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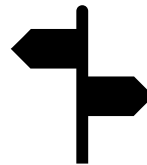
Call “A sustainable future for Europe”

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General Information on the Call & Destination





Destination „Social and Economic Transformations“

Overall Policy Context:

Funded research actions will help to:

- Tackle social, economic and political inequalities
- Support human capital development
- Contribute to a comprehensive European strategy for inclusive growth
- Support migration and mobility policies & promoting integration of migrants
- Better understand impacts of COVID-pandemic and help to overcome the crisis





Destination „Social and Economic Transformations“

Proposals should contribute to the destination's **expected impact** (=> Strategic Plan 2021-24)

“Social and economic resilience and sustainability are strengthened through a better understanding of the social, ethical, political and economic impacts of drivers of change (such as technology, globalisation, demographics, mobility and migration) and their interplay.”

Destination „Social and Economic Transformations“

Proposals under this destination are invited to

- integrate feedback loops with stakeholders/policymakers
- analyse political and financial trade-offs associated to the recommendations produced
- reflect contextual changes that might be needed to implement recommendations
- build upon previous EU research



2022 Call „A sustainable future for Europe“ - Basics

- part of destination „**Innovative Research on Social and Economic Transformations**“ of Cluster 2 Work Programme 2021/22
- call opening: 20 January 2022
- call deadline: 20 April 2022, 17:00:00 Brussels time
- overall budget: 90 million €
- 10 topics: Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs), ca. 2-3 million € per project
- ~3 projects per topic to be funded



The Topics of the Call





01 Public policies and indicators for well-being and sustainable development

Expected Outcome

- Empirical **analysis of different processes of economic growth**, identifying the extent to which they are inclusive and sustainable (determinants of social, economic inclusion and environmental impacts).
- Theoretical assessment of the **linkages** between the **standard economic growth paradigm** and the dimensions of **sustainable development** (social, economic, health and environmental).
- Pave out possible avenues for the **taking up of a novel growth framework** to support inclusive and sustainable policies.

01 Public policies and indicators for well-being and sustainable development

Scope

- comparative analyses of socio-economic inequalities, distribution of benefits of economic growth in Europe and internationally (e. g. Africa, Asia, South America) - taking into account impacts of COVID-19, notions of environmental (in)justice
- identify & develop indicators for well-being /sustainable development, improved understanding of trade-offs & synergies between SDGs and standard framework to measure economic growth – can these concepts/objectives be reconciled?
- How can we drive transition to carbon-free, “well-being” economy?
- assess/identify policy options to adopt new economic framework

02 The impact of spatial mobility on European demographics, society, welfare system and labour market

Expected Outcome

- Analyse the **demographic, economic, social** and **cultural effects of mobility** in European countries, from a sending and receiving side.
- Envisage policies that **counter brain drain** and **labour exploitation** phenomena and enhance **joint building of human capital** across regions and countries.
- Identify effective policies to **promote rural development and sustainability** and address regional inequalities



02 The impact of spatial mobility on European demographics, society, welfare system and labour market

Scope

- Analyse **drivers and effects** of demographically declining and left behind areas in Europe
- Analyse interactions of different policies affecting mobility flows (urban-rural, inter-regional, intra-EU), relation between **freedom of movement** within or between EU/Associated countries and the development of both sending and receiving areas
- Assess **pros and cons of spatial mobility** from an individual, economic, labour market and administrative perspective in both sending and receiving areas
- Support **development of policies** for harnessing the positive elements and limit the negative

03 Conditions of irregular migrants in Europe

Expected Outcome

- Develop new knowledge on the **conditions and vulnerabilities of irregular migrants** in the EU, their access to basic rights and services in the EU, their activities and their impact on the labour market.
- Enhance **EU migration governance** by appraising policy responses to irregular migration management and their effect.
- Propose **policy measures** to uphold basic rights of irregular migrants and needs of host communities.
- Provide tools and options for enhancing the **protection of irregular working migrants**, and identify to what extent **sectors of the economy rely** on their work



03 Conditions of irregular migrants in Europe

Scope

- analyse the conditions of irregular migrants in the EU MS/AC (conditions for **access to basic services and rights**, participation in (informal) **labour markets**)
- analyse the **reliance of particular sectors of the economy** on this irregular workforce,
- Focus on **gender** issues, effects on families
- analyse **legislative frameworks** aimed to protect the rights of irregular migrants
- provide options for **enhancing the protection** of migrants



04 Decision-making processes of (aspiring) migrants

Expected Outcome

- Enhance EU migration policy by shedding light on micro- and meso-level **drivers of migration**.
- Assess how far **policies take into account behaviours** of migrants when aiming at regulating migration.
- Show **how migration decisions change** along the journey, and at what stage policies are more likely to play a role in shaping migration outcomes



04 Decision-making processes of (aspiring) migrants

Scope

- Focus on **micro-level** (individual) and **meso-level** (families but also wider societal drivers) of decision-making – and their interaction with macro-level
- Consideration of **process** & dynamic character of decisions
- Role of (lack of) **availability of legal channels** for migration
- Possible focus: trafficking networks / return migration
- Influence of **migration policies**
- Development **of innovative methodologies**, incl. behavioural approaches



05 Gender and social, economic and cultural empowerment

Expected Outcomes

- achieve a better understanding of gendered power relations across the social and economic spheres
- help reverse socio-economic and cultural inequalities and promote gender equality
- provide evidence base about the role of education and the media in perpetuating or breaking stereotypes



05 Gender and social, economic and cultural empowerment

Scope

- propose a theoretical framework to understand the formation of gendered power hierarchies and develop solutions on how to address inequalities and underlying causes
- analyse the interrelations of power and barriers to gender equality between different social and economic issues considering differing cultural contexts across the EU/AC/3rd countries and specific contexts (economic crisis, pandemic, climate change, future of work)
- propose concrete, practical solutions, innovative tools and policy responses
- strongly encouraged: international cooperation, social innovation approaches

06 Overcoming discrimination for an inclusive labour market

Expected Outcomes

- Identify suitable theoretical and application-oriented concepts that foster inclusion
- Develop practices that facilitate reduction of employment gaps between vulnerable and mainstream groups
- Identify relevant actors to achieve effective results, explore their roles and interaction
- Develop innovative policy approaches to promote inclusion, inclusiveness and quality employment
- Help develop evidence-based policy responses to fight discrimination/promote inclusion and upward convergence in employment
- Identify and compare the usefulness of different options for policies and measures



06 Overcoming discrimination for an inclusive labour market

Scope

- suitable theoretical inclusion concepts should be identified and developed, such as e.g. interoperable and comparative European indicators and standards
- identify barriers for increasing inclusiveness in the labour market
- address the disadvantages and barriers faced/collect data on measures to improve the situation/provide a thorough analysis of the impact and efficacy of existing policy measures
- Involvement of different stakeholders (incl. SMEs), complementarity to other projects (topic 5+6)



07 Conditions for a successful development of skills matched to needs

Expected Outcomes

- Enable policymakers to better understand, measure and reduce skills gaps and problematic mismatches between skills and jobs
- Support the objectives of the European Skills Agenda for Sustainable Competitiveness, Social Fairness and Resilience as regards Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Adult Learning (AL)



07 Conditions for a successful development of skills matched to needs

Scope

- better understanding of skill gaps and mismatches from the supply and demand side
- Analysis of the roles played by individuals, public and private employers, skills-development institutions and policy frameworks and their interaction
- where possible and relevant, research should draw lessons from recent policy interventions in a contextual manner/propose adjustment measures, or test them through social innovation experiments

08 Strengthening racial, ethnic and religious equality

Expected Outcomes

- Map, gather data and knowledge on the presence of structural forms of racism as well as episodes of hate crime and discrimination
- Develop a knowledge and evidence base on how racism, xenophobia and discrimination are institutionalised and made structural, and impact various areas of life
- Enhance anti-racism and anti-discrimination policies and practices by evaluating existing policy responses to employment, education, security, living and caring conditions of minority and migrant communities in the EU Member States and Associated Countries
- Document and make visible the contributions, struggles and cultural heritage of minority communities



08 Strengthening racial, ethnic and religious equality

Scope

- analyse the living conditions of people from minority or migrant descent
- analyse and illustrate examples of the relation between structural inequalities and structural discrimination/ analyse existing anti-racist and anti-discrimination legislation
- investigate minorities' experience of discrimination and intersectionality with other dimensions of discrimination/Covid-19

09 Return and readmission of irregular migrants in the EU

Expected Outcomes

- assess barriers and enablers of the EU return and readmission policy
- develop recommendations for cooperation with Members States, countries of origin and transit of migrants
- consider alternatives to returning migrants to countries of origin and transit and evaluate human-rights related, political and financial trade-offs of these options
- develop innovative methodologies to analyse and evaluate negotiation strategies and positions

09 Return and readmission of irregular migrants in the EU

Scope

- analyse and appraise the EU's return and readmission policies
- show alternatives for return and readmission, specify actors involved in these policy suggestions/their implementation and the financial and political costs associated to this.
- analysis of barriers and enablers to successful agreements with countries of origin and transit
- International cooperation is strongly advised (in particular Africa, Asia, Middle East)



10 Socio-economic effects of ageing societies

Expected Outcomes

- Analysis of the impacts of ageing societies on society and economy in the medium and long term
- Propose knowledge-based policy measures to reap the benefits of longer healthy life expectancy and explore ageing related phenomena
- Counteract the effects of ageism and age segregation, promoting the benefits of experience and knowledge accumulation

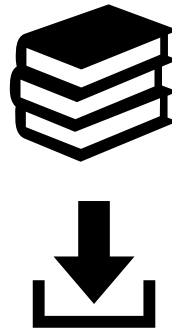
10 Socio-economic effects of ageing societies

Scope

- Analysis of the changing demographic profile of Europe (ageing/migration) in the different MS/AC and the effects on consumption, production and opportunities – interdisciplinary approach
- Analysis of the impact of demographic change on skills availability and needs
- opportunities of the “silver economy” / influence of policies on fertility rates
- Recommendations aimed at increasing the EU’s human capital in a long-term perspective



Further Information





Helpful Links - Political Priorities of the EU

An economy that works for the People

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/economy-works-people_ent works for people

European Pillar of Social Rights

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/economy-works-people/jobs-growth-and-investment/european-pillar-social-rights_en

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Promoting our European Way of Life

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/promoting-our-european-way-life_en

New Pact on Migration and Asylum | European Commission (europa.eu)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/promoting-our-european-way-life/new-pact-migration-and-asylum_en

Skills and Talent | European Commission (europa.eu)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/promoting-our-european-way-life/new-pact-migration-and-asylum/skills-and-talent_en

Publications

Employment and Social developments in Europe,

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&furtherPubs=yes&langId=en&pubId=8342>

JRC Science for Policy Handbook,

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/communities/en/community/evidence4policy/document/science-policy-handbook>

Communicating Research for evidence-based policy-making,

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/579cb7ba-821f-4967-b3a2-d87556a0bcfe>

Institutions and other links

European Institute for Gender Equality, <https://eige.europa.eu/>

European Skills Agenda, <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1223&langId=en>

Knowledge for Policy, https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/home_en

Projects:

Cordis Results Pack, <https://cordis.europa.eu/article/id/415479-migration-and-migrant-integration-enabling-knowledge-based-approaches-to-migration-policy>

Horizon Dashboard, <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/horizon-dashboard>

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