Horizon 2020 condensed

Societal Challenge 6: Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective societies

What is the 'Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' Challenge?

The aim of the 'Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' Challenge (SC6) is to contribute to an understanding of Europe's intellectual basis: its history and the many European and non-European influences, as an inspiration for our lives today in a context of unprecedented transformations and growing global interdependencies.

The relevance of SC6 to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals is highlighted for 2018-2020. It also contributes to two of Horizon 2020's 'Focus Areas': Security Union and Digitisation.

Most of the funding from the Challenge is for collaborative Research and Innovation projects and Coordination and Support Actions in a number of priority areas.

What will be funded?

The Societal Challenge 6 2018-20 work programme part comprises three calls under the focus areas described below. The call topics are closely linked to the current political and scientific agendas around migration, the fourth industrial revolution and the challenges of governance. All calls encourage multidisciplinary, cross-national, comparative and participatory approaches, and where necessary they include focus on social and ICT-based innovation. International cooperation is emphasised in topics that require to look beyond EU borders and design comparative research.

The Work Programme 2020 update brought no major changes. There have been alterations to some topics and new topics have been added for 2020 across all three SC6 calls. Applicants are advised to check the Work Programme for details relating to their topics of interest.

Governance for the future

This call focuses on:

- Trust in governance;
- Past, present and future of differentiation in European governance;
- Addressing populism and boosting civic and democratic engagement;
- Extreme ideologies and polarisation;
- Enhancing social rights and EU citizenship;
- New forms of delivering public goods and inclusive public services;
- Trends and forward-looking scenarios in global governance;
- Innovative solutions for markets outside Europe;
- European cloud infrastructure for public administrations;
- Digitisation, Digital Single Market and European culture.

Migration

This call focuses on:

- Geopolitical projections, root causes and development;
- Global and EU migration governance;
- Social, economic and cultural impact;
- Effective integration policies;
- Asylum policies and international protection;
- Integration policies for migrant children;
- Management of migration challenge through innovation-enabled solutions;
- Forced displacement.

Socioeconomic and cultural transformations in the context of the fourth industrial revolution

This call focuses on:

- Social and economic impacts of the technological transformations;
- Productivity, growth, jobs and European social welfare;
- The impact of technological transformations on children and youth;
- Transformative impact of disruptive technologies in public services;
- Innovative solutions for inclusive and sustainable urban environments;
- Urban and regional development through cultural tourism;
- Inclusive, sustainable growth through cultural and creative industries and the arts;
- The societal value of culture and the impact of cultural policies in Europe;
- Endangered cultural heritage and on illicit trafficking of cultural goods;
- Collaborative approaches to cultural heritage for social cohesion;
- Curation of digital assets and advanced digitisation;
- Using big data approaches in research and innovation policy making;
- Iterdisciplinarity between SSH and non-SSH sciences in Europe;
- Societal challenges and the arts.

Call timings

SC6 2018 and 2019 calls closed and the general information on results is available on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (under 'Call updates' for each topic).

All SC6 2020 calls will open on 5 November 2019 and have the deadline on 12 March 2020.

Please note, some topics have specific eligibility criteria, listed under eligibility and admissibility conditions, such as obligation to include legal entities established in the target country/region. Applicants are advised to check the Work Programme for details relating to their topics of interest.

Version: July 2019 - This factsheet reflects information available on the date issued. UKRO factsheets are produced for the benefit of staff in UKRO sponsor and subscriber institutions only.

2

Funding, eligibility and project details

Funding for Challenge 6 projects under the 2018-20 Work Programme is primarily through Research and Innovation actions (RIA), Innovation actions (IA) and Co-ordination and Support actions (CSAs). Most SC6 calls are one-stage. ERA-NET-Cofund actions are included and addressed to the national funding agencies, who are consequently organising joint calls for proposals in specific areas.

The SC6 relevant calls for SME-targeted projects (SME Instrument), as well as the Fast Track to Innovation call, are found under the Horizon 2020 Work Programme Part 'Towards the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation: European Innovation Council (EIC) Pilot'. While the manner in which applicants choose to address a specific topic challenge is largely at the discretion of applicants, generic minimum consortium requirements are listed in the work programme and any specific individual topic requirements are given in the description of the topic scope. Topic specific requirements might include, for example, a multi-disciplinary approach, emphasis on ICT solutions, the involvement of public stakeholders, civil society, SME or other private sector involvement.

Relevant EU policy areas and developments

The calls and topics within SC6 are clearly aligned with the Commission's priorities on Migration; Jobs, growth and investment; the Digital single market; Justice and fundamental rights based on mutual trust; Making the EU a stronger global actor; and Fostering a Union of democratic change. SC6 focuses on in particular four of the EU2020 targets (Employment, R&D, Education, Fighting poverty and social exclusion) and four of the seven European Flagships (Innovation Union, Youth on the move, An Agenda for New skills and jobs, European Platform Against Poverty).

In drawing up the Horizon 2020 Work Programme, the European Commission have committed to a **cross-cutting objective of involving Social Science and Humanities (SSH) disciplines across the whole of the programme.** SSH integration means that SSH can make their contribution where they are most needed. Integrating the socio-economic dimension into the design, development and implementation of research itself, and of new technologies can help find solutions to societal issues. The multidisciplinary challenge-based approach expected from consortia responding to topics in Pillars 2 and 3 of the programme (Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies, and the Societal Challenges respectively) is intended to include SSH disciplines where relevant to the topic scope. The Science With and For Society Work Programme contains topics particularly relevant to SSH disciplines.

A search tool is available on the Funding Opportunities pages of the EU Funding & Tenders Portal to enable researchers to quickly identify SSH relevant topics. Researchers are advised to read the pre-amble to the Horizon 2020 Work Programme to understand the Commission's approach to SSH.

SC6 Work Programme contributes to the general policy goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) on Cultural Heritage, as well as Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) are also relevant as these initiatives can provide further transnational research opportunities for SSH researchers.

Version: July 2019 - This factsheet reflects information available on the date issued. UKRO factsheets are produced for the benefit of staff in UKRO sponsor and subscriber institutions only.

3

More information:

- Societal Challenge 6 2018-2020 work programme part:
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-societies_en.pdf
- European Commission pages on Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities research:
  ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=home
- European Commission SC6 page:
  https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/node/85
- EU Funding & Tenders Portal for:
  - Calls for proposals under **Funding Opportunities**
  - Horizon 2020 Work programmes
    ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html#h2020-work-programmes
- European Commission pages on the Innovation
  ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union
- EU's strategy for international cooperation in research and innovation
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?pg=strategy
- Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) on Cultural Heritage:
  jpi-culturalheritage.eu
- HERA - Humanities in the European Research Area Network
  http://heranet.info/
- NET4Socety Network - SC6 National Contact Points Network
  http://www.net4society.eu/
- Sign up to the UKRO Portal to stay up to date on Horizon 2020 general developments, calls, events and results: **ukro.ac.uk**
- For specific questions, contact your UKRO European Advisor.