



JHEP: National Consultation Panels

Terms of Reference

Background

The Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) on “Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new Challenge for Europe” commenced on 1st October 2011 aiming to define a common vision between the 18 participating countries which will then be implemented through a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA). As the UK partner in this JPI, the Arts and Humanities Research Council is leading the work to develop the SRA which is due for completion by December 2012 under the EU Coordination Action, ‘Joint Heritage European Programme’ (JHEP). JHEP will allow Member States and Associated Countries to implement the Joint Programming Initiative by providing areas where joint public research programmes respond to major societal challenges. The engagement of stakeholders will ensure the translation of research outputs into practice and policy.

All Member States and Associated Countries have been asked to set up National Consultation Panels to ensure that information on research gaps and needs is gathered effectively and to ensure that the resulting Strategic Research Agenda is thorough and comprehensive.

Primary Purpose/goal

National Consultation Panels will consist of experts in the area of tangible, intangible and digital cultural heritage and their aim is to help identify research areas, activities, gaps and needs. Members of the National Consultation Panels will sit on the panels as experts, rather than as representatives of a particular organization or discipline. Members must at all times observe the highest standards of probity, impartiality, integrity and objectivity.

Responsibilities

- To engage with the JHEP consortium;
- To be open minded and consider all aspects of cultural heritage (tangible, intangible and digital);
- To advise the JHEP Steering Committee ¹member on research areas, activities, gaps and needs;

¹ The JHEP Steering Committee is composed of the Coordinator, the work package leaders and the Executive Board members of the JPI.

- To complete the Common Framework templates agreed by the JHEP Expert Group²;
- To provide sufficient detailed information as to inform the development of the Strategic Research Agenda;
- To provide the information requested by the Work Package leader (AHRC, UK) according to the timetable provided.

Membership

The National Consultation Panel will be in operation for a fixed term from February 2012 until December 2012, although most meetings and associated activities by the panel are likely to take place at the beginning of this period. It is expected that the panel will have a maximum of 12 members, drawn from a range of organisations such as universities, museums, archives, libraries, funding bodies and heritage agencies in order to achieve the level of intellectual expertise, knowledge and interaction envisaged for this work. Members of the JPI Scientific Committee³ may also sit on NCPs. Membership will be balanced so that there is an equal spread of expertise covering the tangible, intangible and digital cultural heritage as well as an appropriate level of national coverage. NCPs will also be required to reflect principles of gender and ethnic diversity.

The experience and skills required to become a potential member of the NCP are:

- Significant European or national research record or active engagement with interdisciplinary research or scholarship in the area of cultural heritage
- Ability to demonstrate expertise and knowledge both within and on the margins of their main subject specialism or discipline
- Experience at articulating research to a range of audiences
- Leadership and management experience
- Proven successful experience at a senior level in a university and/or private/public/not for profit organisation within the cultural heritage sector
- Involvement in networking activities on a national or international level

² The JHEP Expert Group is responsible for assisting Work Package 2 leaders (AHRC, UK) with the development of the Common Framework and facilitating responses from Member States and Associated Countries. It is composed of 2 representatives of the Scientific Committee and 2 external experts.

³ The JPI Scientific Committee includes 12 experts from countries involved in this JPI and abroad, selected by peer review.