UNIT B6 OPEN AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES
Areas of activity

- Coordination of Societal Challenge 6 'Europe in a changing world - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' (SC6)
- Integration of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in the calls of Horizon 2020
- Focus on policy-relevant thematic priorities such as:
  - Migration & Mobility
  - Radical ideologies & societal polarisation
  - Reversing inequalities
  - Employment & New Growth
  - Cultures & Citizenship
- Management of 100 running projects (FP7 & Horizon 2020)
**Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)**
2007-13

- Programme dedicated to SSH
- No reference in the evaluation criteria to disciplines working together

**Horizon 2020**
2014-20

- Societal Challenge 6
  - SSH as a cross-cutting issue
- Inter-disciplinarity is part of the evaluation criteria (Excellence)

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**Horizon 2020 Framework Regulation** - The specific objective of the societal challenge 'Europe in a changing world - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' will support social sciences and humanities research by focusing on inclusive, innovative and reflective societies. Social sciences and humanities research will also be fully integrated into each of the priorities of Horizon 2020 and each of the specific objectives and will contribute to the evidence base for policy making at international, Union, national, regional and local level.
Integration of SSH in practice

1. In the 2016-17 Work Programme 41% of the topics were 'flagged' as relevant for SSH, figures for 2018-20 are not yet official, but estimates show an increase in most WP parts.

2. Evaluation panels include SSH expertise; evaluators briefed on how to identify and evaluate SSH aspects.

3. Proposals submitted for topics 'flagged' for SSH should contain meaningful, integrated contributions from SSH researchers.
INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES IN HORIZON 2020: PARTICIPANTS, BUDGET AND DISCIPLINES

2nd Monitoring report

on SSH flagged projects funded in 2015 under the Societal Challenges and Industrial Leadership priorities

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2015 Key findings - Quantitative analysis

• In terms of budget, **€197 million** out of the €888 million allocated in 2015 to the SSH flagged topics awarded to SSH partners (22%)

• In terms of **countries represented**, the SSH partners come predominantly from the following EU Member States: United Kingdom (11%), Italy (10%), Germany (10%), Spain (8%) and Belgium (8%)

• **SSH disciplines:** economics (26%), political science and public administration (17%) are well integrated, while human geography/demography, social anthropology and the humanities remain underrepresented
2015 Key findings – Qualitative Analysis

Share of projects with good SSH integration with 10% threshold
Lessons learned so far

- Under SSH flagged Topics – **20% of projects** fail to integrate contributions from the SSH

- We need corrective measures in three key areas:
  1. To design better interdisciplinary topics
  2. Open up topics to underrepresented SSH disciplines
  3. Better inform and mobilize the SSH communities

- The SSH and STEM communities need to embrace the integrative approach - look for opportunities also outside the calls of SC6.
 Relevant questions when evaluating projects under SSH-flagged topics

- Is the proposal addressing real societal needs?

- Does the proposal show contributions from both STEM and SSH disciplines?

- Are SSH aspects well included throughout the proposal, or only to a limited extent?

- Is the proposal showing involvement of specific SSH disciplines if this is indicated in the topic text?
Success stories in SSH Integration

Names of projects:
POLYCARE (SC1)
CLIMEFISH (SC2)
COMBI (SC3)
SUMPs-UP (SC4)
WATERSPOUT (SC5)
EU-CIVCAP (SC7)

More details?
Net4Society has developed a compilation of factsheets on SSH integration. The series contains illustrations of all Societal Challenges throughout Horizon 2020 presenting best practice examples of successful SSH integration.
www.net4society.eu
Examples of topics in WP 2018-20 with large potential for extensive SSH involvement

**SC 1** - SC1-DTH-03-2018: Adaptive smart working and living environments supporting active and healthy ageing

**SC 2** - RUR-02-2018: Socio-economic impacts of digitisation of agriculture and rural areas

**SC 3** - LC-SC3-CC-1-2018-2019-2020: Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) aspects of the Clean-Energy Transition

**SC 4** - MG-4-3-2018: Demographic change and participation of women in transport

**SC 5** - LC-CLA-05-2019: Human dynamics of climate change

**SC 7** - SU-INFRA02-2019: Security for smart and safe cities, including for public spaces

**LEIT ICT** - ICT-29-2018: A multilingual Next Generation Internet

**LEIT NMBP** - DT-FOF-02-2018: Effective Industrial Human-Robot Collaboration

**LEIT Space** - DT-SPACE-08-BIZ-2018: Space outreach and education
Available on this page:
- List of SSH disciplines
- Guidance for applicants
- Guidance for evaluators
- List of SSH-flagged topics
The Commission publishes a yearly Monitoring Report.

Results available for 2014 and 2015 calls.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!