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**'Social Sciences and Humanities in
Horizon Europe'**

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Innovation

Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon Europe

1. Legal framework

- **Regulation (EU) 2021/695 establishing Horizon Europe (28 April 2021)**
  Article 7 – Principles of the Programme

  'The Programme shall ensure a multidisciplinary approach and shall, where appropriate, provide for the integration of Social Sciences and Humanities - SSH across all clusters and activities developed under the Programme, including specific calls for proposals on SSH related topics.'

- **Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe (10 May 2021)**
  Article 2.f – Operational objectives

  'To increase collaboration links in European R&I and across sectors and disciplines, including social sciences and humanities'

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2. Calls for proposals - Work programme

- Topics flagged for SSH during the co-creation and drafting process
- Standard sentence included in the Scope of the SSH flagged topics:

'*This topic requires the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities.*'

3. Proposal submission

- SSH aspects in submission forms: from participants to excellence, implementation and impact sections
- Freedom of the applicants: to consider that **an SSH component** is **not relevant** for their proposal - **Need to justify why not**. Experts evaluators will assess the justification provided by the applicants

4. Proposal evaluation

- SSH is a requirement embedded in the award criteria that will be assessed
- SSH experts evaluators to assess specifically the SSH part of the proposal, taking into account how applicants have integrated the SSH dimension in the proposal
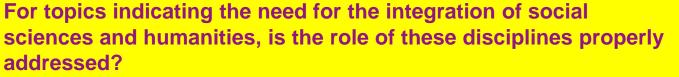
Where are SSH described in the proposal?

Instrument	Application forms Part A	Application forms Part B
RIA stage1	Not applicable	1. Excellence 2. Impact
RIA	2. Participants	1. Excellence 2. Impact 3. Implementation
IA stage 1	Not applicable	1. Excellence 2. Impact
IA	2. Participants	1. Excellence 2. Impact 3. Implementation
CSA stage 1	Not applicable	1. Excellence 2. Impact
CSA	2. Participants	1. Excellence 2. Impact 3. Implementation

Proposal evaluation
SSH aspects

All 3 evaluation criteria include SSH aspects to be addressed

Excellence

> For topics indicating the need for the integration of social sciences and humanities, is the role of these disciplines properly addressed?

Impact

> Are the proposed dissemination, exploitation and communication measures suitable?

Implementation

> Does the consortium match the project's objectives, and bring together the necessary disciplinary and inter-disciplinary knowledge?

> For topics flagged as SSH relevant, does the consortium include expertise in social sciences and humanities?

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Useful resources

Analysis of SSH-relevant Topics in Work Programme 2023-24

Opportunities for Researchers from the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon Europe

https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/sites/default/files/2023-02/ssh-opportunities_2023-24_final_for-publication.pdf
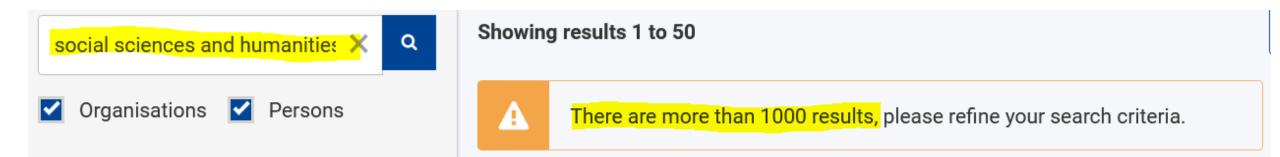
Webinar for experts

How to evaluate SSH in HE proposals

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/videos

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