



# Net4Society: A support network for the SSH community

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- International network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Cluster 2\*
- Established in 2008; involves Cluster 2 NCPs from ca. 60 countries in Europe/worldwide
- **Main network objectives:**
  - Quality improvement of NCP services (e.g. trainings)
  - Support for SSH research communities (proposal preparation, consortium building)
  - **Support to Social Sciences and Humanities and the Arts (SSHA) integration**
  - Increased SSH visibility & awareness for SSH impact

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# Future perspectives/activities

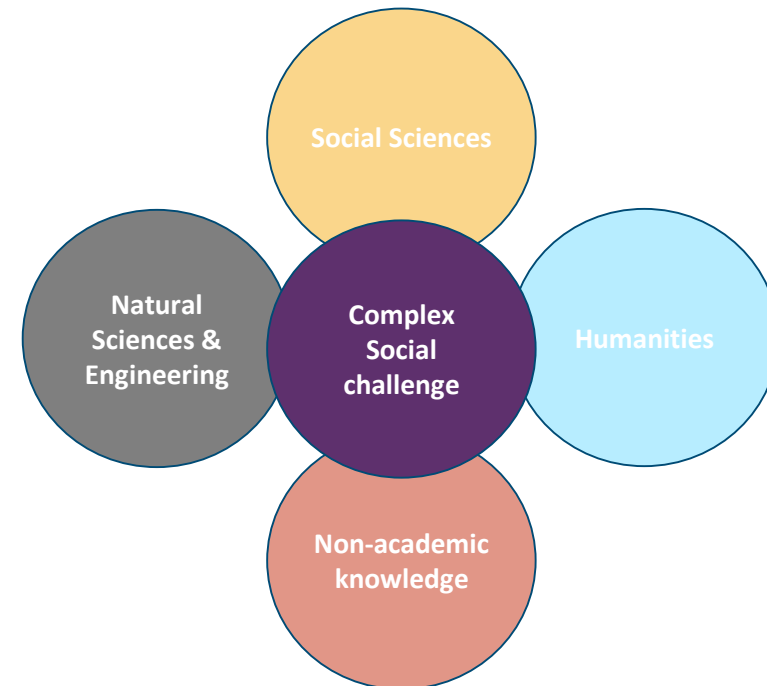
## Beginning of 2022:

- A new Cluster 2-dedicated NCP network project will kick-off and run for 7 years
- **Currently** in proposal stage for Horizon Europe Cluster 2 network project



# SSH Integration: multidisciplinary in action

**Aim of SSH Integration:** increased collaboration between SSH & STEM researchers in finding solutions to complex social problems



## Current/soon to be available support tools & services

- SSH Opportunities Document (version covering 2021-2022 calls coming soon!)
- Factsheets on SSH Integration
- Monitoring of SSH Opportunities in other Programming Areas (beginning in 2022)
- Brokerages (beginning in 2022)
- Partner Search (eventually in preparation, beginning 2022\*)

\*contingent on outcome of Cluster 2 network project proposal

# SSH Opportunities Document

- **“Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)”**
  - Complete overview of SSH Funding (all Societal Challenges and some other programming areas) chances in entire framework programme
  - Published regularly during project runtime
  - To be published for 1<sup>st</sup> Horizon Europe calls by APRE (IT) in context of the Bridge2HE project

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Opportunities for  
Researchers from the  
Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)  
in Horizon 2020

Analysis of SSH-relevant Topics  
Work Programme 2018-20

# Factsheets on good practice in SSH Integration

- **Good practice** examples on how to successfully design and implement inter- and multidisciplinary research projects funded under H2020
  - Based on interviews with project coordinators of flagged-topics
  - Specific focus on inclusion of SSH researchers and how achieved
- “Success Stories in SSH Integration”



## Highlighting SSH Opportunities in other EU Instruments

- Regular monitoring of funding opportunities for SSH researchers in other EU programming areas
  - Missions\*
  - Partnerships (former Art. 185 instruments; co-programmed, co-financed, institutionalized)
  - EIC, EIT ([KIC Culture & Creativity](#))
  - Additional areas beyond Horizon Europe



# Brokerages

- Brokerages organized between SSH & STEM researchers; non-academic actors using b2match tool
  - Supports consortia building for submission of proposals
  - Collaboration with other NCP networks at their brokerage events, incl. EEN
- **Format:** In-person and online\*

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**European Green Deal**  
Social Sciences and Humanities  
Virtual Brokerage Event

October 2020

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## Expert Workshops (expected)

- Workshops focussed on SSH Integration
- **Aim:** gather and discussion what worked well, what didn't; gather insights via troubleshooting
  - Sessions to be more thematically-oriented to understand where more action/attention is needed to support SSH Integration
  - Collaboration with European Commission, funded projects; aim to collaboration with other Directorate Generals

## Partner Search (expected)

- **Partner Search:** supported search of projects seeking additional partners; open to project coordinators and partners seeking a consortium!
  - Helps to facilitate consortium building for EU Framework Programme Work Programme calls
  - Helps to locate partners and connect researchers across all areas of Horizon Europe
  - Tool currently disabled, but partner search currently still possible—forwarded to network
  - **Future objective (successfully-funded Cluster 2 network proposal):** establishment of a partner search tool that is connected to other network partner search tools, so that all inquiries access a centralized database

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### Social networks:



### Newsletters:

- ISSUES e-magazine
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