

# HOW TO find Social Sciences & Humanities relevant calls

When we talk about Social Sciences & Humanities (SSH) relevant calls, we are referring to all those topics that involve SSH disciplines, namely those disciplines that are mainly focused on the understanding of human behavior, societies, cultures, institutions and historical contexts through empirical research, theoretical analysis and critical investigation (e.g., sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, political science, history, linguistics, philosophy, archaeology, etc.).

## STEP 1: where to find primarily SSH-relevant calls in Horizon Europe?

Horizon Europe Cluster 2

- In the context of the Horizon Europe, the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2021-2027, Cluster 2 (Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society) is specifically dedicated to SSH issues and topics.
- In particular, it aims to strengthen European democratic values, including rule of law and fundamental rights, safeguarding our cultural heritage, and promoting socio-economic transformations that contribute to inclusion and growth.
- Funding opportunities are regularly published in calls for proposals for Cluster 2, which are set out in multiannual work programmes (top-down approach).
- To stay updated on open calls, check the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#) or contact your national contact point ([link](#))

## STEP 2: where to find SSH-relevant calls beyond Horizon Europe Cluster 2?

The new challenges facing Europe are increasingly complex and require a holistic approach that calls for the integration of the transversal perspective of the social sciences, humanities and the technical-scientific knowledge of the STEM sciences of this need. The European Commission explicitly calls for SSH experts to tackle the new complex issues in a comprehensive way.

In this context, there are several funding opportunities for SSH researchers both in other Horizon Europe clusters and in other initiatives:

- Other Horizon's Clusters

The European Commission aims at integrating SSH disciplines in each Horizon Europe's pillar, consequently, SSH-relevant topics can be found also beyond Cluster 2.

Net4Society regularly drafts a document containing calls and topics relevant to the social sciences and humanities throughout Horizon Europe. Download it [here](#)

You can also find SSH-flagged topics in the Funding & Tenders portal; specifically, by selecting "Cross cutting priority Socio-economic science and humanities" in the cross-cutting priority field.

- Horizon Europe EU Missions

In September 2021, the European Commission officially launched the EU Missions, a coordinated effort by the Commission to pool the necessary resources in terms of policies and regulations, and other activities. Since they entered into force, Missions have been supporting Europe's transformation into a greener, healthier, more inclusive, and resilient continent.

Funding opportunities are regularly published in calls for proposals, which are set out in a multiannual work programme and available on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

In addition, in the next few months, Net4Society will publish the Missions Opportunities document that collects all SSH-relevant calls for 2024 published in the EU Missions Work Programme.

Stay updated on our [website](#).

- Other Horizon Europe opportunities:

The relevant SSH calls will be published monthly on the Net4Society website.

More information [here](#)

## STEP 3: tools and strategies: some concrete suggestions

- Use the web tools to stay updated on calls:

- Stay up-to-date on news and events concerning the SSH panorama through Newsletters: The newsletter is a valuable tool for keeping up to date on news concerning topics of interest. You can subscribe to the newsletters of major European initiatives ([link](#)) and agencies ([REA](#) ; [CINEA](#))
- Net4Society sends out its own Newsletter every month containing the latest updates on Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon Europe, relevant calls, events, publications, support materials, and policy documents.

- Attend events:

- Workshops and webinars - workshops and webinars are powerful tools for training, knowledge exchange, network building, and promotion of initiatives.
- Net4Society organises events for both applicants and NCPs. Have a look [here](#).

► Other interesting Workshops and webinar opportunities can also be found on other NCP Networks and European Initiatives websites:

- [European Commission website](#)
- [NCP Portal](#)
- [SEREN 5 \(Security Research National Contact Point Network\)](#)
- [RICH EUROPE \(Research Infrastructures National Contact Points Network\)](#)

- Engage in networking activities and events:

Networking activities are an opportunity for stakeholders with the same interests to get in touch, exchange information and explore possible collaborations. These activities represent a valuable opportunity for applicants, who have the chance to meet actors from other countries and investigate possible collaboration. Net4Society, as the international network of Cluster 2 NCPs, has organised and will keep organizing Brokerage events in order to foster the exchange of information and networking among those working across SSH disciplines. Stay updated [here](#)

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