



ACHIEVING IMPACT

Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & BROKERAGE EVENT

26 - 27 February 2014 | **ATHENS** GREECE

This international conference and brokerage event for the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) community in Research, Development & Innovation will take place in Athens, Greece on 26th & 27th February 2014, addressing issues such as:

- The contributions SSH can make towards a more competitive Europe
- The models we should follow to guide present and future generations along a sustainable path
- Opportunities for SSH funding in Horizon 2020, the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
Identifying potential collaborators for the first calls of the new Horizon 2020 programme.

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A Conference not to be missed!

You will learn more about the broad framework of the Europe 2020 strategy and how Horizon 2020 supports Innovation. Through practical workshops and panel discussions, the concept of Impact will be explored with a view to encouraging SSH researchers to become involved in all of the Societal Challenges in Horizon 2020. You will then be able to choose one of three parallel sessions in which to participate and contribute:

- The European Social Model – Its Sustainability for Future Generations
- SSH contributions to a competitive Europe - Creativity and Culture
- Making sense of Social Innovation!

During the parallel sessions, the opportunities of Horizon 2020 for the SSH Research & Innovation community in those areas will be examined in the context of four overarching issues:

- Impact: from the end-users' point of view (benefitting from impact as well as from the researchers' (achieving impact)
- Interdisciplinarity
- Integrating the international dimension
- Highlighting a comparative research approach and underlining its added value

The main points covered at the parallel sessions will be presented and discussed in a final plenary session.

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The Information Day & the Brokerage Event:

get first-hand call information and meet potential partners!

On the second day you will learn in more detail about the opportunities presented by the Work Programme of the first and second calls for Societal Challenge 6 of Horizon 2020 "Europe in a changing world: inclusive, innovative and reflective societies". You will also hear about SSH opportunities in other parts of Horizon 2020. In addition, the importance of impact in Horizon 2020 research proposals will be emphasised.

There will then be three parallel sessions based on Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 6 dedicated to specific topics of the first Work Programme including presentations from the project coordinators and evaluators.

The brokerage event itself will give participants the opportunity to have pre-arranged meetings with other participants to identify possible collaborators in the SSH elements of Horizon 2020.

More Information and Registration

More details of the agenda, including main sessions and key speakers, as well as the dedicated online research facility is available at the event website

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HORIZON 2020

the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Running from 2014 to 2020 with a €70 plus billion budget, it reflects the policy priorities of the Europe 2020 strategy and addresses major concerns shared by citizens in Europe and elsewhere. Horizon 2020 is built around three main priorities:

- Excellent science (the European Research Council, Future and Emerging Technologies, Marie Curie Actions, Research Infrastructures)
- Industrial leadership (Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies, Access to risk finance, Innovation in SMEs)
- Societal challenges

The Horizon 2020 Societal challenges will be tackled by helping to bridge the gap between research and the market, with a new focus on innovation-related activities, such as piloting, demonstration, test-beds, and support for public procurement and market uptake. This challenge-based approach will bring together resources and knowledge across different fields,

technologies and disciplines, including social sciences and the humanities.

Within the Societal challenges, funding will be focused on the following priorities:

- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Secure societies

It is the challenge of Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies that will be of major interest to the SSH community.

For more information on HORIZON 2020 go to:
www.ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020

NET4SOCIETY

The network of National Contact Points for the Social Sciences and Humanities

Founded in 2008, NET4SOCIETY is the international network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in the 7th European Framework Programme (FP7) and Horizon 2020. As NCPs, we actively support networking in the SSH research community and offer assistance in every respect of FP7 consultation. NET4SOCIETY includes the European and International National Contact Points of around 50 countries.

Within its current project phase, NET4SOCIETY builds on the achievements of earlier work in strengthening the capacities of the SSH NCPs to better serve their clientele, the SSH researchers, and in broadening the network's scope of influence in the SSH arena for a greater impact.

You can identify your NCP, read news on latest developments in the field, seek new SSH collaborators and much more at:

<http://www.net4society.eu/>

