

Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

SSH gathers a series of academic disciplines, concerned with aspects of human society and culture and the relationships among individuals within a society. SSH as a whole has many branches ranging from anthropology to philosophy, and from gender studies to global studies, each of which is considered a social science itself. Branches include, but are not limited to: anthropology, archaeology, communication studies, economics, history, human geography, jurisprudence, linguistics, political science, psychology, public health, and sociology. The term is can also be used to refer to the field of sociology, the original "science of society", established in the 19th century.

As a cross-cutting issue of broad relevance, Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) research is currently fully integrated into each of the general objectives of Horizon 2020.

Embedding SSH research across Horizon 2020 is thus essential to maximise the returns to society from investment in science and technology. Topics like competitiveness, climate change, energy security or public health are complex and multi-faceted and need to be thout across disciplines. Indeed, the idea to focus Horizon 2020 around "Challenges" rather than disciplinary fields of research illustrates this new approach.

Examples of the role of SSH are:

- Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing -SSH research could provide the economic and social analysis necessary for reforming public health systems;
- Smart, green and integrated transport - SSH research analyses the socio-economic aspects of transport, prospective studies and technology foresight;
- Climate action and resource efficiency - SSH research tackles the cultural, behavioural, socio-economic and institutional change in order to move to a more self-reliant and resource efficient economy;
- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies - the arts and humanities might be an essential source for creativity in development of services and product design; etc.

You can search for funding opportunities related to social sciences and humanities in the new EC Funding and Tenders Portal. Find below some articles related to SSH. This information area has just been created and will growth also thanks to your announcements and the information you would like to share with us. Feel free to contact us at office@wbc-rti.info!

• NEWS

- Posted on December 12, 2018
[HORIZON MAGAZINE ARTICLE] CARLOS MOEDAS SAYS THAT THE EU WILL FUND MORE SOCIAL INNOVATION BECAUSE IT'S THE FUTURE OF INNOVATION
Carlos Moedas, the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation attended the Web Summit tech conference in Lisbon, Portugal (5-8 November 2018) where he was presented with The Lisbon...
- Posted on December 12, 2018
COUNCIL OF THE EU AGREES ITS POSITION ON HORIZON EUROPE INTO THE NEXT DECADE/ SSH SHALL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE ACROSS ALL CLUSTERS
On 30th November 2018, the Council agreed its position (partial general approach) on the regulation on Horizon Europe. Horizon Europe is the next framework programme on research and innovation for the...
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RESEARCH IMPACT: MAKING A DIFFERENCE (ONLINE COURSE)
Learn what research impact is and how to create it. Discover what drives research impact and why.
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SSH IMPACT CONFERENCE - TALKING WITH HARIS MUHIC (SUS BIH)
WBC-RTI info aims to disseminate information towards the Western Balkan countries, also about key relevant events to possibly attend. Participation in the EU-level events is indeed crucially important...
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[EVENT REVIEW] PATHWAYS TO IMPACT TO SSH RESEARCH
This conference was organised in Vienna on 28th and 29th November 2018 as an official event of the Austrian EU Council Presidency. It targeted researchers from SSH and arts-based research as well...
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GET INVOLVED IN THE NEW COST ACTIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND THE ARTS !
On 13 November 2018, COST's governing board, the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), have confirmed the funding of 40 new COST Actions, starting in Spring 2019. 35% of the 40 network proposals cover ...
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MATERIALS FROM TRAINING SCHOOL: UNDERSTANDING AND STIMULATING SSH IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT WITH SOCIETY
The Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar (Croatia), within the Cost Action ENRESSH, held this training school in February 2018. The training school provided participants with insights into the theories...
- Posted on December 11, 2018
[EVENT REVIEW] THE VALUE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES IN EUROPE
The Slovenian Business and Research Association organized a topical conference on the value of Social Science and Humanities in Europe on December 6, 2018 in Brussels.
- Posted on December 11, 2018
PERFORM SUPPORT TO THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
The Serbian Institute of Social Sciences is one of the oldest scientific institutions in the field of social sciences in the region of Southeast Europe. For the past 60 years, it has oriented its research...
- Posted on November 9, 2018
SOCIAL INNOVATION TRAININGS BY MADE IN DANUBE IN SERBIA, CROATIA AND SLOVENIA
Results of social innovation – new ideas that meet unmet needs – are all around us. Social Innovation has furthermore been increasingly perceived as answer to the rising number of societal challenges ...
- Posted on October 16, 2018
TOWARDS INCREASING EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES IN SERBIA
In order to improve development of research in the field of social sciences and humanities, the visibility of scientific work and results needs to be increased, policies that would discourage hyper production...

- Posted on October 11, 2018
BELGRADE CROWDFUNDING CONVENTION 2018 TOOK A PEEK AT THE FUTURE OF CROWDFUNDING
The Belgrade Crowdfunding Convention 2018 was a one-day conference held on 25 September 2018 in Belgrade, organized with the idea of gathering in one place crowdfunding experts and enthusiasts from across...
- Posted on June 1, 2018
[SUCCESS STORY] RAISING THE QUALITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN SERBIA
Thanks to becoming a member of the European Social Survey (ESS), researchers from Serbia can now participate in the most comprehensive global study of citizens in Europe and draw on comparative research...

• EVENTS

- December 15-17, 2018 | Belgrade, Serbia
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
International Conference on Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, happening on the 15th – 17th December 2018 at University of Belgrade, Serbia, aims to find innovative synergies...
- December 18, 2018 | Belgrade, Serbia
PERFORM FINAL EVENT
This will be the closing event of the initiative and will provide the opportunity to present the results and the key lessons of PERFORM.
- January 30-31, 2019 | Barcelona, Spain
ACCOMPLISSH CO-CREATION SUMMIT (FINAL CONFERENCE)
ACCOMPLISSH is a European project aimed to create and foster societal impact from Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH). By combining the forces from stakeholders from businesses, governments, civil society...
- September 4-5, 2019 | Roma Eventi Fontana - Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy
ICSD 2019 : 7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, 4 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2019 ROME, ITALY
European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with CIT University will organize the 7th ICSD 2019 Rome, Italy in the days: Wednesday 4 to Thursday 5 September, 2019. The 7th...

• PROJECTS

- ACCOMPLISSH
ACCELERATE CO-CREATION BY SETTING UP A MULTI-ACTOR PLATFORM FOR IMPACT FROM SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
This H2020 project will accomplish the challenge of creating an innovative valorisation concept that will strengthen the position and impact generation of SSH research and contribute to innovation for...
- BIRTH
BIRTHS, MOTHERS AND BABIES: PREHISTORIC FERTILITY IN THE BALKANS BETWEEN 10000 – 5000 BC
This ERC funded project is hosted by the BIOSENSE INSTITUTE - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN BIOSYSTEMS. The BIRTH project investigates the key biological and cultural...
- INTERCO SSH
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
The INTERCO-SSH project set out to assess the state of the Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH) in Europe and to understand the factors that facilitate or hinder international exchanges. It aimed...

• DOCUMENTS

- **THE LISBON DECLARATION**
SOCIAL INNOVATION AS A PATH TO A SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE EUROPE. The Declaration is a statement of intent from the Social Innovation community (SIC) to ensure that social innovation

is...

- **SOCIAL INNOVATION AS A TRIGGER FOR TRANSFORMATIONS - THE ROLE OF RESEARCH**
This Policy Paper examines the role of Social Innovation in Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) research, especially in those research projects funded under FP6 and 7, as well as Horizon 2020. ...
- **INTEGRATION OF WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES INTO THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF DIGITAL DATA ARCHIVES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: THE CASE OF SERBIA**
Science has a very important role in the development of any society. A special dimension of social phenomena has been analyzed by social sciences like anthropology, economics, education, communication...
- **MIGRATION AND ASYLUM: THE CONTRIBUTION OF FRONTIER RESEARCH TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN MOBILITY ACROSS FRONTIERS**
In this brochure, the readers will find a short factual analysis of the portfolio of research on migration and asylum funded by the ERC, as well as various examples of projects' objectives and methods...
- **THIRD SSH INTEGRATION MONITORING REPORT**
On 29 May 2018, the European Commission published the third edition of the monitoring report on the integration of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020. This report assesses how the...
- **MAPPING AND ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH SYSTEM IN SERBIA**
This study commissioned by PERFORM looks at how SSH are performing in terms of quality, excellence and relevance, discusses underlying reasons for their under-performance, and provides recommendations...
- **SOCIAL INNOVATION IN THE BALKANS: A NEW SIMRA BROCHURE OF EXAMPLES**
SIMRA (Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas is a four-year EU Horizon 2020 project) has just released its third brochure collecting examples of social innovation in marginalised rural areas in...
- **WESTERN BALKAN LABOR MARKET TRENDS 2018 - REPORT WITH WB COUNTRY FLYERS**
The report and the flyers present a short description of recent trends and feature key labor market indicators based on the harmonized data prepared in the context of the SEE Jobs Gateway.

• ORGANISATIONS

- **SOCIAL INNOVATION COMMUNITY**
About SIC Social Innovation Community (SIC) is a Horizon 2020 funded project aiming to help deepen knowledge and capacity to act and grow social innovation and to support public and other decision-makers...
- **EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES**
The European Alliance of Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH) is an association comprised of all actors in the social science and humanities community. EASSH was founded some years ago and at present...
- **EUROPEAN CENTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
ECSDEV is an international, cross-disciplinary center covering all aspects of the environmental impacts of socio-economic development, founded in Rome on February 10, 2010. The definition of sustainable...
- **UNIVERSITY "EURO-BALKAN"**
Institute (1999) / University (2012) for Social Sciences and Humanities Research "Euro-Balkan" is scientific institution, certificated by the Ministry for Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia...

• LINKS

- **SOCIAL INNOVATION COUNTRY PROFILES (BY SIC)**
The Social Innovation Community presents some country profiles related to the Social Innovation. Find below those from WBC. Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina FR of Macedonia Serbia

- **SOCIAL INNOVATION ACADEMY**

Social innovation initiatives can create products, services and models that answer to structural transformations of civic communities – but they are still fragile and unevenly diffused in central Europe...

- **EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR RESEARCH EVALUATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES (COST ACTION)**

The “European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities” is a COST Action, starting in April 2016 and ending in April 2020. Proposed by a group of some 20 researchers from...

- **LSE IMPACT BLOG OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The London School of Economicy (LSE) Impact Blog is a hub for researchers, administrative staff, librarians, students, think tanks, government, and anyone else interested in maximising the impact...

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Increasing WB excellence in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

Humanities, social sciences and cultural studies also play a key role in understanding human behavior better and in finding new technologies, social innovations or political solutions. Under Horizon 2020, where relevant, the research and innovation chain needs to include contributions from SSH disciplines such as sociology, economics, psychology, political science, history and cultural sciences, etc. but also the impact and valorization of SSH research. In view of next programming phase, end of November the Council of the EU agreed its position on Horizon Europe and, as stated in the document, the SSH shall still play a vital role into the next decade. As far as the Western Balkans are indeed concerned, cooperation among academic institutions is still weak. Young and mid-career researchers could be strong drivers of innovative projects; however, they are in marginalised positions within the national research systems. As a result, innovations rarely find the ir way into the social science research system. Despite that SSH research should provide solid basis for solving many social problems, the balkan researchers in this area are facing many problems as...

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EU flagship event on industrial policy in February 2019
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Upcoming technical R&I meeting of the Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation
- Posted on December 11, 2018
COUNCIL FORMALLY AGREES ON EU BUDGET FOR 2019. INCREASE OF 9.8% FOR HORIZON 2020.
The Council of the European Union endorsed the agreement reached in the trilogue negotiations with the European Parliament on the EU budget for 2019. The total commitments are set at €165.8 billion...
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INFORMATION FROM THE ICT 2018 EVENT
ICT 2018 Imagine Digital – Connect Europe took place in Vienna on 4-6 December 2018. The event was focused on the European Union's priorities in the digital transformation of society and industry. It ...
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Learning workshop in Sofia
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JOINT DECLARATION REINFORCING THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN/WESTERN BALKANS TECHNOLOGICAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM
New declaration signed during Startup Europe Summit
- Posted on November 27, 2018
RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DANUBE REGION: CONSULTATION ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES
ResInfra@DR project's consultation event in Budapest
- Posted on November 21, 2018
WESTERN BALKANS ECONOMIC REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE WORLD BANK
The World Bank's most recent report on the Western Balkans economies includes research and innovation as well as broader economic trends

• EVENTS

- January 29, 2019 | Brussels, Belgium
2019 INFODAY, ENSURING EXCELLENT RESEARCH BY INVESTING IN RESEARCHERS TALENTS, SKILLS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Implementing the Human Resources Strategy to comply with art. 32 of the H2020 multi-beneficiary grant agreement This INFO-DAY addresses 'newcomer' universities, research institutions and research funders...
- January 29-30, 2019 | Budapest, Hungary
H2020 FAST TRACK TO FINANCIAL RULES AND REPORTING
Intensive course on the financial rules and reporting and of Horizon 2020 projects. This is an adapted version of our Master of Finance and Administration and EC audits for those who need a good...
- February 5-6, 2019 | Vienna, Austria
HORIZON 2020 PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT
We are sharing our direct experience with successful and unsuccessful proposals under the 2014-2018 calls and

providing tips and recommendations on how to write best the Impact section and put together...

- February 8, 2019 | Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
INFORM FINAL CONFERENCE
On 8 February 2019, the INFORM project will host the final conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- February 7-8, 2019 | Vienna, Austria
HORIZON 2020 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE
This 2-day training course will introduce the first crucial steps for getting a Horizon 2020 project started on the right foot, provide practical tips to ensure a sound technical implementation of...
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EUROPEAN FUNDING ACADEMY
The full EU R&I project lifecycle from the proposal concept till the final report - The essence of all our knowledge: European Funding Academy Join Europa Media's winter European...
- April 2-3, 2019 | Zagreb, Croatia
NETWORK ON TECHNOLOGY-CRITICAL ELEMENTS: FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESSES TO HUMAN HEALTH THREATS (COST ACTION EVENT)
The meeting is the final meeting of the NOTICE COST action – Network on Technology-Critical Elements: From Environmental Processes to Human Health Threats and includes representatives from 24 European...
- May 11-13, 2019 | Valencia, Spain
INTED2019 (13TH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE)
After 13 years, INTED has become an annual meeting point for lecturers, researchers, education professionals and technologists. Every year, INTED brings together over 700 delegates from 80 different countries...
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- September 11-13, 2019 | Ruka, Finland
2ND WORLD BIOECONOMY FORUM
Experts from the leading edge of bioeconomy gather together in the outstanding nature of northeast Finland for roundtable discussions at the second ever World BioEconomy Forum in September...

• CALLS

- Deadline: January 23, 2019
INNOVATIVE AND CITIZEN-DRIVEN FOOD SYSTEM APPROACHES IN CITIES (H2020-SFS-2018-2020)
The challenge of providing the inhabitants of European cities with affordable, safe, and nutritious food is both urgent and complex. Moreover, the health and wellbeing of EU citizens and consumers are...
- Deadline: January 23, 2019
CIRCULAR BIO-BASED BUSINESS MODELS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (H2020-RUR-2018-2020)
Based on an established agro-food system, proposals shall consider a variety of additional bio-based processes and end products that could be integrated into the system, and that are viable on a small...
- Deadline: January 29, 2019
INFRAINNOV-01-2019: STIMULATE THE INNOVATION POTENTIAL OF SMES
Specific Challenge: Providing an effective mechanism for inclusion of innovative, agile SMEs in a landscape characterised by strong presence of public pan-European e-infrastructures (in particular ...
- Deadline: January 31, 2019
DIATOMIC - 2ND OPEN CALL FOR MICROELECTRONICS INNOVATIONS

The open call targets tech SMEs and Competence Centers in the areas of microelectronics and smart systems, as well as innovative startups/ SMEs linked to health, agrifood, and manufacturing sectorsThe...

- Deadline: February 1, 2019

THINK BIOBASED CHALLENGE - DESIGN CONTEST FOR BIOBASED EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

The Think Biobased Challenge is inviting all college & university students to design unforgettable biobased educational materials catered to students in primary and secondary level and in vocational...

- Deadline: February 28, 2019

HORIZON PRIZE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION IN EUROPE

Specific Challenge: Innovations are new or significantly improved goods, services, processes and methods which are social when they aim at gains for society rather than for the individual, i.e. when...

- Deadline: March 20, 2019

INFRAIA-01-2018-2019: INTEGRATING ACTIVITIES FOR ADVANCED COMMUNITIES

European researchers need effective and convenient access to the best research infrastructures in order to conduct research for the advancement of knowledge and technology. The aim of this action is to...

- Deadline: March 20, 2019

ENHANCING THE EOSC PORTAL AND CONNECTING THEMATIC CLOUDS

The aim of this topic is to facilitate wide, user-friendly and cross-disciplinary access to the data and services of the EOSC through the development of the necessary interfaces. The EOSC aims to offer...

- Deadline: April 2, 2019

SWAFS-08-2019 RESEARCH INNOVATION NEEDS & SKILLS TRAINING IN PHD PROGRAMMES

Specific Challenge: Within the New Skills Agenda (adopted in June 2016)[1] and in the Modernisation Agenda (adopted in May 2017)[2] specifications on innovative employment-oriented curricula recommendations...

- Deadline: April 2, 2019

SWAFS-09-2018-2019 SUPPORTING RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS TO IMPLEMENT GENDER EQUALITY PLANS

Specific Challenge: Gender equality is a key priority set with the Member States and Associated countries in the European Research Area. Research funding and performing organisations and universities...

- Deadline: April 3, 2019

HORIZON PRIZE FOR CO2 REUSE

Preventing dangerous climate change is a key priority for the European Union. Europe is working hard to cut its greenhouse gas emissions substantially while encouraging other nations and regions to do...

- Deadline: April 24, 2019

SUPPORT FOR THE LARGE SCALE UPTAKE OF OPEN SERVICE PLATFORMS IN THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING DOMAIN

In the past years several open service platforms for Active and Healthy Ageing domains have been developed, originating from the medical, independent living, and IoT domain. These platforms aim at building...

- Deadline: April 25, 2019

INFRAINNOV-01-2019: STIMULATE THE INNOVATION POTENTIAL OF SMES

This call addresses the following challenge: "Providing an effective mechanism for inclusion of innovative, agile SMEs in a landscape characterised by strong presence of public pan-European e-infrastructures..."

- Deadline: November 15, 2019

WIDESPREAD-04-2019 ERA CHAIRS

Specific Challenge: With adequate institutional support outstanding researchers can have a decisive and positive impact on the culture and performance of research institutions. Yet issues such as the...

- Deadline: January 15, 2020

COMMISSION LAUNCHES EIC HORIZON PRIZE FOR AFFORDABLE HIGH-TECH FOR HUMANITARIAN AID

The European Commission has launched the first of six European Innovation Council (EIC) Horizon Prizes, on

Affordable High-Tech for Humanitarian Aid. EIC Horizon Prizes are part of the European Innovation...

- Deadline: March 20, 2020
NETWORK OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIAL LIAISON AND CONTACT OFFICERS (INFRAINNOV-02-2019)
Specific Challenge: The concept of industry as a full partner of Research Infrastructures (both as supplier and as user) should be proactively put in practice; this implies to promote a more extensive...
- Deadline: March 30, 2020
LAUNCH OF THE FIRST PROESOF CALL FOR PROPOSALS
In 2020 Trieste will host the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF), the largest interdisciplinary science meeting in Europe. It is dedicated to scientific research and innovation and offers a unique framework...
- Deadline: September 1, 2020
EIC HORIZON PRIZE FOR 'EARLY WARNING FOR EPIDEMICS'
The challenge is to develop a scalable, reliable and cost-effective early warning system prototype to forecast and monitor vector-borne diseases in order to contribute to the prevention of outbreaks mitigating...

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