far as the proposed activities would contribute to bridging the gap between the scientific community, practitioners and policy-makers.