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Climate, Energy, Mobility – what does *that* have to do with the social sciences and humanities?

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What is at issue?

- *Conference puts spotlight on the role of social sciences and humanities ("SSH") in EU-funded research support*

- *Horizon 2020 made "SSH mainstreaming" a central program feature – now Horizon Europe wants to raise the bar*

- *Contours of next Framework Program are emerging but much work still lies ahead - good moment to take stock and raise some questions*

Where are we coming from?

- *Horizon 2020 has dedicated SSH window (SC6) …*
- *… but more importantly, SSH is "mainstreamed" across all the societal challenges*
- *Has this worked? Yes and No:*
  - *Progress at conceptual level and in formulating work plan topics*
  - *But less so in project selection, implementation, monitoring and evaluation*

Budget allocated to SSH-flagged topics and to SSH partners (million €)					
Horizon 2020 parts	Total budget 2016 calls	Budget allocated to SSH-flagged topics	Budget going to SSH partners	Share of budget going to SSH partners under SSH-flagged topics	Share of budget going to SSH partners out of the total call budget
SC1	265	208	9	5%	4%
SC2	267	69	15	22%	6%
SC3	403	148	17	12%	4%
SC4	343	141	24	17%	7%
SC5	135	43	23	53%	17%
SC6	93	86	59	68%	63%
SC7	147	86	8	9%	5%
Total SC	1651	779	155	20%	15%
LEIT-ICT	460	109	24	23%	5%
LEIT-NMBP	249	3	1	37%	0.46%
LEIT-SPACE	92	0	0	0%	0%
Total LEIT	801	112	26	23%	3%
Total	**2452**	**891**	**181**	**20%**	**7%**
Total ex. SC6	2359	805	122	18%	5%

Where are we going?

- *Horizon Europe – across all pillars - aims for "significant environmental and social impact"*
- *Pillar II will "fully integrate" social sciences and humanities across all clusters*
- *Research missions have a particular need for cross-disciplinary approaches and broad outreach*
- *Strategic planning will "incorporate inter-disciplinary and cross-sectoral perspectives"*
- *Co-creation with stakeholders and citizens*

What about Cluster 4?

- *Combining "Climate, energy, mobility" offers – and demands! – more cross-disciplinary, cross-sector work*

- *"Approaches broader than technology-driven innovation" will be required*

- *Potential cross-cuts to other clusters, e.g. health (air quality!)*

- *Cities emerging as potential focal points for intra- and intra-cluster work*

How to get impact and more value-added from SSH support – a wish list

- *Resist temptation to retreat into silos, embrace challenge-based nature of Horizon Europe*

- *Engage in and deepen cross-disciplinary dialogues involving SSH as well as STEM researchers*

- *Reach out to stakeholders but don't mistake SSH work for stakeholder/citizen engagement*

- *Pursue and deepen SSH mainstreaming but keep open specific SSH windows as well*

Thank You!

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