

## Science Advice for Policy by European Academies

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### Dear Reader,

The end of the year is approaching fast and I am sure we are all looking forward to enjoying some days off over the Season's Holidays and New Year. As we look back at 2016, a tumultuous year in many respects, I think we can be at least a little bit proud of what we achieved. After a long and sometimes arduous process we have now officially launched the SAPEA project (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) together with our partners Academia Europaea, EASAC, Euro-CASE, and FEAM, and working together with the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM). We are very excited to get this project off to a good start and in 2016's last issue of the ALLEA newsletter we invite you to read a little more in detail about what's happening in SAPEA and SAM.

This year has also proven to be a very festive year for our member academies, starting with the Romanian Academy's 150th anniversary in March and the Académie des Sciences' 350th anniversary over the summer, more recently both the Bosnian Academy of Sciences and the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts have celebrated their 65th and 175th anniversary respectively. We warmly congratulate our member academies to these wonderful occasions and we were delighted to be included in some of the festivities. You can read more about in the Board section.

Our working groups have further advanced their projects and I am pleased to report that the Permanent Working Group on Science & Ethics has made and is making considerable progress in the revision process of the ALLEA Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. The members of the group are doing an outstanding job in updating this important document and getting a wide variety of stakeholders involved in the process. We envisage publication of the revised Code of Conduct for Research Integrity early next year.

During the ALLEA General Assembly 2016 in Vienna, the delegates approved the creation of a new ALLEA Framework Programme 9 Working Group, which will engage with the European Commission and other relevant stakeholders in the development of the successor programme to Horizon 2020. In their work, the group will pay particular attention to ensuring that social sciences and humanities are represented fairly.

Dear readers, I am wishing you and your loved ones an enjoyable festive season, happy holidays and as we say in German a „guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr”, a good start for 2017.

Kind regards,



Günter Stock

## ALLEA Board Meetings in Tbilisi and Belgrade

*The ALLEA Board met at the Georgian Academy and at the Serbian Academy in September and December*

*Following the warm welcome of the Presidents by the Georgian National Academy of Sciences and the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the members of the Board discussed the ongoing activities of ALLEA's working groups, the first steps of the [SAPEA](#) project (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies), as well as the planning of next year's events, including the ALLEA General Assembly 2017.*

During the meeting in Tbilisi, the President of the Georgian academy, Academician Giorgi Kvesitadze, welcomed the ALLEA Board and provided an overview on the prominent role of the national academy as a scientific advisor to the Georgian government and as a supervisor to Georgian universities.

In the Board meeting, the participants discussed the manifold ALLEA activities

that took place over the summer. Board Member Krista Varantola reported on the status of the European Code of Conduct revision carried out by ALLEA's Permanent Working Group Science & Ethics.

In addition, the Board discussed the most recent ALLEA statement on "Patent-related aspects of CRISPR-Cas", which was published by the Permanent Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights and which was very well received within the scientific community and by the relevant European institutions.

### Symposium in Belgrade

At its fourth and last meeting of 2016 in Belgrade, the ALLEA Board session was held in parallel to the international symposium "National Academies of Sciences and Arts in the 21st Century", organised by the Serbian Academy

as part of a series of events on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

The President of the Serbian Academy, Academician Vladimir Kostić, gave a welcome address to the ALLEA Board and highlighted the relevance of regional cooperation amongst the academies, particularly in the framework of the Western Balkan initiative and through the Danube Academies Conference.

The symposium featured lectures to re-think the role of academies in the future. In the afternoon session of the event, ALLEA President Günter Stock gave a speech on the role of academies in the course of history. He delved into the responsibilities and principles of academies in the past and present, and pointed to current and emerging threats to science. Particularly he drew attention to challenges facing scientists and scientific systems and



ALLEA Board together with the President of the Georgian National Academy / GNA

called on academicians to engage with the public to promote a rational discourse.

## History and excellence in academia

Both Board meetings were hosted by two distinguished centres for academic excellence and history. The [Georgian National Academy of Sciences](#) was established in 1941 and coordinates scientific research in Georgia and in cooperation with 20 Academies in foreign countries. The [Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts](#) is Serbia's primary academic institution and in its history are such distinguished names as Nikola Tesla, Mihailo Pupin, Milutin Milankovic and Ivo Andric.



ALLEA President greets SASA Vice President Ljubomir Maksimovic / SASA

## Latest Statements

### Brexit will not affect ALLEA's membership of UK academies

On 1 July, ALLEA issued a statement in response to the outcome of the UK referendum held on 23 June and affirmed that as ALLEA "comprises national academies in the Council of Europe and not only in the EU, any British decision to leave the EU will not affect the membership of the four UK academies (Royal Society, Royal Society of Edinburgh, British Academy and the Learned Society of Wales)". Furthermore, ALLEA fully supported the statement "Research and Innovation: after the EU Referendum", released by seven Academies on the British Isles including five ALLEA Member Academies, and called upon all parties involved in the Brexit negotiation process to ensure that existing cooperation agreements are not violated.

Read more [here](#)

### European Academies' Statement: Science is Global

On the occasion of the [EuroScience Open Forum \(ESOF\)](#) in Manchester 2016, ALLEA endorsed a joint statement together with Europe's Academies to celebrate the value of science and research and stand for international science and research collaborations. The issue stated the following: "Many of today's most pressing challenges are global ones. International science and research collaborations greatly enhance the knowledge and tools we need to tackle them. This means institutions from across Europe need to be free to recruit excellent researchers. Our researchers must be able to work, cooperate across borders and travel flexibly as part of multinational activities. We must support the exchange of ideas. Unnecessary barriers to this mobility will weaken science and be to the cost of all nations".

Read more [here](#)

### ALLEA issues a statement on the attempted coup d'état in Turkey

On 22 July, ALLEA issued a statement rejecting the attempted coup d'état by factions of the Turkish military on 15 July against the democratically elected institutions of the Republic of Turkey. ALLEA closely followed the subsequent repressive and excessive nature of measures against several public sectors in Turkey, including the academic and research community, carried out by the Turkish government and compliant civil servants in response to the coup. ALLEA called for the Republic of Turkey to respect academic freedom and autonomy: "We strongly condemn these and any other punitive or preventive actions taken without distinction, depriving academics and researchers from their fundamental rights."

Read more [here](#)

# ALLEA congratulates Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina on its 65th anniversary

*Vice President Daniela Jezova represented ALLEA at the Academy's commemorative ceremony*

ALLEA Vice President Daniela Jezova spoke in Sarajevo on 28 October during the official ceremony organised to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ANUBiH). The solemn session took place under the auspices of the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Professor Jezova congratulated the ANUBiH on its high achievements during its sixty-five year history of promoting excellence in science. Particularly she underlined the remarkable role of the national academy in the country's research system. "We can be proud that the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a member of ALLEA, has demonstrated interdisciplinary excellence, autonomy of research, and has promoted and fostered international collaborations", she affirmed.

In her speech, Professor Jezova drew attention to ALLEA's work bringing together academies from across Europe and beyond. She particularly highlighted the importance of the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) as the new advisory system to obtain evidence-based policy advice.

To support this mechanism, ALLEA is working with a network of organisations of academies in the [SAPEA project](#) (Science Advice for



*On the right, ALLEA Vice President Daniela Jezova at the Serbian Academy / ANUBiH*

Policy by European Academies). The ALLEA Vice President encouraged the Bosnian academy to collaborate and contribute to these efforts.

The solemn session was opened with a welcome address by the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Bakir Izetbegovic, and closed with the speech of the president of the academy, Professor Milos Trifkovic.

The celebrations also commemorated the 50 years since the enactment of the Law on the Academy of Sciences and Arts, and included an exhibition of the artistic works of the members of the Department of Arts of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## Celebrating 65 Years of History

The [Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina \(ANUBiH\)](#) is the highest scientific institution in the country and was established in 1951 by the Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The institution works under the principles of independence and autonomy and was assigned the task of taking care of the development of science and arts in the country. Its activities include the organisation of scientific and artistic productions, and the publication of the works of its members and associates. The ANUBiH is managed exclusively by the principles and interests of science and free beliefs of its members.

# ALLEA joins British Academy's conference "European Union and Disunion"

*A series of international conferences under ALLEA's patronage are envisaged to give continuity to the debate on Europe's identity and the challenges faced by the European Union. The British Academy hosts kick off conference in London on 4 November 2016*

*On the invitation of the British Academy, ALLEA President Günter Stock and members of the ALLEA Board joined a conference in London under the title "European Union and Disunion: What has held Europeans together and what is dividing them?"*

The lectures explored the narratives and sentiments that have aided or compromised the imagining and workings of Europe, as well as the constitutive stories of identity and meaning that in the past and present have helped to bring together and divide Europeans.

The symposium was chaired by Professor Ash Amin, Foreign Secretary and Vice President of the [British Academy](#), and brought together speakers from European and North American universities and academies. The [panels](#) reflected on topics such as the relationship of the United Kingdom and Europe,

the legacies, history and ideas of Europe, the construction of European narratives in politics and media, and the challenges of mobilisation, migration and refuge to the European project.

## Upcoming Conference Series

Representatives from several academies across Europe and members of the ALLEA Board discussed opportunities for a further continuation of the British Academy's symposium. Following the success of the kick-off conference in London, further conferences under ALLEA's patronage are in planning. Such follow-up conferences would be held under the title chosen by the British Academy ("European Union and Disunion: What has held Europeans together and what is dividing them?") and will cover different regions in Europe.

Covering the Mediterranean, the next conference will be organised in 2017 by the [Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Rome](#). The following year, the [Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities](#) and possibly other German academies will host a conference representing the region of Central Europe. The [Council of Finnish Academies](#), together with the Nordic and Baltic academies, may organise the following conference in late 2018 or beginning of 2019, covering the Scandinavian and Baltic regions. Delegates from academies with existing programmes on related topics, such as the [Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium Science and the Arts](#) and the [Royal Irish Academy](#), will explore possibilities for further activities in the area.

## Promoting Cultural Europe

ALLEA has a keen interest in intensifying and promoting the academies' work on European identity, particularly its cultural and intellectual facets. To that end, it annually awards the [All European Academies Mme de Staél Prize for Cultural Values](#) and publishes a book series on [Discourses on Intellectual Europe](#) in which eminent fellows from ALLEA member academies explore questions of an intrinsic or quintessential European identity, its roots, and other crucial pan-European issues in an effort to contribute to the intellectual discourse that will shape Europe's future.



*First session of the conference "European Union and Disunion" / British Academy*

## European academy networks launch Horizon 2020-funded SAPEA project

*Presidents of the five European academy networks meet in Brussels with Director-General for Research and Innovation, Robert-Jan Smits*



*From left to right, Günter Stock (ALLEA), Robert-Jan Smits (EC Directorate-General for Research and Innovation), Bernard Charpentier (FEAM), Jos van der Meer (EASAC), Sierd Cloetingh (Academia Europaea), and Jacques Lukasik (Euro-CASE) / European Commission*

*On 13 December 2016, Presidents of the five European academy networks that make up the SAPEA project consortium joined the Director-General for Research and Innovation, Robert-Jan Smits, for the official launch of SAPEA in Brussels. More than 100 academies across Europe will contribute to the European Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM), which provides independent, transdisciplinary and evidence-based scientific advice to the European Commission.*

Director-General Smits welcomed the launch of SAPEA: "Today's agreement with the five European Academy Networks will boost the Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism. It will allow it to tap into the Academies' broad knowledge across disciplines and regions in

Europe. The Commission is looking forward to this new partnership with the Academies."

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*- Director-General for Research and Innovation, Robert-Jan Smits*

SAPEA Chairman and ALLEA President Professor Günter Stock voiced his appreciation that "the Commission has established a comprehensive system for providing independent and evidence-based scientific advice for EU policymaking. The five European academy organisations look forward to constructively working together with SAM's High Level Group."

SAPEA combines the expertise of more than 100 academies across Europe, spanning the disciplines of science, engineering, medicine, humanities, and social sciences, with hundreds of Fellows respectively who will contribute to the work of SAM. The project will run over 4 years and is funded through a grant from the EU's Horizon 2020 programme. SAPEA stands for "Science Advice for Policy by European Academies".

The participating European academy networks include Academia Europaea, ALLEA, EASAC, Euro-CASE, and FEAM, which will aggregate their existing structures to advance international, transdisciplinary cooperation among academies in more than 40 European countries.

## SAPEA's academy networks

We present here the five academy networks that take part in the SAPEA project, representing over 100 academies from more than 40 countries across Europe



Academia Europaea (AE), the pan-European academy of peer-elected members from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences.

AE is the only European-wide Academy with individual membership, 3500 members, from Council of Europe states and other nations across the world. 22 academic sections are grouped into one of four fields Humanities and Arts, Social and Related Sciences, Exact Sciences, and Life Sciences.

President: Sierd Cloetingh

[www.ae-info.org](http://www.ae-info.org)



All European Academies (ALLEA), the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities.

ALLEA brings together almost 60 Academies in more than 40 countries from the Council of Europe region, covering all scientific disciplines with a particular focus on Social Sciences and the Humanities. Together with its members, ALLEA contributes to the improvement of framework conditions under which science and scholarship excel.

President: Günter Stock

[www.allea.org](http://www.allea.org)



European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC), the network of National Science Academies of the EU member states, Norway and Switzerland.

EASAC forms a network of the 25 National Science Academies, which focus on Environment, Energy and Biosciences. Its goal is to enable their members to collaborate with each other on providing independent science advice to European policy-makers.

President: Jos van der Meer

[www.easac.eu](http://www.easac.eu)



Euro-CASE, the European Council of Academies of Applied Sciences, Technologies and Engineering.

Euro-CASE represents academies from 22 European countries, with a special focus on innovation, energy and bioeconomy policy and with a unique access to additional expertise from the business sector.

President: Reinhard F. Hüttl

[www.euro-case.org](http://www.euro-case.org)



FEAM, the European umbrella group of National Academies of Medicine and Medical Sections of National Academies of Science.

Together with its 18 national academies of sciences, FEAM seeks to provide independent advice on biomedical research, education, health and animal medicine.

President: Bernard Charpentier

[www.feam-site.eu](http://www.feam-site.eu)

## Building SAPEA

*Two years of intensive work by the five European academy networks cement the architecture of the SAPEA project*

Since the European Commission's decision to dismantle the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) in late 2014 to the official launch of the SAPEA project in December 2016, the work of the five European academy networks Academia Europaea, ALLEA, EASAC, Euro-CASE, and FEAM has become a case of success of inter-academy cooperation at the European level. More than 100 academies are from now on connected within SAPEA, the EU-funded project "Science Advice for Policy by European Academies", to pull together timely, independent and evidence-based scientific expertise for the highest policy level in Europe. The start of SAPEA also completes the establishment of a new comprehensive system of scientific advice for the European Commission under the [Scientific Advice Mechanism \(SAM\)](#).

SAPEA's architecture is the result of two intensive years of teamwork and collaboration amongst the European academy networks, but the pace of the project sped up since late 2015. In October 2015, the European Commission released a Horizon 2020 call addressing the five European academy networks. After numerous meetings to develop and refine the objectives of the project, the European academy



Prof. Dame Helen Wallace at the INGSA conference / INGSA



EU Commissioner Carlos Moedas at the INGSA conference / INGSA

networks finalised details on the joint application and submitted the proposal in May 2016, which was finally approved in November. The five academy networks' Presidents, composing the SAPEA Board, in their first meeting elected ALLEA President Günter Stock as the Chair of the SAPEA Board. The chairmanship was established on an annual rotating basis.

In the initial weeks of the project, academy networks are putting in place the working structures of SAPEA concerning

the management of science-based policy advice projects, administrative coordination, and communications. However, the first scientific activities are already in operation. ALLEA's Scientific Policy Officer, Céline Tschirhart, participated in a multidisciplinary workshop on Cybersecurity organised by the [SAM High Level Group of Scientific Advisors \(HLG\)](#) and hosted by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences in Vilnius on 25-26 October. Experts from academia, government, civil society and the private sector discussed how to secure digital identities for the [Digital Single Market](#) in Europe. The outcomes of the workshop will be incorporated into the HLG's Opinion presented to the Commission. SAPEA is also actively involved in the development of an explanatory note on "New techniques in agricultural biotechnology" and a scientific opinion on "Food from the oceans". As part of these processes, SAPEA representatives attended the

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- Prof. Dame Helen Wallace,  
British Academy

HLG's fifth plenary meeting on 24-25 November.

The SAPEA project was also presented and discussed in the [Second Conference of the International Network for Government Science Advice \(INGSA\)](#) held in Brussels on 29-30 September on the invitation of the European Commission. The conference gathered participants from 72 countries across the world to debate on the new and evolving relationship between scientists, policymakers and the public. ALLEA was represented by Professor Dame Helen Wallace (British Academy) and Executive Director Matthias Johannsen.

In an expert panel on "Solution-oriented scientific advice: How to provide policy makers with interdisciplinary, solution-oriented advice in practice?" Professor Wallace underlined the importance of putting science-advice in the broader societal, political and ethical context, reminding the audience that for policy-makers "very often it's not what you want to do, it's whether you can do it, whether you can implement it, whether it will be behaviourally acceptable, whether it will be ethically acceptable." To learn more from the event, please check a report from SAPEA's partner Academia Europaea [here](#).

## How SAPEA Works

SAPEA works under the principles of independence and self-determination of the academies. Its main goal is to work within SAM to contribute to the provision of science advice for policy to the Commission and the wider public. Topic-wise, SAPEA's activities will be derived both from bottom-up proposals made by the networks and top-down requests which the HLG receives from the various Directorate-Generals in the European Commission. In the working process and based on



*The Presidents of academy networks with Commissioner Carlos Moedas and the members of the High Level Group after their first joint meeting in March 2016. / European Commission*

scoping papers outlining the most relevant issues and research needs, SAPEA will work closely with the HLG to define how these topics can most appropriately be addressed within SAM.

To effectively assemble and consolidate scientific knowledge and evidence, SAPEA will set up interdisciplinary working groups with fellows from its academies across Europe which will function alongside the established working procedures of the participating networks. The distribution of scientific projects in SAPEA will be organised according to the most qualified network related to the topic. Through the broad membership of fellows of more than 100 academies, SAPEA will reach out to the wider scientific community and, where needed, may involve the expertise and knowledge of outstanding external experts from other sectors of society. To this end, stakeholder hearings, workshops and expert interviews, among other activities, are envisaged. SAPEA's outputs will take several formats, including scoping papers, evidence review reports, scientific statements,

reports, and studies. Assuring the highest quality standards, all publications will be peer-reviewed and endorsed by the academy networks.

## Tracing SAPEA's development

The first steps of what became SAPEA date back to November 2014 when the new Commission took office under President Jean-Claude Juncker, who discontinued both the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) and the Science & Technology Advisory Council (STAC) to initiate a full review of the characteristics and structures of the European Commission's scientific advice system. The Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, took the lead to reimagine the role of science in European policymaking and sought to establish an independent, transparent and well-resourced institutional structure to better feed science into policy.

Following this opportunity, the five academy networks worked together to declare their preparedness to participate in this new endeavour. On 26 March 2015, ALLEA President

Günter Stock and the Presidents of the partner organisations, Sierd Cloetingh (Academia Europaea), Jos van der Meer (EASAC), Reinhard F. Hüttl (Euro-CASE), and Dermot Kelleher (FEAM; President until 2015), signed a [\*\*Memorandum of Understanding\*\*](#) in presence of Robert-Jan Smits (European Commission Director-General for Research and Innovation). The initiative highlighted the potential of a united voice of experts across all scientific disciplines and became the basis for the consortium comprising the five signatories. At ALLEA's General Assembly in Lisbon in April 2015, Commissioner Moedas reaffirmed

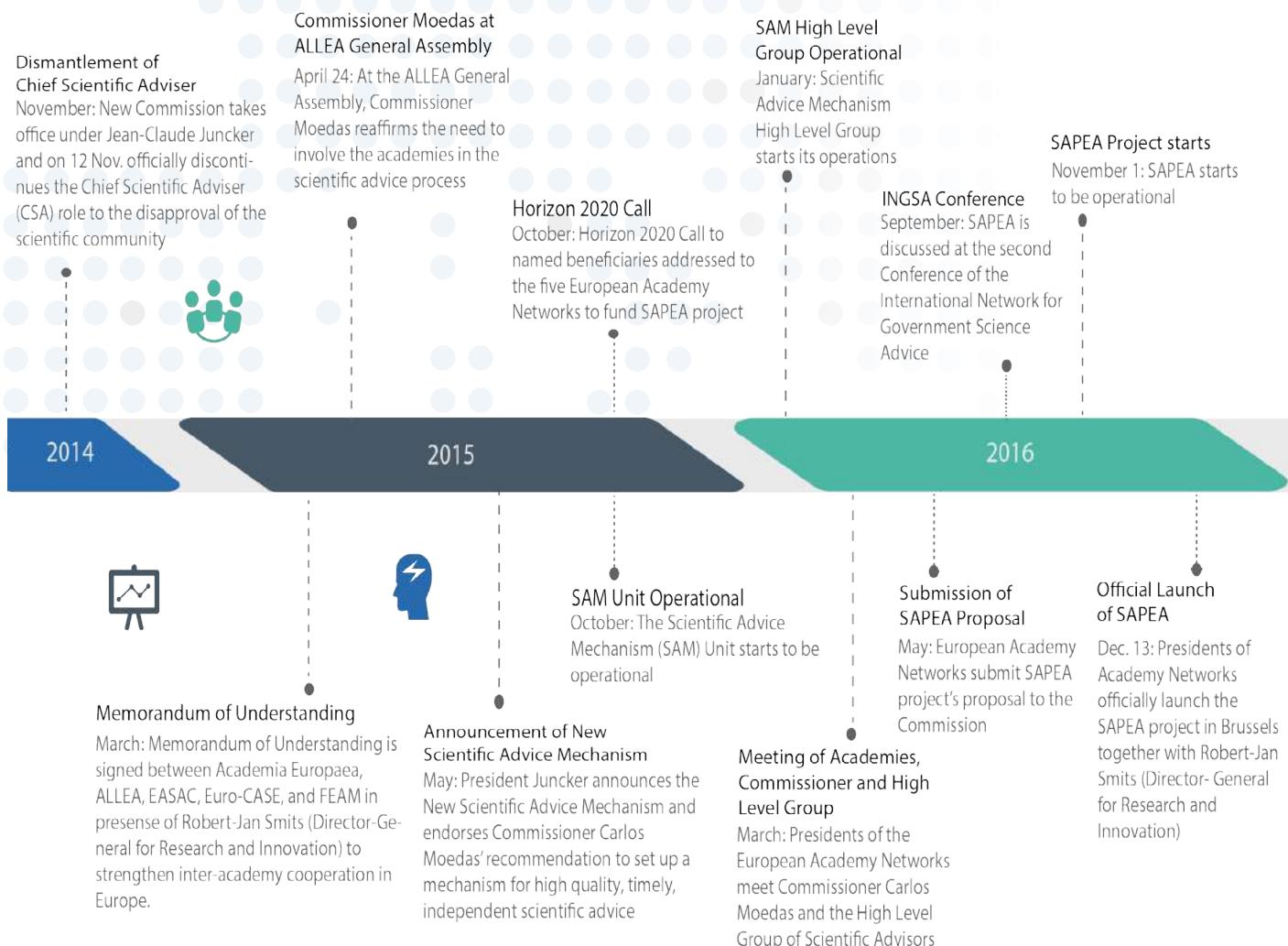
the major role that European academies can play as providers of impartial and evidence-based scientific advice to policymaking processes.

From mid-2015 to the beginning of 2016, several major steps led to the establishment of SAM under which SAPEA operates. In May 2015, President Juncker announced the creation of SAM and endorsed Commissioner Carlos Moedas' recommendation to set up a mechanism for high quality, timely and independent scientific advice. The working structures of SAM were developed in spring and summer, and in October 2015 the official SAM Unit was established

within the [\*\*Directorate-General for Research and Innovation\*\*](#).

In January 2016, the HLG started to be operational and agreed on the first issues to consider for scientific advice to the Commission. As part of their initial activities and to further strengthen the workings of SAM, the HLG met the Presidents of the European academy networks and Commissioner Moedas in Brussels in March 2016. In the meeting, the academy networks' Presidents reiterated the importance of truly interdisciplinary approaches towards today's societal challenges which the academies are in a privileged position to provide.

## SAPEA Timeline



## PWGSE Meeting in Oslo and Stakeholder Workshop in Brussels

*ALLEA Permanent Working Group on Science & Ethics is in the final steps to complete the revision of the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity*

In their second meeting of 2016, the ALLEA Permanent Working Group on Science & Ethics met on the kind invitation of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters at their academy building in Oslo on 30/31 October. Former ALLEA Board Member and General Secretary of the academy, Professor Øivind Andersen welcomed the group and introduced the academy to the working group members.

The meeting saw a very good attendance, which was highly appreciated by the chair and closely related to the wide variety of activities the working group is currently pursuing. Besides constantly ongoing topics, the Permanent Working

Group particularly focused on two current topics. On behalf of ALLEA, several experts of the working group participate in the Horizon 2020 funded project ENERI, which aims to harmonise and improve research integrity systems across Europe.

Even more prominently, the working group is in the final steps to complete the revision of the [European Code of Conduct](#) for research integrity. The code was originally composed together with the now defunct European Science Foundation (ESF) in 2010.

The revised code is intended to be finalised in January 2017, at which point it will become a reference

document for Model Grant Agreements within Horizon 2020.

### Stakeholder workshop

On 25 November, in close collaboration with the Ethics sector of the European Commission, ALLEA also organised a stakeholder workshop providing relevant stakeholders from academia, business, and funding agencies with an opportunity to share their ideas on the revised code.

The workshop was attended by around 30 different organisations in the realm of research integrity. The discussions were very lively and the working group received plenty of workable feedback.



Facade of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters' building / DNVA

The [Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters](#) was founded in 1857. It is a non-governmental, nationwide body that embraces all scientific disciplines. The Academy's main objective is to advance science in Norway by initiating and supporting research, sponsoring meetings and conferences, awarding scientific prizes, contributing to science policy, and by acting in the interest of science in relation to political authorities and the general public. The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters awards the Abel Prize in mathematics and the Kavli Prize in astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience.

## New ALLEA Working Group to provide input to post-Horizon 2020 EU programme for research and innovation

*A new ALLEA Working Group called "Framework Programme 9" will develop suggestions for the successor EU Framework for Research and Innovation that will come into force after the conclusion of Horizon 2020. The Group will engage with Academies, relevant EU institutions and stakeholders to ensure that the interests of the scientific community are taken into consideration in the design of the future programme, and that particularly the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) are fairly represented.*

Following the decision of the 2016 ALLEA General Assembly in Vienna, the new Working Group is set up as a successor to ALLEA's [Social Sciences and Humanities Working Group](#), which advocated for the

full representation and needs of the Humanities and Social Science in the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. The new Working Group will continue these efforts in the coming years to ensure that the SSH are appropriately represented in the scope, organisation and funding of the future post-Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

Furthermore, the Framework Programme 9 Working Group will seek to encourage deliberation and foresight within the ALLEA member academies on the fields and activities in which EU funding will be a priority within the period 2020 to 2030. On 9 February 2017 the first meeting of the working group will take place in Brussels.

The new working group's membership comprises twenty members representing academies from across Europe, including from Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, The Netherlands, and the UK.

[Horizon 2020](#) is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme to date with nearly €80 billion of funding available over seven years, from 2014 to 2020. It seeks to achieve EU's policy objectives with an emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges. Since October 2016, the European Commission is conducting an interim evaluation on the programme open to the general public and key stakeholders.

## AGATE project invites European academies to join its second workshop on a Community Driven Digital Infrastructure for SSH Research(ers)

*The second workshop of the project "Elaboration of a Concept for a European Academies Internet Gateway" ([AGATE](#)) will take place on Monday, 16 January 2017, at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. The project led by the Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities and conducted in close cooperation with ALLEA, is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).*

The workshop's objective is to introduce and discuss the concept and working plan for a digital infrastructure for Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) research of the science academies in Europe.

Furthermore, the workshop seeks to initiate an open dialogue between SSH researchers at the science academies and representatives of European digital infrastructures on the contribution of AGATE to the vision of Open Science in Europe.

The planned infrastructure will have two main aims: firstly, to enhance the visibility of the academies' SSH research activities and the accessibility and reusability of the research data and results, and secondly, to support researchers with information and services that facilitate research activities and publication practices, as well as international and interdisciplinary

collaboration in the digital age.

Especially SSH researchers, ICT-experts, and digital librarians and archivists from the European science academies as potential users and data providers are invited to join the workshop.

Registration is required to attend the event. Further information about the programme and project is available [here](#) and can be requested by contacting AGATE's scientific coordinator ([wuttke@akademienunion-berlin.de](mailto:wuttke@akademienunion-berlin.de)). Participation is free, but registration is required ([ott@akademienunion-berlin.de](mailto:ott@akademienunion-berlin.de)). The workshop will be held in English.



**Save the Date: 4-6 September 2017 | Budapest | Hungary**

## **ALLEA General Assembly 2017**

followed by Academia Europaea – ALLEA joint

## **Conference on “Sustainability and Resilience”**

in collaboration with the Young Academy of Europe and hosted by the  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

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