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

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Introduction

This document is designed to help potential proposers find SSH-related topics across the different parts of the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027.

Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe aims at fully integrating Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in each of its pillars. In particular, under the pillar 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness', SSH should be fully integrated across all clusters. SSH is therefore a cross-cutting issue and integrated in the whole Framework Programme. While SSH research aspects are particularly present in Cluster 2 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society', they are also present in all other clusters and in other parts of Horizon Europe.

Horizon Europe requires applicants to submit proposals and build consortia that transcend disciplinary and sectorial boundaries, bringing together scholars from SSH and from life and physical sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), as well as researchers and practitioners across these fields.

The SSH encompass a wide range of disciplines such as sociology and economics, psychology and political science, history and cultural sciences, law and ethics. Contributions from these research and activity fields are needed under Horizon Europe to generate new knowledge, support evidence-based policymaking, develop key competences and produce multidisciplinary solutions to both societal and technological issues.

SSH-flagged topics across Horizon Europe

To assist SSH researchers in identifying funding opportunities, the European Commission (EC) has established a search engine within its online Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal. Certain topics with substantial SSH aspects have been "flagged" by the EC as SSH-relevant, and the search engine offers the option to quickly search for the specific priority 'Social sciences and humanities'. It also allows for keyword and full-text search.

This document compiles the "SSH-flagged topics" on the basis of the analysis of SSH-relevant topics carried out by the thematic services and Unit D.3 Health & Societal Transitions of the EC Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. The document also includes a few additional topics that, while not flagged, may require the contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities researchers.

Researchers are strongly encouraged to screen the Work Programme themselves, in order not to lose out on research opportunities offered on their specific interest. In any case, all Work Programme parts need to be read in detail to be aware of the overall approach of the theme, the context and the full text of the topics, rules for participation, and other specific requirements. Of special importance are the "type of action" and the eligibility criteria connected to it. This and any other relevant information can be found in the specific Work Programme part and the specific call document. All relevant documents can be downloaded from the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal. The specific links are provided for each topic in the respective chapters.

Structure of the document

The structure of this document is determined by the degree of anticipated SSH integration in the different Horizon Europe Programme parts. Instead of following the numerical order of the Horizon Europe Pillars (I. Excellent science, II. Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness, III. Innovative Europe), the document starts with the part that includes "top down" topics and the greatest amount of SSH research dimensions: the thematic Clusters under the second Pillar. The document continues with the Excellent Science programming areas (mostly "bottom up" opportunities). In the last chapters, the SSH-relevant topics in Widening Participation & Strengthening the European Research Area, in the Missions, the New European Bauhaus and the Horizontal acitivies are presented.

DISCLAIMER

This document includes information on open and forthcoming topics for 2026-27 as of October 2026.

An important feature of this guide is a "main keywords" reference section that is included as part of each listed topic. This feature is a short-hand reference naming the type of social scientific or humanistic science-related research know-how, methodology, or disciplinary framing technique required for successful project implementation. These keywords are an adaptation of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Keywords and the Social Sciences and Humanities categories used by the European Commission in the Monitoring reports on the Integration of Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020. The use of "main keywords" serves to help clarify how to locate one's research discipline in the context of a topic's research requirements.

Information on calls might be subject to change. To receive the latest information on calls, researchers/users of this guide need to consult the Funding & Tender opportunities Portal to inform themselves of any updates.

Net4SocietyHE has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided in this document. However, the information is provided "as is", without warranty of any kind, including the reference to keywords, as the writing of topics across Clusters varies to different degrees and this is reflected in how SSH research is referred to (e.g. (generic example) "this topic requires the involvement of SSH researchers and expertise" to "this topic requires the active involvement political scientists, legal scholars, and international relations experts").

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Cluster 1

Health

Call - Cluster 1 - Health (Single stage - 2027/1)

Deadline: 17 February 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01 Addressing disabilities through the life course to support independent living and inclusion	Research actions under this topic should address at least three of the following areas: • Health related research addressing disabilities that stem from health conditions and health conditions associated to disabilities. Thus, research may look into finding the causes of the disease(s) leading to the disability and/or disease treatment with the purpose of supporting independent living. • Children with disabilities from the perinatal period, and/or young people with disabilities transitioning to adulthood, and/or older persons. Proposals should foster ways to improve autonomy and quality of life. • Access to habilitation and rehabilitation services, including psychological rehabilitation and innovative rehabilitation with assistive technologies when appropriate, to increase, maintain, substitute or improve functional capabilities of persons with disabilities or for, alleviation and compensation of impairments, activity limitations or participation restrictions contributing to increasing independence. • Prevention of disabilities through the life-course. Different aspects that could have an impact on persons with disabilities may be addressed, such as gender, age, socio-economic background, ethnicity, detection of risks factors leading to a loss of autonomy, the risk of overweight/obesity and related co-morbidities, hospitalisation, nutrition, high level of inactivity/sedentary lifestyle and related co-morbidities, physical activity/sports, screen-time dependency, smoking, drug use, alcohol use, stress, psychiatric and somatic diseases, loneliness and/or isolation, etc. • Conditions for a successful transition from institutions to living in the community, including different tools to achieve it, such as needs assessments, service provision, budget and resources, management plans, monitoring, quality control, etc. • Innovative solutions, care models and strategies for high quality person-centred, accessible and targeted social and healthcare services to prevent barriers and to support independent living, including if possible, self-care to empower persons with disabilities, as well as different choices of care across the life-course. This topic requires the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, organisations 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. **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-02 Integrating climate-related exposures into the human exposome and characterising its changes in response to climate change	Research activities should be multiscale and multidisciplinary and account for the complexity and multifactorial nature of health determinants and the most pressing unmet medical needs in relation to environmental degradation and disrupted ecosystems. Proposals should include climate-relevant social determinants of health as part of their proposed activities. Research actions should study the role of socioeconomic (e.g. income, energy poverty, occupation), demographic (e.g. gender, race or ethnicity,

	age) and behavioural (e.g. public trust, risk perception) factors in determining patterns of exposure, using the exposome approach to generate knowledge on intersectional vulnerability and resilience to exposome-driven (including climate-driven) health impacts. Identify disproportionately affected populations and develop interventions to reduce disparities. When handling vulnerability data and indicators, sex-, gender-, race and ethnicity-disaggregated data should be collected and analysed, incorporating intersectional factors where feasible and relevant. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Demography, Behavioural studies**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-10 Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD)	Proposals focused on implementation research should explore implementation strategies on evidence-based interventions, adaptations of interventions and tailored interventions, or initiatives including (though not limited to) those focussed on one or more of the following: • Policy evaluation to tackle childhood- and/or youth-relevant social, economic, political, structural or commercial determinants of chronic NCD conditions. • Prevention of NCDs using children and/or young people targeted implementation strategies (e.g. educational strategies, vaccination strategies, promotion of behavioural and lifestyle changes). • Screening and diagnosis of NCDs (or risk factors) in children and/or young people (in particular use of digital tools). • Cost effective and patient-centred management of NCDs in children and/or young people. Applicants should provide rationale and explore the implementation of proposed intervention(s) for a selected study population(s) based in one or more LMICs, and/or underserved populations experiencing health disparities, including Indigenous populations, in HICs, considering the unique social, political, economic, and cultural context(s) in which the study will take place. Applicants should justify why any adaptation will not compromise the known effectiveness of the selected intervention(s). Proposals should consider relevant determinants of health (e.g. social, structural, commercial, economic) and discuss their potential impact on the effective implementation of the intervention(s). 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Economics**

Call - Cluster 1 - Health (Two stage - 2027)

Deadline: 17 February 2027 (First stage) – 16 September 2027 (Second stage)

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-01-two-stage Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases	Proposals should address the following aspects: • Take into account sex and gender differences in all relevant aspects throughout the research process, and consider stratification criteria such as age, disability, racial or ethnic origin, socio-economic status, genetic and epigenetic variations, etc., where relevant. • Engage all relevant stakeholders (especially patients and patients' representatives, caregivers, clinicians, counsellors, regulators, etc.) to design end-user optimised interventions • Present a thorough health-economic assessment and Real-World Data (RWD) analysis to enhance sustainability and scalability of novel interventions. 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Social studies, Gender studies**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-14-two-stage Clinical trials for advancing innovative interventions for neurodegenerative diseases	Proposals should engage all relevant stakeholders (especially patients and patients' representatives for the disease, caregivers, clinicians, counsellors, regulators, etc.) to design end-user optimised interventions, applying gender-sensitive and intersectional approaches. The 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. **Main keywords: Behavioural and Social studies, Gender studies**

Call - Cluster 1 - Health (Single stage - 2027/2)

Deadline: 16 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04 Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis	The proposals should generate evidence, including clinical validation, that the solutions deliver clinically meaningful decision support, addressing use case requirements. Document lessons-learned for broader application. Gather evidence via health economic and/or feasibility studies in real-world healthcare settings confirming cost-effectiveness vis-à-vis current practice (e.g. cost-effectiveness analysis). Produce an exploitation plan on regulatory compliance and intellectual property. Proposals should be multidisciplinary; solution design and development should be end-user-focused and draw on user and non-user input. This topic requires the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines and the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Economics, Law**
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-08 Towards the next generation of frontier Artificial Intelligence models for healthcare	Proposals should include all the following coordination and support activities, ensuring multidisciplinary approaches and a broad representation of stakeholders in the consortium (e.g. healthcare professionals, patients, biomedical scientists, AI developers, data engineers, ethics experts): • Community building: build a large-scale and diverse pan-European community of stakeholders with the multidisciplinary expertise united as required to develop the next generation of frontier AI models for healthcare, with a view to leveraging as a community the potential of AI Factories. Where relevant, this should build on and strengthen existing EU-funded communities and networks,and could pave the way for a formalised long-term collaboration under one of the available EU instruments. • Roadmap creation: review previous research to identify the most promising AI models and model development approaches. In addition, risk assess and review evidence on safety and efficacy of existing AI models with reference to the AI Act, related regulatory provisions (including any jurisprudence) and ethical and security considerations, so that frontier AI model development can proceed on a well-informed basis. Finally, create a roadmap for developing the next generation of frontier AI models. • Dataset identification, curation, expansion and use: i) identification: identify the most suitable existing datasets for the development of frontier AI models for healthcare, ii) curation: identify how to validate the datasets, ensure dataset interoperability, and convert datasets into formats suitable for frontier AI model development, iii) expansion: identify additional datasets and/or annotations required for frontier AI model development, especially to ensure that datasets are representative and iv) use: identify methods and required infrastructure to allow privacy-preserving use and further expansion of the datasets in alignment with and through the EHDS. • Frontier AI model preparatory activities: mapping approaches for training and evaluating frontier AI models (e.g. approaches to combine foundation models for life sciences and healthcare delivery in order to develop more advanced and multidisciplinary models

	towards personalised medicine). The approaches should cover all trustworthy AI aspects. This topic requires the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines and the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Ethics, Law, Sociology**

Cluster 2

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies

Call - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society - 2027

Deadline: 23 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-01 Advisory support and network for countering and preventing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech and polarisation	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Political, societal, educational stakeholders, and researchers have an improved understanding of theoretical models and provided pathways for implementing solutions to combat extremism, radicalisation, hate speech and polarisation. • Public authorities, law enforcement agencies, local authorities, NGOs, and community actors are more engaged in implementing and adapting solutions addressing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech, and polarisation in their respective contexts. • EU institutions, national policymakers and judicial bodies can draw on an enhanced evidence-base for their decision-making through scientific, political, and legal assessments of research results in real-life contexts, enabling replication of methods, legislative changes, and innovation. • Improved understanding of the root causes of hate and polarisation, of methodologies to combat online hate ecosystems and of the role of traditional media in shaping public opinion, including the correlation between media consumption and polarisation, to inform strategies for protecting victims and addressing hate crimes and speech. European research (including research by SSH disciplines) should combine a clear understanding of the mechanisms that play a fundamental role in the circulation of online hate speech, radicalisation, extremism, and polarisation with the development of strategies to prevent and counter these phenomena. **Main keywords: Political Science, Sociology, Education, Media studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-02 Women's, LGBTIQ and minority rights in a context of autocracy, conflict and geopolitical shifts	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Policymakers, public administrations, human rights organisations, and civil society actors have strengthened mechanisms to protect groups in a vulnerable situation (such as women, LGBTIQ people, persons with disabilities and minorities) in contexts of autocracy, conflict, and geopolitical instability. • Researchers and data collection bodies benefit from robust methodologies to systematically document and analyse the impact of democratic backsliding, conflict, and geopolitical shifts on the rights of these specific groups in a vulnerable situation. • Civil society organisations and grassroots movements have enhanced their resilience and advocacy strategies, thanks to the identification of best practices and innovative approaches to counter repression, expand civic space, and promote inclusive governance, including in authoritarian or conflict settings. Proposals should take an interdisciplinary approach, combining SSH disciplines with insights from computer science and data analytics. **Main keywords: Gender studies, Political Science, Law**

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-03 Student and family engagement for developing a culture of democratic/civic participation	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Policymakers, education and training institutions, and educators will be provided with an evidence base, toolkits, and recommendations on the types of collaboration mechanisms with families that are most effective in supporting schools' efforts to provide citizenship education. • Policymakers, education and training institutions, and educators will have a deeper understanding of the effectiveness of student councils and other student participatory mechanisms on influencing school decision-making and on student civic engagement. • Policymakers, education and training institutions, and educators will have a deeper understanding of the impact of family involvement in citizenship education in schools. • Educators have frameworks, guidance, and tools for evaluating social-emotional learning, including values and attitudes, as part of citizenship education. **Main keywords: Sociology, Behavioural studies, Education**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-04 Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: Enhanced understanding of the impact of AI-driven technologies, including AI-generated deepfakes and automated content generation on equality, political participation, democratic processes, public trust, and social cohesion, with evidence-based insights into their role in mitigating or exacerbating disparities. • Uptake of evidence-based policy frameworks for responsible, trustworthy, and transparent AI governance, integrating ethical, legal, and societal considerations to safeguard fundamental rights, mitigate risks of disinformation, and ensure fair and safe AI deployment, in line with the obligations set out in the EU Regulation on artificial intelligence. • Increased public awareness and media literacy to empower citizens to identify and critically assess disinformation, use of deepfakes for malicious purpose, and online harm, alongside the uptake of evidence-based tools for preventing, detecting, and mitigating these harms. • Strengthened capacity of academic institutions to conduct societally relevant AI research and drive the development of trustworthy, ethical AI models, enabled by increased academia-industry collaboration and better access to e.g., computing infrastructure, high-quality datasets, collaborative tools, and funding. A key focus should be interdisciplinary research on AI's role in societal resilience, countering misinformation and disinformation, enhancing civic engagement, and supporting marginalised communities. Proposals should explore inclusive and innovative tools and methodologies for detecting and mitigating deepfakes, disinformation, and cyberviolence facilitated through AI, designed for broad adoption by policymakers, technology developers, media organisations, and the general public. Effectively addressing these multifaceted challenges demands to combine data-driven analysis, drawing on expertise from a wide range of fields, including both academic disciplines (e.g., computer science, and SSH disciplines such as communication and media sciences, ethics, law, political science, sociology, psychology, and gender studies) and the applied perspectives of those involved in shaping and steering AI technologies in practice. **Main keywords: Communication and Media studies, Ethics, Law, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Gender studies**

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05 Development aid and democratic governance	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • EU and national policymakers and development aid agencies are better equipped to deal with the complexities and challenges of the relations between the EU and low- and middle-income countries and increase their intelligence to develop EU strategies and policies that promote a more inclusive and equitable multilateralism. • Organisations for development cooperation have enhanced capacity and solutions to support democratic institutions and address key global challenges, such as climate action, democracy and rule of law, human rights and gender equality. • Strengthened multilateral partnerships between the EU as a donor of development aid and low- and middle-income countries in the field of development cooperation. Key areas of investigation include the impact of development aid on democratic institutions, the reduction of socio-economic and gender inequalities, and the identification of funding gaps for democratic governance initiatives, as well as the consequences of declining democratic trends on the effectiveness of global development strategies and the achievement of sustainable development goals. **Main keywords: Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Gender studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-06 Identifying user-focused solutions to support news media freedom	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Key data gaps affecting the news media sectors at European level are addressed and all relevant stakeholders dispose of an updated and comprehensive knowledge base. • Users' consumption patterns of news are identified (online and offline). • News media organisations and journalists are equipped with better knowledge and tools to adapt to digital transformation, to reach new audiences and to ensure a more resilient public sphere, especially for news sectors that are of particular relevance for democracy. Consortia should bring together academia (including from SSH disciplines), civil society organisations and multiple news sectors representatives (including influencers and other content creators). **Main keywords: Media studies, Marketing, Business studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-07 The role of private companies in democracy	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • EU and national policymakers have a better understanding of corporate influence on democratic processes and outcomes, including activities through service providers in the EU internal market, enabling them to develop strategies to mitigate negative effects and promote a more just and inclusive society. • EU and national policymakers have access to evidence-based recommendations and develop more effective policies and regulations for promoting responsible corporate behaviour, rules on integrity and transparency, preventing corruption and protecting democratic values. • Civil society organizations and citizens have a greater understanding of the complex relationships between private companies and democratic governance, enabling them to hold corporations and policymakers accountable for their actions. Research is needed (including by SSH disciplines) to explore the complex relationships between private companies, lobbying groups and democratic

	processes, to develop tools to assess democratic impact of corporate practices, and to identify strategies to promote responsible corporate behaviour, to uphold transparency and democratic accountability of business practices and to ensure that private companies serve the needs of democracy and the public good. **Main keywords: Business, Economics, Political science, Sociology, Anthropology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-08 Global Human Rights and EU values	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • EU and national policymakers promote and protect human rights and gender equality globally by developing and implementing effective mechanisms for investigating and prosecuting international crimes, and cooperation frameworks with third countries to ensure humanitarian assistance, security, and respect for international law. • Organisations in the EU Enlargement, Neighbourhood and low- and lower middle-income countries empower groups in a vulnerable situation and excluded or marginalized individuals, including, by promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality, providing essential services, and advocating for policy changes that advance equality and social justice, through enhanced capacity, awareness, strengthened partnerships, and effective reporting of human rights abuses. • EU and national policymakers integrate human rights considerations into trade policies and practices, ensuring that trade agreements, supply chains, and labour standards promote human dignity, equality, fairness and well-being, and prevent human rights abuses. There is a need for research (including by SSH disciplines) to better understand these complex relationships and to identify innovative approaches to promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality. **Main keywords: Political Science, Law, Gender studies, Economics, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-01 Towards a consolidated culture and creativity driven European innovation ecosystem	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • The number and impact of CCI-driven innovations in Europe are increased thanks to a wide uptake of evidence-based measures stemming from EU-funded research. These results are followed up with appropriate assessments and Key Performance Indicators. • Innovation driven by the cultural and creative industries continues to be boosted beyond project funding through a long-term economically sustainable ecosystem. • A vision of European CCIs as an essential engine of sustainable innovation and competitiveness is broadly established, making CCIs a natural part of European, national, regional and local innovation efforts. **Main keywords: Cultural and Creative Industries, Social innovation, Business studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-02 AI4Creatives Support Platform: embracing a fair AI revolution	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • The cultural and creative sectors and industries (CCSI) have access to a dedicated European virtual AI support platform. This hub will facilitate collaboration among a strong and open network of CCSI networks, professionals, researchers, AI tech companies, creative startups, ethical

	AI experts, rights management infrastructures, other industries with a shared interest in the field of AI for culture and creativity and a focus on research and innovation. • The AI4Creatives Support Platform provides easy access to shared services, expertise, capacity building, training, and tools needed to design, develop and adopt AI solutions tailored to cultural and creative processes and needs, enhancing innovation and competitiveness. • Filling a gap, the platform enables the development and sharing of AI applications that adhere to EU values, principles and regulations, implementing transparency, ethical standards, promoting cultural diversity, addressing biases, and ensuring equitable access to culture and creativity. This topic addresses the pressing need to coordinate, support, disseminate and capitalise on relevant outcomes from Horizon Europe Cluster 2-funded projects aimed to equip CCSI to leverage the digital transformation. **Main keywords: Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries, Law, Education, Ethics**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-03 Crafting routes to a circular economy	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • The cultural dimension of circular economy is better understood. Cultural factors and the potential of cultural and creative sectors and industries (CCSI) are leveraged to foster circular economy in the EU • Scalable, sustainable and inclusive business models are developed with users and stakeholders, leveraging circular practices from CCSI for economic and environmental benefits (e.g. nature protection, reducing waste, increasing resource efficiency, promoting sustainable consumption and re-use patterns). • Circular solution toolkit: A practical toolkit enables businesses in various sectors to apply CCSI-inspired frugal innovation principles, promoting circularity, sustainability and inclusion. • Evidence-based recommendations and guidelines are available to policymakers to support the transition towards circular practices in CCSI and across other industries and to integrate frugal innovation in circular economy strategies. They emphasize local adaptations of global strategies, allowing for customized approaches that respect and enhance local cultures, heritage and economies. • Skills Enhancement: Training modules on frugal innovation, circular design, and circular economy practices inspired by crafts, local heritage and other CCSI are available to professionals in various industries. Proposals may address one or more of the following four focuses and may combine them with others as appropriate to their objectives. Focus 1. Crafts-led innovation for circular economy Focus 2 Evaluating adaptive reuse of built cultural heritage Focus 3. Food heritage and gastronomic innovation for circular futures Focus 4. Designing circularity: creative pathways and open innovation **Main keywords: Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries, Business studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Social innovation**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-04 Culture, heritage and creative industries for health and well-being	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Deepened knowledge of the potential positive effects of cultural experiences on health and well-being is developed and made available

	to relevant stakeholders, along with validated scalable and replicable practices to reinforce these effects. • Key industrial, health, cultural, educational and/or civil society actors are aware of validated systemic approaches to make cultural experiences improve health and well-being and are engaged in producing or supporting such cultural experiences. • Competitive European cultural and creative sectors and industries systematically contribute to improve health and well-being. **Main keywords: Cultural heritage, Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-05 Re-imagining the creative economy: the interplay between the cultural and creative sectors and industries and the social economy	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Evidence-based policy frameworks and guidelines promoting the convergence of creative and social economy models. • Case studies, indicators, and evaluation methods to measure the social and economic impact of CCSI in social economy frameworks. These tools are provided for policymakers and stakeholders, with areas for improvement identified. • Hybrid CCSI business models that incorporate social economy principles, balancing profitability and social responsibility, showcasing scalable examples across different regions and sectors. • Workforce development strategies addressing precarious employment in creative sectors, including alternative employment structures, skill-sharing, and professional development, and enhancing socio-economic diversity and mobility in creative industries, using gender-sensitive and intersectional approaches to address inequalities. Key areas of focus are expected to be addressed through inter-, multi- and trans-disciplinary approaches (taking into account – among others – contributions by SSH disciplines), including cross-sectoral cooperation and stakeholder involvement: 1. Sustainable Growth and Quality Employment 2. Innovation, local development and social impact 3. Policy and comparative studies **Main keywords: Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Business studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-06 Future-proofing sustainable cultural tourism	Projects should contribute to the first expected outcome, plus those under either Focus 1 or Focus 2, depending on the chosen focus • Evidence-based policy recommendations and solutions for integrating cultural tourism into strategies for regenerative sustainability, environmental protection (for example, from degradation or biodiversity loss), digital transformation, social inclusion and gender equality at all levels of government. As a result, cultural tourism becomes a stronger driver of regenerative sustainable development, increases workforce numbers and skills, and improves working conditions. Research impact is maximised through coordinated dissemination and policy co-creation, facilitating implementation of research-based solutions by policymakers and stakeholders. <u>Focus 1: Transformative AI integration and strategic foresight for cultural tourism resilience</u> • A comprehensive analytical framework for ethical AI integration in sustainable cultural tourism balancing sustainable competitiveness with cultural authenticity and inclusivity.

	• Methodological frameworks and tools for AI-assisted foresight in cultural tourism enabling policymakers, civil society and stakeholders to anticipate changes and adapt strategies proactively. Focus 2: Cultural tourism as a catalyst for sustainable local development • Evidence-based, community-centric models and strategies for sustainable cultural tourism in emerging and less-developed destinations, adaptable to diverse contexts within and beyond the EU. • An international collaborative network for small business and civil society in cultural tourism, focused on cross-border partnerships, regenerative practices and equitable benefit-sharing. This network will connect stakeholders with researchers, policymakers, expertise, and resources to co-create culturally respectful, regenerative cultural tourism models and improve workforce conditions in underserved regions. **Main keywords: Cultural studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Gender studies, Ethics, Cultural heritage**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-07 Societal impact of cultural heritage	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Enhanced understanding of the societal impact of cultural heritage; Good practices and case studies to enable positive societal impact described and documented, for the context of the research area chosen. • Capacity building and knowledge dissemination among practitioners and policymakers. • Produce and disseminate policy recommendations, guidance, and toolkits, supporting policymakers, in the context of the research area chosen as appropriate. Research projects should choose one of the following areas: A. Cultural participation and access to cultural heritage B. Gender roles and identities C. Cultural heritage, cohesion and security Proposals should adopt a multidisciplinary approach (involving, for instance and not exhaustively, heritage and museum studies, cultural anthropology, ethnology, media studies, theatre studies, literary studies, musicology etc.) to assess and demonstrate how cultural heritage initiatives contribute to societal well-being, community empowerment, inclusion, and sustainable development while identification of needs for further research in the field should be promoted. **Main keywords: Heritage and museum studies, Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology, Media studies, Theatre studies, Literature, Musicology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-08 Safeguarding & transmission of intangible cultural heritage	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Enhanced understanding of the state of play of the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), in the context set by the 2003 UNESCO Convention, and an overview of successful methods for documenting and ensuring the transmission of ICH, including digital, audio-visual, and advanced technologies. • Recognition of the significance and value of ICH in different social, cultural and economic contexts, and with attention to biodiversity preservation and links between ICH and the natural environment. • Empowered communities take ownership and responsibility for safeguarding their ICH, with a focus on how inter-generational

	transmission is ensured, and on youth involvement and informal education. • Innovative policy solutions are available, for the safeguarding of ICH and for mobilising ICH as a resource for fostering social and economic innovation, biodiversity protection and restoration. The proposals should comprise transdisciplinary scientific collaborations involving, for instance and not exhaustive, heritage and museum studies, cultural anthropology, ethnology, media studies, theatre studies, literary studies, musicology etc. Available results of existing research on intangible cultural heritage should be taken into consideration, while identification of needs for further research in the field should be promoted. **Main keywords: Heritage and museum studies, Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology, Media studies, Theatre studies, Literature, Musicology, Linguistics, Cultural Studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01 Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reducing inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Policymakers and civil society organisations will have robust evidence on whether inclusive management of (peri-)urban environmental commons fosters climate and societal resilience, social inclusion, wellbeing and community participation, and whether lack of access to biodiverse green and/or blue spaces exacerbates existing social inequalities (e.g. poverty, marginalisation, and low community wellbeing among vulnerable groups) and people's sense of inequality and insecurity. • Development of strategies and innovative solutions to quantify and integrate the distributional aspects of access to quality green and/or blue spaces into integrated spatial planning, accounting for non-market values when making decisions about long-term land use and (peri-) urban development with the aim of supporting nature restoration/preservation in the face of competing pressures and on-going change both in Europe and outside, while achieving a fair and equitable relationship between social groups and the environment. Proposals are expected to adopt a gender-sensitive and intersectional approach to analyse differential access to nature-positive environments across population groups. Particular attention should be paid to identifying the structural and systemic drivers of these disparities, as well as assessing the social, economic and health-related impacts of unequal access on individuals and communities. Interdisciplinary approaches (including from SSH disciplines), combining insights from sociology, anthropology, law, environmental philosophy and systems science, are encouraged. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Law, Philosophy, Systems science, Gender Studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-02 Impact of in-kind benefits on income distribution and on vulnerable populations	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Policy makers get a mapping of in-kind benefits across Member States and a comprehensive measurement framework. • Policy makers gain insights on the availability of in-kind services, on potential gaps in their provision, and on reasons for non-take up.

	• Policy makers gain insights into the redistributive role of in-kind benefits and on the segregation of different social groups, through SSH research. • Policy makers receive operational advice to make informed policy choices which reduce inequality and strengthen fairness and cohesion. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-03 Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Social enterprises, traditional firms and investors will benefit from a better understanding of the sustainable competitiveness factors of the social economy in Europe through knowledge development and know-how on innovative products and services, improving quality and productivity, and increasing adaptability, social inclusion and sustainable, environmentally friendly (for example biodiversity-enhancing) practices. • Citizens and traditional private sector will benefit from the increased contribution of the social economy to the EU's sustainable competitiveness and shared prosperity goals. The research will inform policy makers and private sector on best practice, policy and regulatory reforms aimed at enhancing the social economy's contribution to the EU's competitiveness and prosperity goals. • The social economy's principles for sustainable competitiveness are promoted, through the development of practical and innovative solutions. Activities may involve interdisciplinary research, stakeholder engagement, and policy analysis. Researchers may need to draw on expertise from different fields (economics, sociology, environmental science, public administration) to develop a comprehensive understanding of the social economy's role in promoting sustainable competitiveness, in line with the EU Green Deal and in the Kunming Montreal Agreement. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology, Public Administration, Business studies**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-04 The impact of EU labour mobility on the Member States of the EU	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Policymakers gain insights into the economic and social effects of worker mobility across the EU, including effects on wages, fiscal budgets, and social systems for both sending and receiving regions. • The benefits of mobility are maximised through actionable recommendations, which consider challenges such as demographic changes, regional effects, digitalisation and, to a suitable extent, further developments such as the green transition or adaptation to climate change (including its potential impact on the economic development and the attractiveness of regions) or the green transition and discussions around the accession of further countries to the EU and wider geopolitical instabilities. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology, Demography**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-05 The effective use of artificial intelligence in learning environments in pre-primary and primary education	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Provide policymakers and educators and parents with a solid understanding of the potential benefits, opportunities and challenges stemming from the use of artificial intelligence tools in learning

	environments in pre-primary and primary education, including with regard to their ethical dimension. • Generate rigorous, policy-relevant evidence on the impact of use of artificial intelligence tools in learning environments on educational performance and youth well-being. • Develop actionable advice to educators about how they can make an effective use of artificial intelligence tools in their work, including for the assessment of learning outcomes. The research (including through SSH disciplines) could explore how AI can enhance curricula, improve teaching methods, and personalise learning through adaptive technologies. **Main keywords: Education, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-06 Closing the learning gap: uncovering causes and effective policy interventions for declining youth skills in mathematics, reading, and science	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Provide policymakers with a solid understanding of the structural causes for the decline in young people's skills levels in mathematics, reading and science, including low and top levels of achievement, observed in the EU over the past 15 years. • Generate rigorous, policy-relevant evidence about which teaching practices, programmes and policy actions can be effective to reverse that decline, including the role of curricula, structural aspects of education and training systems, physical and digital learning environments, and innovative teaching and learning methods (including their accessibility). • Develop actionable advice to inform policy measures, programmes, future evaluations and actions for education and training systems in the field of basic skills. Interdisciplinary approaches, combining insights from economics, sociology, psychology, neurosciences and education sciences, and more generally, the social sciences and humanities (SSH), are encouraged. **Main keywords: Education, Economics, Sociology, Psychology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-07 Persons with disabilities: opportunities for labour inclusion and social protection through the life course	Projects should contribute to two of the following expected outcomes: • Provide implementable, quality, disaggregated and evidence-based data to policymakers and research and innovation stakeholders to bridge the employment gap between persons with disabilities and persons without disabilities. • Deliver scalable and replicable inclusive person-centred interventions addressing the situation of persons with disabilities in relation to the labour market in a manner that they are transferable to the new contexts of work, studying and comparing their impacts. • Develop innovative policy approaches in the area of social protection for persons with disabilities to compensate the cost associated to disabilities, removing barriers for their participation and encourage them to engage in employment in the open labour market, while at the same time guaranteeing them an adequate level of social protection. Research (including through SSH disciplines) should address the disadvantages and barriers faced for increasing inclusion in the labour market of persons with disabilities, collect data on proved effective measures to improve the situation, and provide a thorough analysis of the

	impact and efficacy of existing policy measures, such as positive discrimination provisions, quotas, employment targets and others. **Main keywords: Education, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Sciences, Social innovation**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-08 Scaling and deploying innovations in migration management	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Enhanced impact of EU-funded migration research by identifying and scaling up promising innovations, methodologies, and tools from relevant Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects. • A policy innovation ecosystem: Foster collaboration between researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to adapt, scale, and deploy validated models, ensuring their scalability, sustainability, and practical application in diverse EU, national and local contexts. Applicants are encouraged to engage key stakeholders - including policymakers, migration practitioners, researchers (including from SSH disciplines), the private sector; groups or individuals that represent the interests of refugees and migrants and the civil society - to ensure that identified innovations align with real-world needs and implementation pathways and taking into account the political, legal, and cultural specificities of each Member State. **Main keywords: Sociology, Political Science, Law, Cultural studies, Social innovation**

Call - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society - 2027 - Two-stage

Deadline: 04 May 2027 (First stage) - 30 September 2027 (Second stage)

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-DEMOCRACY-09-two-stage Open topic on reinvigorating and shielding European democracy	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • EU institutions and national decision-makers, civil society organisations and other societal actors and citizens at large are better equipped, with new data, knowledge and methods, to confront threats and challenges of democracies as well as to enhance their inclusiveness and participatory elan. • Strengthened citizens' long-lasting engagement in the democratic life, including but going beyond electoral processes, and increased trust in democratic institutions. Proposals should address existing, upcoming or unforeseen challenges and/or creative or disruptive solutions for protecting European democracy, enhancing citizens' trust and political participation, expanding inclusiveness and fairness of democratic institutions and practices and supporting and protecting civil society. Proposals are encouraged to investigate the opportunities offered by digital and other new technological solutions, notably from the civic tech sector. **Main keywords: Political Science, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-HERITAGE-09-two-stage Open topic: Impact-driven research on realising the full potential of cultural heritage, arts and cultural and creative industries	Projects should contribute to the following expected outcome: • New groundbreaking findings and methods are developed, verified and put into practice that significantly contribute to realising the full potential of cultural heritage, arts or/and cultural and creative industries (CCIs) as drivers of sustainable innovation and/or a European sense of belonging. Applicants are invited to design the best possible and groundbreaking research and innovation to achieve that the full potential of cultural heritage, arts and/or cultural and creative industries as drivers of sustainable innovation and/or a European sense of belonging is realised. Applicants are free to choose the focus that best addresses the expected outcome; it can be limited to certain areas or issues or be broader. However, research under this topic should have an impact-driven focus and move beyond descriptive studies towards transformative, actionable knowledge. **Main keywords: Cultural heritage, Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries**
HORIZON-CL2-2027-02-TRANSFO-09-two-stage Improving socio-economic outcomes for persons with dementia and informal caregivers	Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Persons with dementia experience improved social, mental and socio-economic outcomes through the development and implementation of person-centred interventions that enhance autonomy, inclusion, and quality of life.

	• Informal caregivers benefit from reduced emotional, financial, and physical burden thanks to evidence-based support measures, policies, and services that improve their well-being and economic resilience. • Support networks, long-term care and healthcare systems provide more integrated and accessible care for people with dementia and their caregivers through strengthened coordination between healthcare providers, long-term care and social services, and community organisations. • Researchers (including from SSH disciplines) and policymakers have access to improved, gender-sensitive data on dementia care to inform policies (in particular national strategies and EU aging policy), optimise resource allocation, and enhance the effectiveness of care models. **Main keywords: Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Gender studies**

Cluster 3

Civil Security for Society

Call - Civil Security for Society - 2026

Deadline: 05 November 2026

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-01 Improving capabilities of law enforcement to counter climate-related challenges	Project results are expected to contribute to some or all of the following expected outcomes: • Police Authorities in Europe are equipped with specialised skills and technologies to counter an increase in illegal activities related to climate change and the emergence of new (opportunistic) criminal patterns; • Improved understanding by policymakers of the effects of climate change on law enforcement with a view of developing related effective European policies; • improved knowledge of the impacts of climate change phenomena on social dynamics which can raise demands from public authorities to keep public order, moving beyond traditional perspectives about crime and terrorism. Technological and societal angles should be addressed in a balanced way. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology, Education, Public Administration**
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-04 Crime prevention approaches, online and off-line, tackling the nexus between addictions and crime	Successful proposals are expected to analyse the specific nexus between addictions and crime, with the aim of developing related modern methodologies and tools for prevention of not only addictions but also crimes related to them, both offline and online, while respecting the fundamental rights of the communities concerned and using of non-stigmatising language. Activities proposed within this topic should address the issue from various angles, combining both social research with technological development and applications in a logical manner. Therefore, 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. Also, incorporating a gender-sensitive approach will allow to better understand the relationships between addiction, crime, and gender, leading to more effective interventions that address the specific needs of men, women, and marginalized groups. **Main keywords: Psychology, Criminology, Gender studies, Communication studies Media Studies**

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-FCT-05 Enhancing the security of citizens against terrorism and lone-actor violence in confined spaces such as schools	Citizens in European schools and other confined spaces (e.g., places of worship, public administration and other buildings accessible to the public) increasingly face various forms of terrorism and lone-actor violence. This topic aims at providing such places with solutions for ensuring civil security (of pupils, school staff, administrative workers, citizens at large) via exploring various societal and technological means of preventing such threats, with full respect of fundamental rights, such as rights to privacy and the protection of personal data. Based on a thorough analysis of the phenomenon under consideration in the European context, proposals should look into methodologies of catching and tackling early signs of terrorist threats, isolation and radicalisation, taking into account the social and cultural factors that may influence an individual's vulnerability to radicalisation, such as gender roles and stereotypes. Proposals are invited from consortia involving Police Authorities and other relevant security practitioners, Civil Society Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations, and the appropriate balance of IT specialists, psychologists, sociologists, etc. Activities proposed within this topic should address the issue from various angles, combining both social research with technological development and applications in a logical manner. Therefore, this topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Law, Anthropology, Cultural Studies**
HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-01 Designing new ways of risk awareness and enhanced disaster preparedness	Building on the whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach, this topic should contribute to enhancing risk awareness and disaster preparedness through the development of innovative tools, methodologies, and frameworks. A key focus should be on integrating diverse societal and resilience perspectives considering people in a vulnerable situation, ensuring inclusive participation in risk communication strategies, and leveraging accessible advanced technologies and processes to improve public understanding of hazards and vulnerabilities (such as gender, disabilities and others social factors and capabilities). Efforts should aim at designing and validating novel approaches to risk perception, communication, including digital platforms, immersive technologies, and participatory tools that foster citizen engagement and behavioural change, as well as wildlife protection. Behavioural insights should inform the projects on effective methods in population's preparedness including the risk communication. Special attention should be given to marginalized or vulnerable groups in a vulnerable situation ensure equitable access to risk information and preparedness resources. **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies, Communication studies, Media studies, Gender Studies**

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-DRS-02 Multi-hazard approach and cumulative / cascading impacts	A holistic, systemic, and cross-cutting approach should be applied to disaster risk management, taking into consideration climate change trends, environmental degradation, and vulnerabilities such as gender, age, disabilities and others social factors. The topic should lead to the creation of comprehensive Risk and Resilience Metrics, integrating physical, economic, and social dimensions to support decision-makers in designing effective prevention and adaptation strategies. **Main keywords: Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, Gender Studies, Political Science**

Call - Civil Security for Society - 2027

Deadline: 04 November 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-02 Community policing in diverse societies in Europe	This topic addresses challenges of community policing in increasingly diverse and sometimes also fragile societies, including the integration of returnees from conflict zones, migrants, as well as marginalized communities including LGBTIQ individuals and various ethnic and religious groups. Activities proposed within this topic should address the issue from various angles, combining social sciences with technological development and applications in a logical manner. Therefore, this topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Gender studies, Ethnology, Religious studies**
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-03 Open topic on enhanced prevention, detection and deterrence of societal issues related to various forms of crime	Project results are expected to contribute to some or all of the following expected outcomes: • Improved, modern, uniform and validated tools, skills or methodologies as well as innovative training curricula are available for security practitioners to prevent, detect and deter criminal or terrorist offences under consideration, taking into account all applicable legislation and fundamental rights; • Enhanced understanding of the cultural and societal aspects of crime or terrorism/radicalisation offences under consideration as well as on the key challenges related to combating them; • Evidence-based support is available to policymakers on shaping and tuning of regulation related to crime or terrorism/radicalisation offences under consideration; • Enhanced perception by citizens that Europe is an area of freedom, justice, security and respect of privacy and human rights, thanks to, e.g., innovative awareness-raising campaigns explaining to citizens the key and evolving mechanisms of crime or terrorism/radicalisation offences under consideration, and how to protect against them. Activities proposed within this topic should address, in a balanced way, both technological and societal dimensions of the issue under consideration. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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 innovation activities.

	Main keywords: Cultural and Social studies, Criminology
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-FCT-05 Effective and evidence-based responses to the increased availability and use of synthetic drugs and stimulants in Europe	Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Evidence base is improved for effective prevention, treatment and harm reduction of synthetic drugs and stimulants in Europe; • Relevant European security practitioners, notably Police Authorities, Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations, are equipped with skills, tools and technology aimed at reducing the violence and offences associated with use and marketing of these substances, as well as at combatting drug trafficking from its origin to destination (i.e., through the entire supply chain); • Increased understanding of relevant European security practitioners and policymakers regarding the influence of external drivers of change of societal, technological, legal, economic and ethical nature to the availability and use of different types of synthetic drugs and drug markets. Activities proposed within this topic should address, in a balanced way, both technological and societal dimensions of the issue under consideration. **Main keywords: Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Sociology, Economics, Law, Ethics, Gender Studies**
HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-DRS-02 Societal resilience, engagement of the younger generations and digital innovation for disaster resilience	This topic focuses on enhancing societal resilience by actively engaging younger generations in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery through digital innovation, education, and community involvement. Projects should develop tailored innovative solutions that integrate digital tools, gamification, and interactive learning methods to improve disaster awareness, risk perception, and response capabilities among younger generations. These initiatives should empower younger generations, to become active contributors to resilience-building efforts, equipping them with the knowledge and leadership skills. Particular attention should be given to the behaviour of children, young people, and other groups in a vulnerable situation before, during, and after climate-related disasters and health emergencies. Projects should conduct a stakeholder or market analysis and a roadmap or plan for uptake of the developed methodologies, findings, and technologies to the industry, the research and innovation community, and/or the relevant authorities. **Main keywords: Behavioural studies, Economics, Education, Social Innovation**

Cluster 4

Digital, Industry and Space

Call INDUSTRY - CL4-2027-01

Deadline: 02 February 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-42 Unlocking the potential of academic intellectual assets for industry, SMEs and startups	This action will contribute to overcoming the innovation paradox by maximising the impact of public spending in R&I through improved knowledge valorisation practices, and facilitating the uptake of green and digital technologies by start-ups, spinoffs, and innovative SMEs. By unlocking the untapped potential of intellectual assets within universities and public research organisations, and leveraging the creativity of students, researchers, and innovators, the action seeks to improve value creation opportunities deriving from these assets and bolster the competitiveness of European industry. The action should explore strategies and implement pilots for actively involving students and researchers (including those in social sciences and humanities) in valorising academic IP and intellectual assets. These should include hackathons, workshops and larger-scale "summer camp" programmes, and foresee the involvement of interested industry partners than can be potential adopters. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call DIGITAL - CL4-2027-04

Deadline: 18 March 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-01 Advanced and Innovative hardware components for Virtual Worlds (Virtual Worlds Partnership)	Projects are expected to contribute to the following outcomes: • Innovative and advanced XR hardware, advanced headsets, screens, wearables and haptic components, sensors and actuators, advanced chips for a deeper and closer-to-reality immersion, stimulating all human senses. Proposals will integrate various components in fully tested devices, demonstrating the usefulness and efficiency of their system in illustrative scenarios in the industrial and societal contexts. Proposals should focus on performant, reliable, miniaturised, interoperable advanced and innovative technologies, with inclusivity, energy consumption and energy efficiency at the centre of concerns. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Psychology**
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-02 Create a thriving and competitive Virtual Worlds and Web 4.0 ecosystem (Virtual Worlds Partnership)	The CSA will develop and implement outreach programmes aiming at better understanding and raising awareness to create acceptance and trustworthiness of Virtual Worlds solutions. The CSA will also support standardisation efforts to support the uptake of interoperable, open, trustworthy and ethical Virtual Worlds solution, by mobilising and bringing stakeholders together and, when needed, organising European representation in existing or new standardisation working groups in support of the Commission regulatory framework. Proposals should involve the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines and SSH experts, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Sociology, Psychology, Ethics**
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-HUMAN-07 Facilitate the engagement of European stakeholders in international digital standardization	Proposals under this topic should provide for: • Promotion of the relevance and benefits of digital standardisation, especially for strengthening the competitiveness of EU industry, driving sustainability, achieving tech sovereignty, and promoting EU values. The proposal shall build synergies with other similar EU- and national-funded initiatives. It shall also include actions, including development of tools and materials, to promote education and skills on standardisation. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Education**

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Cluster 5

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Call ENERGY - CL5-2026-11

Deadline: 01 December 2026

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-05 Demonstration of solid biofuel supply and conversion to high efficiency CHP from fully sustainable regional value chains	Proposals are expected to cover long-term scenarios for base load operation within the energy system network ensuring socio-economic and environmental sustainability and in particular the exclusion of negative impacts on other regional bio-based value chains and biomass uses in line with the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive (also on cascading use), biodiversity, water balance, air quality and soil carbon stocks and other bioeconomy sectors which should be assessed by a comprehensive life cycle analysis. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, SSH research should look specifically at how synergies can be enhanced to achieve the topic's objective in respect of socioeconomic sustainability. A gender-sensitive and intersectional approach can inform the development of inclusive solutions in solid biofuel supply and CHP, by identifying specific needs, developing solutions that address these needs, and monitoring their impacts on diverse groups. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Gender studies**
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-06 Resource assessment for deep sedimentary and basement reservoirs	Advanced methods, technologies and conceptual models, for different geological settings, to identify suitable conditions for geothermal resource exploitation, tackling the issue of data scarcity and leveraging the information available. The proposals are expected to contribute to the assessment of environmental and social impacts and to unlock geothermal resources marked by low natural permeability at depths between 2000-6000m. To ensure trust building and communities' support, partners are expected to practice inclusive societal engagement, which is early, continuous, and sensitive to the technical specificities (e.g. impact on biodiversity, water balance, pollution, land occupation, visual impact, noise as well as geo-mechanical changes (e.g. seismicity) and underground changes (e.g. disturbance of non-targeted aquifers)) that could affect local communities and ecosystems. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies**
HORIZON-CL5-2026-11-D3-14 Improved system design for innovative PV applications (EUPI-PV Partnership)	Achieving societal acceptance and sustainability in agriPV development requires clarity in permitting procedures, promoting energy justice principles, mitigating agronomic risks, and balancing economic development with environmental conservation (notably biodiversity). These dimensions need to be addressed holistically with the involvement of policymakers, industry stakeholders, and local communities working towards a just and equitable deployment of agriPV.

	This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies**

Call CLIMATE - CL5-2027-01

Deadline: 04 March 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-09 Assessing the performance of policy instruments to inform climate change mitigation action	This topic is expected to assess the performance of EU policies and measures for reducing GHG emissions. This would include gaining insights into factors that influence behavioural change and acceptance of policies, taking into account gender-specific aspects. Actions should consider economic, social, distributional and other effects of mitigation action, including trade-offs and co-benefits such as vis-à-vis climate resilience. Actions should go beyond traditional decomposition analysis and employ state-of-the-art econometric techniques. Actions should assess the impact of national policies on Member State level and how such policies interact with EU-wide policies and measures. They should also identify and highlight examples of national policies and measures that have successfully reduced GHG emissions and brought other environmental, social and economic benefits. This topic requires interdisciplinary collaboration between political scientists, economists and other relevant Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines. Actions are also strongly encouraged to include a process of mutual learning and co-creation with stakeholders (e.g., representatives of governments, public administrations, NGOs and academia) to meet end-user needs and support the uptake of results. **Main keywords: Economics, Political Science, Behavioural studies**
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-10 Understanding and avoiding maladaptation to climate change	Actions should address the following aspects: • Advance the understanding and identification of drivers that lead to maladaptation for a wide range of systems, socio-economic and environmental conditions. The analysis should be comprehensive and consider an integrated and systemic approach (including insights from Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to maladaptation causes and drivers of very diverse nature, such as trade-offs and feedbacks with other priorities and sectors, poor decision making and implementation practices and the inherent uncertainty and other features of the adaptation process). The analysis should also integrate the perspectives of public and private stakeholders and end-users, apply intersectional approach and include data disaggregated by gender, where relevant and feasible.

	• Map and analyse evidence to identify and validate effective adaptation practices that prevent maladaptation and help to identify maladaptive ones. • Strengthen the methodological and analytical toolbox for complex climate risk and adaptation assessments to increase public understanding and policy awareness of maladaptation risks, and to advance both qualitative and quantitative understanding of the most important complex risk feedbacks. • Study and propose corrective responses for the identified maladaptation cases and provide systematised prevention guidelines and best practice examples to avoid maladaptive outcomes. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics**
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-13 Next generation scenarios for informing climate and sustainability transitions	Actions should improve Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs) or propose alternative approaches to address key challenges and gaps in current climate scenario frameworks. Proposals are expected to address only one of the following priority areas, which should be clearly indicated: Area A: Integration of climate impacts and adaptation dimension Area B: Improved scenario frameworks Update baseline scenarios and expand scenario narratives to better address multi-scale, cross-sectoral issues and the needs of downstream assessments. Scenarios should capture a wider range of plausible futures to reflect changing socio-economic and environmental conditions (including a broader range of economic growth assumptions), technological advancements, evolving policy landscape and disruptive events. This includes extension of Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSP) and Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) scenario framework, or development of alternatives. Area C: Improved policy representation Enhance the granularity and diversity of policy (both mitigation and adaptation) representation in scenarios with more focus on implementation aspects to bridge the gap between modelled pathways and real-world action. Address social, geopolitical, economic and technological factors, considering interactions between industrial, trade, climate and other environmental policies (e.g. air pollution). Actions should promote transdisciplinary collaboration and co-design with stakeholders to integrate diverse perspectives and needs They should develop and test new approaches, including communication, to improve uptake of results by various audiences. The topic therefore requires inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, to produce meaningful and significant effects to enhance the societal impact of related research activities. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology**

Call BATTERIES and ENERGY - CL5-2027-02

Deadline: 31 March 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-33 Support to the SET Plan stakeholders' groups in geothermal energy	The project is expected to support the ETIP and IWG in the sector of geothermal energy, taking into consideration the specific needs of the sector, the emerging European policy priorities, and the coordination with other initiatives (to avoid overlaps). Geothermal stakeholder fora are expected to develop research and innovation roadmaps and/or analyses (e.g., strategic research and innovation agendas, strategic reports, industrial strategies, analyses of market opportunities and funding needs, studies on innovation barriers, assessments of their sectors' contribution to the European competitiveness and strategic autonomy). Special attention should be given, as appropriate, to the key challenges of the European Green Deal, the Green Deal Industrial Plan and the Net Zero Industry Act, including (but not limited to) energy security, technological pushback, industrial production and competitiveness, supply chain security and dependencies, access to market, circularity, advanced materials, digitalisation, societal transformation, skills, and just transition. As appropriate, societal needs and interests should be considered in the activities of the fora, so that inequalities and employment issues are addressed. If relevant, this topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology, Political Science**

Call MOBILITY - CL5-2027-03

Deadline: 14 April 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-03-D5-06 Fire prevention and mitigation for EVs in confined areas (2ZERO Partnership)	Proposed actions are expected to address the following aspects: • Social awareness for a transparent, informed public perception of the safety level of all EV categories, also with the development of a European based platform for dissemination and information with direct involvement of main stakeholders. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology**

Call MOBILITY - CL5-2027-06

Deadline: 07 October 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-06-D6-04 Holistic solutions for CCAM integration in critical scenarios (CCAM Partnership)	This call adopts a holistic approach, investigating critical cases not only from technological/infrastructure or vehicle-related perspectives (e.g., edge cases for automated vehicles) but also from the viewpoint of the user, customer, service provider, authority, city, etc. In particular, the focus is on how the CCAM system addresses and mitigates potential negative consequences of such events, including safety risks, emissions, loss of trust, and similar impacts. Proposed actions are expected to address all of the following aspects: • Development of a clustered list of critical scenarios, impacted entities, role and relation of all stakeholders, the estimated impact and the optimal kind of CCAM-based countermeasure. • Development and testing of tools and services for the detection of critical situations and edge cases. • Development and testing of CCAM-based countermeasure solutions. In general, customer/user understanding and trust in the CCAM system is crucial in the adoption of a new service. In building trust, it is vital to take into consideration the user perspective and investigate how critical cases can be managed in a way that is effective for the improvement of customer perception. • Validation and evaluation of solutions in terms of resulting risk reduction and potential negative impacts of critical cases. Solutions will need to be targeted against the scenarios identified and the stakeholders affected and would aim to either eliminate the risk to

	the service resilience or reduce its likelihood and impact as far as reasonably practicable.. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies**
HORIZON-CL5-2027-06-D6-08 Enhancing Mobility for All: affordable, reliable, and accessible multimodal transport for inclusive rural and urban connectivity – Societal Readiness pilot	Proposals should address all of the following outcomes: • Strategies, best practices and innovative solutions are made available to local authorities and actors to improve the availability, accessibility, and affordability of rural-urban transport and provide rural and urban populations in a vulnerable situation with better access to services and opportunities; • Integrated multimodal solutions, which ensure seamless transitions between rural and urban transport modes improving first- and last-mile connectivity, are piloted and related implementation plans are developed for/by local authorities and transport operators; • Responsiveness to a deeper understanding of the needs and concerns of diverse social group involved in or potentially affected by the R&I development, thereby increasing the potential for beneficial societal uptake, and building trust in results and outcomes. • Development of options for behavioural change towards healthier, safer and more sustainable mobility and lifestyles in rural and urban populations in a vulnerable situation. This topic is aSocietal-Readiness pilot: • Proposals should follow the instructions applying to the Societal Readiness pilot, as described in the introduction of the Horizon Europe Main Work Programme 2026-2027 for Climate, Energy and Mobility. They entail the use of an interdisciplinary approach to deepening consideration and responsiveness of research and innovation activities to societal needs and concerns. • This topic requires effective contribution of the relevant SSH expertise, including the involvement of SSH experts in the consortium, to meaningfully support Societal Readiness. Specifically, SSH expertise is expected to facilitate the socio-technological interface and enable designing inclusive transport systems that consider accessibility, equity, and digital literacy. Proposals should considercitizens engagement and dialogue, for seeking wider input and support. **Main keywords: Urban planning, Social and Behavioural studies**

Call ENERGY - CL5-2027-07

Deadline: 01 December 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL5-2027-07-D3-32 Delivery of industrial CCUS clusters – Societal Readiness pilot	Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following outcomes: 1. Near-to-market solutions for the safe integration and use of CCUS technologies in the energy- and carbon-intensive industry; 2. A pipeline of projects that have the potential for commercial scale-up. 3. Deeper understanding of the needs and concerns of diverse social groups involved in or potentially affected by the R&I development of the technology, thereby increasing the potential for beneficial societal uptake and building trust in results and outcomes. This topic is a Societal-Readiness pilot: • Proposals should follow the instructions applying to the Societal Readiness pilot, as described in the introduction of the Horizon Europe Main Work Programme 2026-2027 for Climate, Energy and Mobility. They entail the use of an interdisciplinary approach to deepening consideration and responsiveness of R&I activities to societal needs and concerns. • This topic requires effective contribution of the relevant SSH expertise, including the involvement of SSH experts in the consortium, to meaningfully support Societal Readiness. Specifically, SSH expertise is expected to facilitate the socio-technological interface and enable the design of project objectives with Societal Readiness related activities. **Main keywords: Sociology**

Cluster 6

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Call CL6-2027-01

Deadline: 22 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-04 Living Labs for the eradication and/or management of invasive alien species	Successful proposals should: • provide data and experience usable for decision-makers, to assess socio-economic impacts of invasive alien species, side-effects of the management, the cost of inaction and the benefits of eradication or effective management, with effective contribution from social sciences and humanities; • address challenges with scaling up and transferability of solutions. A gender-sensitive and inclusive approach should be integrated, examining how invasive alien species affect individuals' livelihoods and well-being differently. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH discipline to enhance the societal impact of the research activities. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Gender studies**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-05 Accelerating the transition to a nature positive economy: Integrating biodiversity into the private sector	Proposals should: • support decision-making for a nature positive economy by addressing knowledge and practice gaps, advancing transparent and standardised biodiversity metrics, improving accessibility of assessment methods and data, integrating economic risks related to biodiversity loss into corporate strategies and reporting; • improve the knowledge on effective biodiversity incentives including through fiscal reforms and phasing out harmful subsidies to support the development of policies and financial strategies for nature positive investments; • pilot innovative financial mechanisms and valuation approaches in real-world business contexts, including instruments for mobilising private finance such as nature credits, to strengthen the business case for biodiversity protection, restoration and sustainable use, including through Nature-based Solutions; • carry out demonstration actions to help integrate research into policy and practice and to demonstrate operational pathways for long term transformative change and for the acceleration of nature positive economy. Proposals should create synergies with and build on results of other relevant EU-funded projects on biodiversity, economics and finance, and ensure cooperation with the European partnership Biodiversa+. **Main keywords: Economics, Finance**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-06 Living labs driving transformative change via knowledge integration and inclusive governance	Proposals should: • establish living labs as real-world testing environments to experiment with policy solutions, stakeholder engagement, and new economic models, while strengthening collective capacities and well-being, and identifying and overcoming barriers that limit participation in living labs;

	• develop inclusive, intersectional and adaptive governance strategies that foster systemic transformative change, based on both biodiversity and socio-economic metrics and emphasising equity and sustainability. In particular, actions are expected to analyse the legal, financial and institutional barriers to inclusive governance in Europe, including the assessment of political and economic obstacles and of active strategies by actors and develop proposals to pilot and test innovative policy instruments, such as citizens' assemblies, participatory budgeting and, if and when relevant, nature credits as proposed in the Nature Credits Roadmap, to foster transformative change. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines to collect and validate both technical and socio-economic data. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Law**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-07 Health of ecosystems and wild species, predictions and impacts on human health, in the face of existing and emerging stressors, from a One Health approach	Proposals should: • propose benchmark protocols to ensure comparability between research communities (including social sciences and humanities) and define common indicators describing the risks (e.g. loss of ecosystem services, exposure to pollutants and pathogens) and benefits (e.g. dilution effect, exposure to beneficial microorganisms, etc.) of the interlinkages of wild species and ecosystem health, domestic animal and plant health and human health. This includes the integration of ecosystem and wildlife health in the exposome approach; • assess the impacts of the degradation of ecosystem and wildlife health on human health, including a cost-benefit analysis of nature restoration and conservation projects in terms of human health benefits and the costs of inaction. This should include disability and intersectional aspects and the groups in the most vulnerable situations in society (e.g. low-income communities, youth, older people, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ people, people with racial or religious minority background). Based on this, provide actionable policy recommendations for policymakers and authorities in establishing a One Health policy framework. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH discipline in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Economics, Anthropology**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01 Enhancing ecodesign and circularity of consumer electronics	Proposals should: • develop, test and demonstrate new or improved ecodesign of consumer electronics, including design for durability, reusability, reparability, disassembly, separability, recyclability, uptake of recycled content; • remanufacturing or recycling with use of solutions and technologies such as active disassembly/debonding materials and adhesives, and design solutions targeting critical and strategic raw materials; • assess and provide recommendations for mechanisms and incentives to address the trade-offs with costs and innovation limitations and to reward design for circularity and product durability and test and demonstrate new business models such as leasing and product-service-systems, to the extent that they reinforce positive design changes.

	Consumer benefits are at the centre of this topic, and it is vital that the consumer perspective is duly reflected in all activities. The topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and involvement of SSH experts in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related activities. **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-04 Capacity building for extending product lifecycles through repair and refurbishment	Proposals should: • develop and test innovative, modular and scalable training programs for professionals, consumers, local partners, social economy actors and educators, focusing on the repair and refurbishment of one or more of the following product categories: electronics (including household appliances), furniture, textiles and footwear; • develop and test new services for repair and refurbishment, as well as strategies for their uptake, considering the potential to reduce biodiversity impacts, support climate change adaptation and mitigation, and promote sustainable consumption patterns. The focus should be on making them accessible and affordable to all consumers, including those with disabilities or with limited access, financial resources or technical expertise. To achieve this, the strategies should investigate various approaches: such as affordable, accessible and convenient repair services, community-based repair initiatives, and knowledge and expertise sharing mechanisms and digital platforms; • evaluate the feasibility, effectiveness and impact of these new services and strategies using robust evaluation methods (including lifecycle assessments such as Product Environmental Footprint, where relevant) and present data and evidence about the economic, environmental and social costs and benefits of the developed strategies. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-05 Innovative circular solutions for end-of-life footwear through collection, sorting and recycling	Proposals should: • assess the technical, environmental, economic and social challenges and benefits linked to the transition of the footwear industry towards circularity, particularly in the collection, sorting and recycling of post-consumer footwear waste; • explore and develop innovative business models that enable the transition towards a circular and sustainable footwear value chain, promote the uptake of design for preparing for reuse and recycling, enable the development of take-back solutions and stimulate informed consumer choices and sustainable consumption patterns. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology**

HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-09 Increasing the circularity of bio-based sector: upcycling and recycling for higher value and environmental benefits	Proposals should address the following activities: • develop and deploy/scale-up safe and sustainable, circular and bio-based materials, products, processes and value chains; • develop innovative new, or upgraded existing, circular solutions to tackle complex bio-waste streams and create markets for bio-waste materials by transforming them into valuable secondary resources, while fostering urban/rural/coastal industrial symbiosis, providing data and digital tools and promoting a more efficient use of bio-based resources; • provide recommendations for the development of bio-based product value chains, based on the identified and analysed needs of stakeholders in terms of national and European regulations and standards, financial incentives, professional trainings, etc. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and involvement of SSH experts in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. This can cover the educational aspect, to facilitate knowledge promotion within different target groups (e.g. students, industry, society). **Main keywords: Education, Law, Economics**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-01 Replacing hazardous substances in biocidal products	Projects should include social sciences and humanities (SSH) in testing the safety of the developed substances on humans, especially including the analysis of groups in vulnerable situations, and the diversity in terms of sex, disability, age, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, etc. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-02 Developing effective air quality planning strategies through innovative multi-scale modelling	Population groups in vulnerable situations are disproportionally affected by air pollution. Proposals should consider the vulnerability dimension (e.g. for children, older people, women, people with lower socio-economic status, people with underlying health conditions) when approaching different scale analyses and provide recommendations on whether and how links could be made with data on social and spatial inequalities related to air pollution exposure and benefits of mitigation measures in developing inclusive air quality plans and in urban planning. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology**

Call CL6-2027-02

Deadline: 23 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-01 Increasing the resilience of agriculture in water and nutrient-scarce environments through digital innovations	Proposals should: • create sets of high-quality AI training data to support the development of DSS with the objective to improve water and nutrient resilience of different farming systems, and make them publicly available, considering legal clarity, sustainable access, transparent documentation and metadata, harmonised and standardised protocols; • identify potential barriers and enablers for translation of these R&I developments into practical and commercial digital tools and for the adoption by end-users (especially related to trust and transparency, and the needs of persons with disabilities such as accessibility of the information), as well as characterise remaining knowledge, training and/or advice gaps, and needs for policy feedback. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Law, Sociology, Anthropology**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-06 Unleashing the potential of sustainable small-scale aquatic food production and recreational fisheries for prosperous local communities	Selected proposals should advance knowledge and develop tools, including Nature-based Solutions, for managing and further developing small-scale aquatic food production. They should include, where relevant, both aspects of natural science and technical know-how to improve small-scale aquatic food production as well as issues related to social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines, to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related innovation activities. In the frame of SSH, cultural elements such as local traditions related to aquatic food production and consumption could be included. Selected proposals should develop innovative methodologies to assess environmental and socio-economic contributions of relevant small-scale actors to the prosperity of local communities within the broader aquatic food system, taking into account a gender sensitive approach and the specific needs of groups in vulnerable situations. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Economics**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-01 Governance, sustainable development and international politics of a future ice-free Arctic	Actions should conduct trans- and multi-disciplinary research, include aspects of gender, SSH, equality and inclusion, and intergenerational concerns, and strengthen the inclusion of different knowledge systems (Indigenous Knowledge, Local Knowledge and Science) in broadening our understanding the multifaceted governance, sustainable development and international politics of an ice-free Arctic. **Main keywords: Anthropology, Gender studies**

HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-02 Strengthening evidence-based policies for the resilience of European agriculture and forestry and related supply chains against crises and systemic risks	Proposals should: • improve analytical capacity on the assessment and measurement of the propagation of shocks and short-, medium- and long-term impacts (social, economic, environmental including biodiversity) of those (interacting) systemic risks and crises on the agricultural or forestry sectors and on agri-food or forest-based supply chains and their agents, at different scales (local to global) and considering the vulnerability of different groups (e.g. age, gender or other social factors); • explore a range of effective socio-economic and technological (e.g., advanced digital technologies) options and identify leverage points to further develop integrated prevention, preparedness, management, adaptation and transformation strategies and pathways that encompass different temporal (short to long term) and spatial (global to local) scales to improve the resilience at each critical stage of the agri-food or forest-based supply chains; • analyse those options with regard to societal and institutional preconditions, the costs and benefits, at different levels, of action versus non-action, as well as coherence, synergies and trade-offs with competitiveness, health and sustainability objectives. Proposals should support collaborative and interdisciplinary work, involving the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines in combination with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Gender studies**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-CLIMATE-04 Unlocking a safe operating space for Antarctica and the Southern Ocean	Proposals should develop mechanisms to distinguish human-induced environmental changes from natural ones and develop strategies to protect the fragile environment of the Southern Ocean from human activities and climate change, as well as comprehensively establish the efficacy of Southern Ocean conservation measures for preserving evolutionary potential and those properties that best anticipate change. **Topic with minor SSH dimension?**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-01 Strengthening rural communities' resilience to shocks	Proposals should: • assess the different types of shocks (understood as sudden disruptions) that can impact the livelihoods, well-being, gender-based differences, and resilience of rural communities. These shocks may include critical infrastructure disruptions (e.g., energy shortages, transportation disruptions, communication failures) as well as economic (e.g., job losses, financial and economic crises, market instability), socio-cultural and demographic (e.g., social conflicts, health crises, migration), and environmental phenomena (e.g., natural disasters, climate change, extreme weather events, ecosystem disruptions); • measure rural communities resilience with appropriate indicators by evaluating the initial impact of shocks and the capacity for recovery; • foster inclusive, participatory, and anticipatory governance by actively engaging women, youth, and people in a vulnerable situation in the development and implementation of disaster risk reduction and management plans, thereby strengthening local governance and ensuring their needs and perspectives are fully integrated into planning and decision-making;

	• identify and mobilise local resources to strengthen community-based adaptation and resilience and support the co-design of solutions that help anticipate, prepare for, and recover from environmental and socio-economic shocks; This topic is interdisciplinary and includes the involvement of diverse areas of expertise, including territorial planning, disaster risk management, emergency response, and participatory governance. This topic requires the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts. **Main keywords: Economics, Social and Cultural studies, Gender studies**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-COMMUNITIES-02 Empowering local urban food systems entrepreneurship and innovation	Proposals should: • develop and pilot decentralised local capacities and ecosystems, such as food innovation incubators, accelerators and hubs, which support high-impact and sustainable urban food solutions. • integrate tailored mentorship programs to stimulate entrepreneurship and start-ups in urban food systems and facilitate participatory co-creation of place-based collaborative sustainable and climate smart business models, utilising the networks and solutions developed through the local capacities; • leverage these pilot implementations to accelerate urban food system transformation and scalability, ensuring market uptake, scaling and replication across diverse EU contexts, while measuring the impact on all dimensions of sustainability by relevant indicators; This topic should involve the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines. Proposals should integrate the gender dimension where applicable. Consideration of other social categories besides gender (disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnic and/or cultural origin, sexual orientation, etc.), and their intersections, should be also ensured. **Main keywords: Business studies, Anthropology, Gender studies**

Call CL6-2027-03

Deadline: 11 May 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-01 Strengthening the resilience of European farmers through improved capacity in coping with risks and crises	Proposals should target one or more risks and crises (e.g., sanitary, environmental, economic, geopolitical, ecological, demographic, technological) that are causing, or likely to cause, significant socio-economic impacts directly or indirectly affecting EU farmers, considering among others potential compound and amplifier effects under climate change and biodiversity loss. Proposals should: • improve understanding of farmers' individual and collective options, strategies, incentives, behaviour and decision-making regarding uncertainties, risk and crisis management; • assess the anticipation, robustness and adaptation capacities of farms, costs and benefits of action vs. non-action, and the interactions between risk management, crisis management and the adoption of preventive practices on farms, at landscape level and/or along agri-food supply chains; • propose inclusive solutions, improve and develop integrated risk and crisis management strategies, at farm and landscape level and/or along the agri-food supply chain, to improve the resilience of farming systems; • propose criteria and measures to improve fair risk sharing along the agri-food supply chain and for derisking, to mitigate economic risks for farmers; • test the proposed strategies and/or measures, using an experimental approach. Proposals are encouraged to build for this purpose on existing participatory infrastructures (e.g., demonstration sites, living labs, etc); • support inclusive and accessible capacity building, training, and education on risk and crisis management for farmers and other relevant agri-food supply chain operators ("risk literacy"); This topic should involve the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines **Main keywords: Social and Behavioural studies, Economics, Demography**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-02 Improving analytical capacity for sustainable competitiveness of the agricultural sector	Proposals should: • address analytical gaps on competitiveness to better account for their various drivers, inputs (including land, labour, capital), components (e.g., costs, price, innovation capacity, investment capacity, market share, market position, resilience, knowledge, skills, productivity, product quality, differentiation) and impacts (economic, environmental and social). Consider various value chains and farming systems in different regions, one of which should be organic farming. This activity should integrate knowledge from different disciplines (e.g., economics, management, agronomy, environmental sciences);

	• improve the capacity to analyse agriculture-related policies supporting and recognising sustainable practices (such as supporting climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development goals) across the value chain (e.g., due diligence, deforestation-free products) and in trade agreements, in particular their capacity to support competitiveness and resilience objectives, and to mitigate leakage effects; • provide evidence on the social, economic and environmental drivers of competitiveness, synergies, trade-offs between the sustainability dimensions, at and between different stages of the value chain (including farm-level, producer organisations, upstream and downstream operators etc.) as well as spatial (local to global) and time scales (short to long term). Proposals are encouraged to consider different lengths of value chains (e.g., short, mid-tier, global), business strategies (e.g., economies of scale, specialisation and agglomeration vs economies of scope) and marketing strategies (e.g., quality differentiation); • identify, improve and/or develop adequate indicators and metrics, and collect the necessary data, to improve the measurement of performance, sustainability, resilience, productivity and competitiveness in analytical tools; • provide recommendations and propose levers to anticipate trade-offs and conciliate competitiveness, resilience and sustainability objectives in business strategies and policies and support the long-term prosperity of the agricultural sector. This topic should involve the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines. **Main keywords: Economics, Management, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-03 International dimension of the circular bio-based economy: seeking win-win opportunities	Proposals should: • analyse bottlenecks and opportunities (in terms of measurable socio-economic and environmental impacts) of the international cooperation in sustainable and fair/just bio-based circular innovation, identifying key interested players active in this area; • develop an inclusive and transparent networking approach to support stakeholder engagement and international dialogue, considering the role of the governance actors, propose suitable trust-building measures (e.g., co-creation, sharing of best practice, mutual learning); This topic should involve the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-03-GOVERNANCE-04 AI supporting informed advice for farmers and foresters to improve competitiveness and sustainability	Proposals should involve advisors, farmers and foresters from across Europe in the co-development, testing, validation and piloting of the AI-based solutions; and improve end users' awareness, understanding, competences and skills on the use, benefits, and risks of the developed AI-based solutions in view of improving the competitiveness and sustainability of EU agriculture and forestry. This topic should involve the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines. By integrating relevant SSH expertise (e.g., legal expertise, gender expertise, education and behavioural sciences),

	the successful proposal aims to produce meaningful results that enhance the societal impact of related research activities, engaging advisors (e.g., including Advisory Networks), farmers, foresters, and other rural actors. **Main keywords: Law, Gender studies, Education, Behavioural sciences**

Call CL6-2027-01-Two stage

Deadline: 08 April 2027 (First stage), 16 September 2027 (Second stage)

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-01-two-stage Deploying circular systemic solutions through living labs in cities and regions (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative topic)	Proposals should integrate systemic socio-ecological approaches and involve the effective contribution of SSH disciplines (e.g., economics, politics, sociology, psychology, gender studies). Proposals should support the validation, testing and optimisation of innovative, circular systemic solutions in selected cities/regions (the 'demonstrators'), along with relevant governance models and business plans. **Main keywords: Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Gender studies**
HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-CIRCBIO-02-two-stage Open topic: Using the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to strengthen urban manufacturing in support of the Clean Industrial Deal	Proposals should implement and demonstrate circular systemic solutions that help urban manufacturers overcome key barriers and challenges in their clean and circular transition and in adapting to new requirements aiming to mitigate environmental degradation, climate change and biodiversity loss. The topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and involvement of SSH experts in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related activities. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology, Political Science**

Call CL6-2027-02-Two stage

Deadline: 08 April 2027 (First stage), 14 September 2027 (Second stage)

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02-two-stage Optimising the water-nutrient-energy nexus for sustainable and climate smart agriculture in Africa (FNSSA)	Proposals should: • assess needs and opportunities (economic, environmental and social) for sustainable water, nutrient and energy management in agriculture for food and/or non-food uses; • improve existing and develop new knowledge, practices and tools for on farm sustainable management of agricultural resources at the nexus of water, nutrient and energy inputs and outputs; • evaluate the impact of the proposed practices and tools in terms of water, energy and nutrient balances but also their economic feasibility, environmental/climate footprint and social effects; • enable sustainable, circular, climate-smart and biodiversity friendly practices at farm level while considering the characteristic of both local and regional levels in at least two different African agro-ecosystems. Proposals should adopt an inclusive approach that respects and integrates local knowledge and practices alongside technological and scientific expertise, where indigenous insights are enriched by innovative approaches and new technologies through mutual learning. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology, Anthropology**

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Indicative summary of calls from the 2027 budget

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant	ERC Plus Grant
Call identifier	ERC-2027-StG	ERC-2027-CoG	ERC-2027-AdG	ERC-2027-SyG	ERC-2027-PLUS
Call deadline	14/10/2026 CLOSED	12/01/2027	26/08/2027	11/05/2027	01/09/2027

ERC - Consolidator Grant

Deadline: 12 January 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
ERC-2027-CoG ERC – Consolidator Grant	The Consolidator Grant supports excellent Principal Investigators who are consolidating their own independent research team or programme. A Consolidator Grant Principal Investigator should have already shown evidence of research independence. A researcher may be the Principal Investigator of only one ERC Consolidator Grant in their career. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

ERC - Advanced Grants

Deadline: 26 August 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
ERC-2027-ADG ERC - Advanced Grant *Forthcoming*	The objective of the Advanced Grant is to support excellent Principal Investigators that are established research leaders. An ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigator is expected to be an active researcher with a track record of significant research achievements. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

ERC - Synergy Grant

Deadline: 11 May 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
ERC-2027-SyG ERC – Synergy Grant *Forthcoming*	The aim of the Synergy Grant is to support a small group (hereafter, the Synergy Grant Group) of two to four innovative and active Principal Investigators jointly addressing ambitious research problems that cannot be tackled by any single Principal Investigator and their team alone. Principal Investigators of any professional seniority, and with a competitive track record matching their career stage can apply. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

ERC Plus Grant

Deadline: 01 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
ERC-2027-PLUS ERC Plus Grants *Forthcoming*	The ERC Plus Grant supports outstanding Principal Investigators who address a major scientific challenge. Applications for ERC Plus Grants should be for projects that could not be carried out with a regular ERC grant. Applicants should explain how the aims of the proposed project go beyond those of a regular ERC project, for example, because they have a vision to transform their field or to open a new field of research. Scholars at all career stages can apply for an ERC Plus Grant if they have an outstanding record of scientific achievement at the forefront of their field. Their intellectual leadership will be evaluated in comparison to peers at their own career stage. It is expected that a researcher may be the Principal Investigator of only one ERC Plus Grant in their career. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

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MSCA - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

The MSCA are **open to all domains of research and innovation**, chosen freely by the applicants in a fully bottom-up manner, addressed under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. All MSCA will complement top-down collaborative research activities, notably contributing to the EU Missions.

MSCA actions

The **MSCA Doctoral Networks** aim to train creative, entrepreneurial, innovative and resilient doctoral candidates, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit. The MSCA Doctoral Networks will raise the attractiveness and excellence of doctoral training in Europe. They will equip researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences and provide them with enhanced career perspectives in both the academic14 and non-academic sectors through international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility combined with an innovation-oriented mind-set.

The goal of **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships** is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD, wishing to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to excellent researchers of any nationality, including researchers wishing to reintegrate in Europe, researchers who are displaced by conflict as well as researchers with high potential aiming for a career restart in research. The scheme also encourages researchers to work on research and innovation projects in the non-academic sector.

MSCA Staff Exchanges promote innovative international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge and ideas at all stages of the innovation chain. The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps turn ideas into innovative products, services or processes. It is open to research, technical, administrative and managerial staff.

MSCA COFUND co-finances new or existing doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes at national, regional or international level with the aim to spread the best practices of the MSCA including international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as international and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career. MSCA Choose Europe for Science co-funded programmes additionally aim to address brain drain and precarity of researchers' careers in order to make Europe more attractive to the most promising young talents.

MSCA and Citizens, through the European Researchers' Night, aims to bring research and researchers closer to the public at large, to increase awareness of research and innovation activities and to boost public recognition of science and research education. It will also show the role of the researcher for the society and economy, as well as the impact of researchers' work on citizens' daily lives and aim at raising young people's interest for research and scientific careers.

Call - MSCA Doctoral Networks

Deadline: 24 November 2026

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-DN-01-01 MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026	MSCA Doctoral Networks will implement doctoral programmes, by partnerships of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond. MSCA Doctoral Networks are indeed open to the participation of organisations from third countries, in view of fostering strategic international partnerships for the training and exchange of researchers. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Deadline: 23 November 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-DN-01-01 MSCA Doctoral Networks 2027	MSCA Doctoral Networks will implement doctoral programmes, by partnerships of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond. MSCA Doctoral Networks are indeed open to the participation of organisations from third countries, in view of fostering strategic international partnerships for the training and exchange of researchers. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Deadline: 08 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-PF-01-01 MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2027	Fellowships will be provided to excellent researchers undertaking international mobility. Applications will be made jointly by the researcher and a beneficiary in the academic or non-academic sector. Postdoctoral Fellowships either can take place in Europe (i.e. in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country) or in a Third Country not associated to Horizon Europe. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call - MSCA Staff Exchanges

Deadline: 13 April 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-SE-01-01 MSCA Staff Exchanges 2027	MSCA Staff Exchanges involve organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs) from across the globe. Support is provided for international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of R&I staff leading to knowledge transfer between participating organisations. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call - MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programme

Deadline: 06 April 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-01-01 MSCA COFUND 2027	Applicants submit proposals for new or existing doctoral or postdoctoral programmes with an impact on the enhancement of human resources in R&I at regional, national or international level. These programmes will be co-funded by MSCA COFUND. Proposed programmes can cover any research disciplines ("bottom-up"), but exceptionally can also focus on specific disciplines, notably when they are based on national or regional Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3 strategies). **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call - MSCA Choose Europe for Science

Deadline: 06 April 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-COFUND-02-01 MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2027	Applicants submit proposals for talent recruitment programmes that will provide researchers holding a doctoral degree with excellent research and academic opportunities, potentially coupled with management activities, to lead them to concrete and attractive career prospects. This will have an impact on the enhancement of human resources in R&I at institutional, regional, national or international level. Proposed programmes can cover any research disciplines. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call - MSCA and Citizens

Deadline: 08 June 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MSCA-2027-CITIZENS-01-01 MSCA and Citizens 2027	Proposals should cover both the organisation of the European Researchers' Night and the implementation of the Researchers at Schools initiative. The European Researchers' Night takes place every year, on the last Friday of September. It supports events that can last up to two days: they can start on Friday and continue the following day. Pre-events, prior to the main event, and related post-events, such as wrap-up meetings or small-scale follow-up events, can also be organised. It is the occasion for a Europe-wide public and media event for the promotion of research careers. The Researchers at Schools initiative brings school classes to research facilities and researchers to schools or other pedagogical and educational centres. This allows researchers to interact with pupils on societal challenges and on the key role of research to address them. Pupils will thus learn directly about research projects. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Excellent science

Research Infrastructures

Call - Research Infrastructures 2027

Deadline: 15 June 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC-02 Strengthening the potential of the EOSC for knowledge valorisation and industry-academia collaboration (EOSC Partnership)	This topic aims to support increasing and exploiting the potential of EOSC as a driver of innovation and a platform for researchers to develop new technologies and solutions that can be brought to the market. A key element in this effort is to clarify the legal conditions to valorise knowledge resources, including resources provided in the EOSC Federation. Proposals under this topic should include the following activities: • Analyse opportunities and barriers emerging from the provisions of the EU's current legal framework on intellectual property and relevant types of licenses that set the legal conditions for researchers to valorise knowledge resources in EOSC Federation. • Gather requirements and needs, develop and analyse potential business models and access schemes for innovators and start-ups in Europe to access and use resources available in the EOSC Federation. • Develop a number of case studies of identified EOSC stakeholders valorising their results and/or establishing collaboration links with the private sector. • Map out and evaluate the possibilities of relevant types of licenses for knowledge resources to facilitate knowledge valorisation and engage in open innovation and industry-academia collaboration. • Organise workshops, webinars and awareness-raising campaigns, and develop guiding material targeted at EOSC users and communities contributing to EOSC on how to facilitate and engage in knowledge valorisation and industry-academia collaboration based on the knowledge resources of EOSC Federation. • Develop recommendations and best practices, based also on the case studies, for further development of the EOSC Federation to facilitate knowledge valorisation and industry-academia collaboration. **Main keywords: Law, Business studies**

Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area

Call - ERA Chairs and Research Managers

Deadline: 14 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-01 ERA Chairs	Research organisations or research infrastructures in Widening countries seeking to establish an ERA Chair should submit a proposal with a prospective ERA Chair holder - an outstanding researcher or innovator in any scientific domain. The research institution will act as the sole applicant (mono-beneficiary), and ERA Chair holders may be from any country, but may not already have a contractual relationship with the coordinating entity. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-02-WIDENING-02 ERA Research Managers	Research organisations in Widening countries seeking to establish an ERA Research Manager should submit a proposal aimed at establishing or upgrading research management capacities in the institution and ensuring that the conditions are in place to foster excellent research management aligned with ERA priorities. The research institution will act as the sole applicant (mono-beneficiary), and the ERA Research Manager may be from any country but may not already have a contractual relationship with the research institution. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

Call - Enhancing the European R&I system

Deadline: 11 Mar 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-01 Pillar I: Facilitating development of institutional open access policies through the retention of intellectual property rights	This topic aims to support RPOs across the EU to work strategically on rights retention policies to boost open access and reuse of scientific information. Proposals should enable RPOs to adopt and/or expand their policies on open access and rights retention tailored to specific national legal and policy contexts. They should also consider related issues such as research assessment and its reform, the costs of providing open access, and different disciplinary practices and needs, among others. **Main keywords: Law**
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-02 Pillar II: Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers	The topic supports consortia in creating 'talent ecosystems' where both training providers and employers of researchers, especially from the non-academic sector, cooperate closely to promote attractive and sustainable careers for researchers, in particular for early-career researchers. Cooperation between actors should focus on ensuring, on the one hand, that a large pool of researchers, and where relevant other R&I staff, benefits from attractive working and employment conditions as a result of the implementation of the European Charter for Researchers at organisational level; on the other hand, making sure that researchers and other R&I staff are trained according to the needs of businesses, industry, and, more generally, to the needs of the labour market. **Main keywords: Education, Business studies, Economics**
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-03 Pillar III: Science comes to town 2029	This topic supports a small group of cities in organising and hosting a joint 1-year programme "Science comes to town 2029". The programme should have a robust concept and brand focusing on connecting citizens and science while involving all relevant stakeholders (e.g., researchers, research funders, policymakers, publishers, citizens, civil society organisations, and business community). Applicants should experiment with novel formats that are inclusive and participatory and engage diverse age and social groups at local, regional, and European levels. In project activities, particular attention should be paid to promoting inclusive gender equality and addressing gender-specific challenges. Special emphasis should be placed on exploring and supporting citizen science to promote both science education and multiple forms of public engagement with science. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-04 Pillar III: Promoting public engagement in R&I and scientific literacy	This topic aims to promote the adoption of ERA policies and practices delivering innovative approaches for enhancing science-society links and promoting scientific literacy. Applicants should select and clearly identify one area being addressed, choosing from the two areas outlined below Area 1: Youth, science and democracy Area 1 promotes innovative ways to effectively and inclusively engage and involve young people in R&I. Additionally, it invites public engagement and science communication practitioners to build on best practices in the field and develop handbooks and guidelines, co-creating with relevant stakeholders, considering also previous EU-funded activities. Area 2: Scaling up science engagement at EU level Area 2 promotes scientific literacy and dialogue and constructive interactions between scientists and the wider public. To achieve this, it supports visits by researchers, for example, to civil society organisations, workplaces or community youth centres, enabling dialogue and collaboration between researchers and civil society and fostering mutual understanding. **Main keywords: Communication studies, Education**
HORIZON-WIDERA-2027-05-ERA-05 Pillar IV: Upgrading the EU's independent knowledge on China's Science, Technology and Innovation system	This topic aims to support the creation of new knowledge and strengthen expertise and networks in the EU on China's science, technology, and innovation (STI) system. Proposals should address the activities outlined below and propose any additional, complementary activities: • Build a comprehensive framework that facilitates the creation and sharing of knowledge and monitoring of China's STI system. This includes generating new and compiling existing knowledge, tools, and resources on developments in China's STI policies, legal framework, government structures, narratives, and strategies for international collaborations. • Develop and test innovative interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies for assessing China's advancements in critical technology areas (e.g., artificial intelligence, advanced semiconductors, quantum, biotechnologies) and for evaluating their impact on the European economic security, strategic autonomy, and on the EU's ability to achieve the objectives of the Competitiveness Compass. Applicants are encouraged to propose foresight exercises to identify new disruptive, emerging technologies beyond those mentioned above. • Ensure collaboration between EU experts on China and technical experts (e.g., engineers, technology experts, economists, legal experts). Particular attention should be paid to actively involving young EU researchers in project activities. **Main keywords: Area studies, Economics, Law**

Missions

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission

Deadline: 21 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-01-CLIMA-01 Demonstrating transformative solutions to increase cross-border climate resilience	Proposals should develop, test and demonstrate approaches and innovative solutions relevant for cross-border risks, leading to an increase of climate resilience in cross-border regions. The proposals should address all of the following aspects: • Address at least one relevant cross-border climate risk (e.g. water scarcity, flooding, storms, wildfires, sea level rise) but are strongly encouraged to address risks systemically and to cover cascading and compound risks as well as risks emerging from the degradation of ecosystem services; • Develop, and demonstrate a common classification of the climate risks and define what level of risks are acceptable across the national border. • Develop and demonstrate innovative integrated solutions to make both sides of the border climate resilient. Those solutions should cover cross-border governance and/or socio-economic aspects (but are not limited to that). Nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based adaptation should be explored as a priority, in line with the Mission Implementation Plan. • For the successful implementation of the solutions and to ensure their sustainability beyond the duration of the project, the development and testing of the proposed solutions should be embedded, as much as possible in the adaptation planning of the regional or local authority participating in the project and/or in national plans. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, Law**

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission

Deadline: 16 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-04 Improving equitable health outcomes and added value for and with cancer patients through health-economics research, health systems research and outcomes research	Proposals should address all of the following: • Establish, validate or further refine health-economics research, health systems research, epidemiological or outcomes research methods, models, or modelling to perform (comparative) cost-effectiveness and epidemiological analyses benefiting equitable health outcomes of and added value for people at risk of cancer as well as cancer patients living with and beyond their disease. • Take into account socio-economic inequalities, socio-demographic, organisational, innovative or cultural trends, socio-cultural or behavioural change by involving people at risk of cancer or cancer patients and their caregivers/families through research that stimulates social innovation and supports end-user engagement using participative research models. • Calculate cancer-control related healthcare expenditures and its relation to value-driven healthcare benefitting health outcomes of people at risk of cancer as well as cancer patients living with and beyond their disease, taking into account the needs of the target population and the specificities of healthcare provision at local, regional, or national level, duly reflecting the (cultural) diversity and available resources across EU Member States and Associated Countries. • Improve health outcomes of people at risk of cancer or cancer patients and their caregivers/families living with and beyond their disease, by demonstrating how to improve access to and the organisation of state-of-the-art, evidence-based, cost-effective cancer control programmes in dedicated cancer centres or medical centres, hospitals, at home or in community settings, taking into account the socio-cultural context, harms and benefits, overall survival or quality of life parameters. **Main keywords: Health economics, Demography, Social and Behavioural studies, Cultural studies**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-06 Support a Young Cancer Survivor Quality of Life (QoL) research programme by cancer charities and funding agencies	Registered cancer charities and funding agencies across EU Member States and Associated Countries, organise, fund and implement at least two transnational calls for proposals, resulting in grants to third parties to conduct research and innovation projects targeting quality of life of children, adolescents and young adults cancer patients and survivors. Projects to be financed by charities and funding agencies through transnational calls for proposals are expected to develop, test and scale up in real-life settings innovative, holistic approaches and tools (including digital tools), optimising cancer treatment and follow-up regimens to improve the quality of life of young cancer patients and survivors. This topic requires direct involvement of cancer patients and survivors, survivor representative organisations, caregivers, and the effective contribution of 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 results, enhancing the impact of the related research activities. The use of participative research models, such as oncology-centred living labs or other approaches to deliver (social) innovation should be considered, prioritising involvement of local communities. **Main keywords: Social innovation, Social and Behavioural studies**

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission

Deadline: 21 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-04 Towards community-driven business models: coastal and freshwaters sustainable tourism	Activities under this topic will contribute to the achievement of the Mission "Public mobilisation and engagement" actions by fostering community involvement, awareness and citizen participation to amplify impact, accelerating the uptake of community-led initiatives, anticipating and planning future investments for sustainable tourism. These activities should consider the specific needs and challenges of diverse individuals and groups in local communities, including groups in a vulnerable situation, with a focus on promoting gender equality and non-discrimination addressing the intersectionality with poverty and social exclusion. The focus of activities will be on testing the feasibility and socio-economic viability of site-specific initiatives providing opportunities to couple business-based activities with the protection and restoration of marine and freshwaters ecosystems, in ways that produce benefits for both the environment and local communities. In addition, proposals are encouraged to explore synergies with the New European Bauhaus Initiative in the design and/or implementation of activities under this topic. **Main keywords: Business studies, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Gender studies**

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission

Deadline: 07 October 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-01 Innovative microgrids for improved energy system integration and efficiency in urban contexts	Proposals are expected to address all of the following aspects: • Develop LVDC solutions awareness, education and training materials (respectively for public authorities and general public, for students, for urban planners, project developers and installers), in collaboration with local academia and research partners. • Disseminate project results, engage all relevant stakeholders along the value chain, including residents, users, industry, and researchers, from the planning phase; organise at least one open workshop coupled with site visits. This topic requires contributions from social sciences and humanities (SSH) disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts and institutions. Their contributions should enhance the societal relevance and impact of proposed activities from planning to implementation and especially related to the last two bullets. **Main keywords: Social Sciences and Humanities**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-04-CIT-03 Inclusive and climate resilient multimodal passenger hubs enhancing modal shift towards sustainable transport and shared mobility	Proposals should address the following points: • Develop nature-based solutions for increasing multimodal passenger hub's infrastructures resilience demonstrating the respective environmental, social, and economic benefits. • Develop and test solutions to ensure or improve the inclusivity and accessibility of multimodal passenger hubs, accounting for both within-hub flows and access/egress trips, considering that climate change may particularly affect most marginalised populations or those in a vulnerable situation; • Establish co-designing process and engaging with the relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful uptake of the proposed and tested solutions, incl. and economic model, contributing to climate neutrality, climate adaptation and enhanced governance of the multi-modal passenger hubs. Proposals should include activities promoting the New European Bauhaus principles (sustainability, aesthetics, and inclusion) among national, regional, and local authorities, citizens, and stakeholders through dedicated local initiatives (e.g. events, contests, citizens' dialogues, living labs). 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Urban planning**

Call - Supporting the implementation of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission (Two stage)

Deadline: 08 April 2027 (First Stage), 14 September 2027 (Second Stage)

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-01-two-stage Living labs to enhance soil health in Continental, Black Sea, Pannonian and Steppic biogeographical regions	Proposals should: • support the establishment of four to five living labs either in the Continental biogeographical region or in one or more of the following three biogeographical regions: Black Sea, Pannonian and Steppic; • establish an interdisciplinary, participatory and multi-actor approach in the living labs to co-design, co-develop, and co-implement locally adapted solutions (practices, tools, strategies, etc.) for the common soil health challenge(s) taking into account relevant soil health drivers and pressures . Proposed solutions should be adapted to the different environmental, socio-economic and cultural contexts in which the living labs are operating; • assess and demonstrate the technical, social, economic, cultural and environmental viability of the proposed solutions, as well as their potential scalability and transferability to diverse contexts; • propose strategies (e.g., financial, organisational) to ensure the long-term sustainability of the established living labs beyond the Horizon Europe funding. Strategies should include the identification of possible business models and actions involving a mix of public or private funding schemes, financial instruments, cooperation with local authorities, engagement of social economy entities, social enterprises, business communities, SMEs, as well as attracting investors and entrepreneurs. In line with the nature of living labs, projects must adopt the multi-actor approach. The actors involved in each living lab may vary, based on its unique characteristics and may include, among others, researchers, landowners or land managers, industry representatives (e.g., SMEs), public administrators and civil society representatives (e.g., consumers, local residents, environmental NGOs, youth organisations). Care should be taken to describe the capabilities, roles and resources of the different actors involved in the living labs. An effective contribution of social sciences and humanities and the arts (SSHA) is expected to foster social innovation, knowledge transfer and socio-cultural and behavioural change. **Main keywords: Social studies, Social innovation, Economics, Cultural studies, Area studies**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-02-two-stage Living Labs for co-creating solutions to reduce eutrophication from agriculture	Proposals should: • support the establishment of four to five living labs to work together on soil health aspects that could affect eutrophication in nearby freshwater bodies. • establish an interdisciplinary, participatory and multi-actor approach in the living labs to co-design, co-develop, and co-implement locally adapted solutions (practices, tools, and strategies) to reduce eutrophication. Proposed solutions should be adapted to the different environmental, socio-economic and cultural contexts within the river

	catchment area in which the living labs are operating and take into account the current and future impact of climate change on nutrient exports during floods and droughts; • assess and demonstrate the technical, social, economic, cultural and environmental viability of the proposed solutions, as well as their potential scalability and transferability to diverse contexts, including the insights of SSHA; • propose strategies (e.g., financial, organisational) to ensure the long-term sustainability of the established living labs beyond Horizon Europe funding. Strategies should include the identification of possible business models and actions involving a mix of public or private funding schemes, financial instruments, cooperation with local authorities, engagement of social economy entities, social enterprises, business communities, SMEs, as well as attracting investors and entrepreneurs. In line with the nature of living labs, projects must adopt the multi-actor approach. The actors involved in each living lab may vary, based on its unique characteristics and may include, among others, researchers, landowners or land managers, industry representatives (e.g., SMEs), public administrators and civil society representatives (e.g., consumers, local residents, environmental NGOs, youth organisations). Care should be taken to describe the capabilities, roles and resources of the different actors involved in the living labs. An effective contribution of social sciences and humanities and the arts (SSHA) is expected to foster social innovation, knowledge transfer, socio-cultural and behavioural change, considering the legal/institutional/political framework at local, regional and national level, if relevant. **Main keywords: Social studies, Social innovation, Economics, Cultural studies, Area studies, Political Science, Business studies**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-03-two-stage Agroforestry for soil health at landscape level	Proposals should focus on landscape-scale implementation of agroforestry practices aiming at scaling up sustainable soil management practices in agroforestry systems across entire value chains and territorial contexts. Proposals should apply participatory, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, involving actors along the value chain, thereby maximizing ecological and socio-economic impact. Proposals should: • using an interdisciplinary, participatory and multi-actor approach, co-design, co-develop, and pilot locally adapted agroforestry farming systems with a landscape approach that demonstrate an enhancement in soil health in a variety of relevant pedo-climatic areas across the EU and Associated Countries; • assess and demonstrate the technical, social, economic, cultural and environmental viability of the proposed agroforestry systems, as well as their potential scalability and transferability to diverse contexts; • involve public and private actors to mobilise finance, including blended, and develop and test long-term, sustainable business models, that facilitate the transition to scalable agroforestry systems; • produce recommendations on how policy and the macro-economic framework could support practically feasible implementation pathways and value chain networks for large scale agroforestry deployment; • provide capacity building and training opportunities for all actors along the value chain—including farmers, advisors, businesses, consumers and

	policymakers—focused on practical skills and awareness of soil health improvement, efficient agroforestry management, supportive business models, and incentives to accelerate the transition. This topic should involve the effective contribution of social sciences and humanities disciplines. **Main keywords: Business studies, Economics, Social studies, Cultural studies**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-04-two-stage Participatory research on the health of communities in contact with polluted soils	Proposals should: • implement community-based participatory research activities to engage with populations living or working in close contact with polluted (or potentially polluted) sites to identify and map human diseases and other health outcomes and their incidence in these areas; • consider and explore direct (e.g., skin contact with soils) and indirect (e.g., consumption of contaminated food, psychological impact of living near contaminated sites) soil-related drivers of human disease and ill-health as relevant; • engage private entities with industrial operations in polluted sites and which work with potential pollutants (including substances of concern), involving them as stakeholders in the research to jointly devise mitigation and remediation strategies and demonstrate corporate responsibility; • propose locally relevant interventions that foster community resilience against soil pollution, encourage polluters due diligence, and deliver recommendations to policymakers at relevant level of governance to regulate decontamination, promote reuse of land when possible, and protect public health. This topic requires an interdisciplinary approach involving experts on land and soil contamination, epidemiology and in social-science and humanities (SSH) disciplines in particular sociology and anthropology. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Human Geography**
HORIZON-MISS-2027-05-SOIL-06-two-stage Long-term drivers and consequences of soil degradation: learning from the past to improve future soil health	Proposals should: • study past soil degradation processes and their socio-economic, cultural and natural drivers and consequences across different pedo-climatic regions, based on multiple lines of evidence coming from, for instance, historical documents, historical records, archaeological data, sediment archives, buried fossil soils and archived soil and plant samples; • apply, validate and advance the development of methodologies to study past soil health, using techniques such as ancient eDNA analysis, pollen, spores, environmental radionuclides and other proxy indicators, and implement a multi-scalar approach to integrate these data at the scale of pedo-climatic regions; • utilise numerical models and digital tools to reconstruct past soil degradation patterns and predict future trends and develop trajectories for sustainable soil management; • encourage citizen and stakeholder involvement through active participation in the data collection and data analysis with citizen science initiatives, as well as carry out communication and awareness raising activities on the long-term changes of soil health and the societal impact of soil degradation.

	In carrying out the activities, consortia should work in an interdisciplinary way bringing disciplines, expertise and approaches from the soil sciences, environmental sciences and social sciences and humanities (including history, archaeology, sociology and social geography). **Main keywords: History, Archaeology, Sociology, Social Geography**

Joint Call between the Soil Deal for Europe Mission and the Cancer Mission

Deadline: 21 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL-CANCER Living labs to monitor and mitigate carcinogenic substances in and originating from soils: Evaluating their effects on human cancer risks	Proposals should: • support the establishment of four to five research-and-innovation-centred living labs to work together across different land uses to: 1) deliver research-based remediation solutions for soil contamination by carcinogenic substances; 2) investigate links between carcinogenic substances in soil and transfer of pollutants from soil to humans (e.g. via air, water, or the food chain), and long-term impact on cancer incidence, mortality and prevalence in humans; • establish an interdisciplinary, participatory and multi-actor approach in the living labs to co-implement locally adapted solutions to isolate, immobilise, reduce and/or eliminate carcinogenic substances to and from soils, and to monitor how these solutions affect the pathways of carcinogenic substances in soils within the soil-water-air nexus and its mobility and uptake in the food chain; • demonstrate the technical, social, economic, cultural and environmental viability of the proposed solutions, as well as their potential scalability and transferability to diverse contexts; • propose strategies (e.g., financial, organisational) to ensure the long-term sustainability of the established living labs beyond Horizon Europe funding. Strategies should include business models and actions involving a mix of public or private funding schemes, financial instruments, cooperation with local authorities, engagement of social economy entities, social enterprises, business communities, SMEs, or attracting investors and entrepreneurs. In line with the nature of living labs, projects must adopt the multi-actor approach. The actors involved in each living lab may vary based on its unique characteristics, and may include, among others, researchers, landowners or land managers, industry representatives (e.g. SMEs), public administrators and civil society (e.g. consumers, local residents, environmental NGOs, youth organisations). Care should be taken to describe the capabilities, roles and resources of the different actors involved in the living labs. An effective contribution of social sciences and humanities (SSH) is expected to foster social innovation, knowledge transfer and socio-cultural and behavioural change. **Main keywords: Social studies, Social innovation, Economics, Cultural studies**

New European Bauhaus Facility

Call - Beautiful, inclusive and sustainable neighbourhoods for communities

Deadline: 01 December 2026

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-01 Addressing homelessness through housing-led approaches aligned with the New European Bauhaus	This topic focuses on developing and/or updating housing-led approaches that apply NEB values and principles. Proposals are expected to refine and demonstrate at least three housing-led approaches in at least three neighbourhoods (in urban, peri-urban and rural areas) located in different Member States and/or Associated Countries, that: • Are adapted to the specific characteristics of the neighbourhoods where the approaches will be applied (e.g. existing local/national regulations, composition of the population, cultural differences, existing infrastructure, etc.). • Provide permanent housing to homeless people complemented by services that (re-)integrate homeless populations in their local community. • Integrate plans for the green transition of the permanent housing and the social dimension of living conditions for a conflict-minimised cohabitation of different social groups. • Are co-created with the targeted homeless populations, paying special attention to families with minor children, and people temporarily hosted by acquaintances and family. • Include measures to address the institutional barriers that hinder access to housing in the selected neighbourhoods. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Urban planning, Sociology, Anthropology, Human Geography, Law, Cultural Studie**
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-02 Innovative approaches for the spatial design of neighbourhoods	Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Assess how spatial design determines gendered, age-appropriate and identity-related patterns of use (e.g. in terms of mobility, safety, sense of security and access to public and private spaces) and how inclusive approaches and accessibility can address diverse needs and experiences of users and the community. • Develop one approach to designing and planning public space that uses innovative methods. These innovative methods are expected to: • Demonstrate the approach in at least three neighbourhoods (in urban, peri-urban and rural areas) located in different Member States and/or Associated Countries.

	• Develop plans and recommendations for the take up of the demonstrated approach. This includes assessing its potential application to other areas of the green transition of neighbourhoods (e.g. water resilient design planning, public service design, procurement, etc.) as well as identifying skills needs and gaps. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Gender studies, Cultural studies, Education, Cultural and Creative industries, Urban Planning, Design**
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-03 Understanding inhabitant's experiences of neighbourhoods to support their health and well-being	This topic will further investigate how inhabitants experience their neighbourhoods, the impact of these experiences on their health and well-being, and how these experiences can be improved through NEB in the context of the green transition. Proposals are expected to obtain a deep understanding of inhabitants' sensory and emotional experience of their neighbourhood and the impact of these experiences on their health and well-being. Proposals are expected to: • Involve in the research a diversity of people and groups, including those in a vulnerable situation and/or marginalised (such as women, children, youth, older adults, people with physical and psychological functional variations and their families/carers, LGTBIQA+ people, migrants and refugees). • Assess the extent to which experiences and impacts vary across sociodemographic groups as well as in neighbourhoods with different characteristics. For example, in relation to the geography (e.g. urban, peri-urban, rural, coastal, insular areas); the quality of the built environment, including its accessibility and perceived beauty; social, economic and demographic characteristics (e.g. population density, social mixing, social infrastructure, property census); reputation; access to natural, cultural and artistic spaces and offers. • Provide consistent and comparable data across different project sites and populations, making use of, among others, the NEB self-assessment method. • Validate the findings in at least three neighbourhoods (in urban, peri-urban and rural areas) located in at least three different Member States and/or Associated Countries. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Human geography, Demography**

HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-03 Innovative solutions for the sustainable and beautiful use of vertical space	Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Develop and demonstrate at least one innovative solution that makes use of the un-used or under-used vertical space above buildings and/or streets in a beautiful and sustainable manner to improve the availability and affordability of housing and / or provide more green spaces. • Integrate circularity principles to the solution(s) developed. • Assess the life cycle environmental social and economic impacts of the proposed solution(s) with appropriate methods. • If relevant, minimize and mitigate the negative effects of densification. • Assess the potential for the proposed solutions to contribute to a reduction in demand for land use. • Identify and address the regulatory, technical and societal barriers to the implementation of the proposed solution(s) and propose solutions to overcome them. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines and to involve the local community and, if relevant, cultural and creative industries, in the co-creation of the solution(s) developed. Proposals are expected – to the extent possible – to contribute to the urban greening goals set out in the Nature Restoration Regulation. 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. **Main keywords: Urban Planning, Sociology, Anthropology, Ethnology, Economics, Law, Human Geography**
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-01 Structurally addressing homelessness through coordinated social infrastructure and services in neighbourhoods	Research is required on how to analyse the interconnected, contextual conditions that drive and mitigate homelessness at the neighbourhood level and how to inform strategies to structurally address homelessness. Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Develop a system-based approach to mitigate homelessness and support the reintegration of individuals in communities by coordinating key social infrastructure and services (including healthcare, education, employment, community integration and other relevant social services) at neighbourhood level. The approach must cover at least the following: • Develop and validate the approach in at least five neighbourhoods located in different Member States and/or Associated Countries. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Urban planning, Sociology, Education**

HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-02 Understanding capital market dynamics for increased investment in New European Bauhaus projects in neighbourhoods	There is a need for research to understand the capital demand and supply-side aspects that influence and shape investments in NEB-aligned neighbourhood projects and to identify appropriate mechanisms to attract increased investment. Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Analyse the capital market dynamics that influence investments in NEB-aligned projects for the transformation of neighbourhoods. This includes analysing at least the following: • Based on the above, develop an innovative investment solution that addresses and leverages the analysed capital market dynamics towards increased investment in NEB-aligned projects. • Conduct the above analysis and validate the developed solution in at least three different Member States and/or Associated Countries. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. **Main keywords: Economics, Business studies**
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-03 Approaches to reuse vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces	Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Develop a systematic and context-sensitive approach for vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces, including buildings or infrastructures. The approach must cover at least the following: • Assess the social (e.g. accessibility, inclusion, social cohesion), cultural (e.g. aesthetics), environmental (e.g. more sufficient resource use, waste reduction, biodiversity, climate resilience), and economic (e.g. economies of scale, efficiency) value of the approach. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Cultural studies, Arts**

Call - Innovative models for neighbourhoods that integrate beauty, inclusiveness and sustainability

Deadline: 01 December 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-01 The transformative potential of co-governance in the green transition of neighbourhoods	This topic will investigate how co-governance can support a fair green transition in neighbourhoods while also provoking positive changes in society, culture, the arts, the natural environment as well as the public perception and reputation of those neighbourhoods. Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Refine and demonstrate co-governance approaches in at least ten neighbourhoods. The selected neighbourhoods are expected to be located in at least three different Member States and/or Associated Countries, as well as comprise a variety of contexts (i.e. urban, peri-urban and rural areas) and experiences (i.e. neighbourhoods with and without experience in public participation in governance of transition processes). • Ensure that the co-governance approaches facilitate the inclusive, cultural, environmental and sustainable development of neighbourhoods. • Based on the evidence collected, produce guidance and recommendations for policy makers and neighbourhood actors on co-governance (including on best practices; the benefits of co-governance for the green transition of neighbourhoods, including their nature-positive transformation and climate resilience, as well as for other levels of governance; administrative, legislative and regulatory changes to facilitate co-governance). Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Arts, Cultural studies, Sociology**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-02 Intergenerational neighbourhoods and communities aligned with the New European Bauhaus	This topic will support the development of intergenerational neighbourhoods and communities that better address the needs of the different age groups, while simultaneously tackling various local challenges (including, but not limited to the demographic transition, climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss, loss of cultural heritage, feelings of insecurity). Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Demonstrate a methodology to measure and monitor the extent to which neighbourhoods and communities are intergenerational. These may include digital platforms, smart sensing systems, or participatory data collection methods that enhance inclusiveness, accessibility, and real-time insight. Among others, the methodology is expected to:

	○ Identify barriers (e.g. legal, regulatory, institutional) to intergenerational living in neighbourhoods and communities. ○ Explore perceptions of the different generations. ○ Determine the role of informal services (including culture, social and health care, and education), in fostering intergenerational neighbourhoods and communities. • Demonstrate at least three solutions that promote intergenerational living in at least three neighbourhoods (in urban, peri-urban and rural areas) located in different Member States and/or Associated Countries. The solutions are expected to: ○ Redesign neighbourhood spaces, functions and/or services, where possible building upon the cultural and creative sectors and analysing users' perception. This includes multisensory perceptions as well as perceived beauty. ○ Be adaptable to different local contexts. • Monitor, evaluate, and document the demonstrated solutions. Based on the evidence, propose recommendations for their adaptation and uptake. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Demography, Law, Psychology, Urban Planning, Public Administration**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-03 Novel combinations of knowledge and research methods to address social issues and advance a fair green transition of neighbourhoods	This topic focuses on innovative approaches for combining knowledge from local communities and non-scientific actors with scientific knowledge and/or formal research methods to address social issues that influence the green transition in neighbourhoods. Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Develop an innovative, transdisciplinary approach that brings novel insights on social issues that hinder a fair green transition in neighbourhoods, including their nature-positive transformation. The approach is expected to: • Propose guidelines and recommendations for the uptake of the resulting insights and transdisciplinary approaches in decision-making, policymaking, design and planning, and/or public service design for neighbourhoods. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Ethnology, Urban planning**

HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-01 Combining conventional and innovative construction materials, products and techniques for sustainable and beautiful buildings	Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines and to co-create the solution(s) with the relevant public and private stakeholders of the construction ecosystem. 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. **Main keywords: Urban planning, Design, Law**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-02 Sustainable, beautiful and healthy construction and renovation sites	Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Sociology, Anthropology, Urban planning**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-04 Enabling environments for a sustainable and circular construction sector	This topic should support the development and demonstration of enabling environments which can take the form of: • Physical innovation spaces, such as living labs or testbeds, where solutions can be tested and validated in real-life conditions; • Frameworks providing supportive regulatory, institutional, fiscal, and financial conditions, such as regulatory sandboxes or innovations deals, to generate evidence on how existing conditions can be adapted to enable the deployment and scale-up of NEB-aligned construction solutions; • Or a combination of both. **Main keywords: Law, Political Sciences, Economics**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-BUSINESS-01 Mass customisation of offsite manufactured modular construction components to transform the existing built environment	Proposals are expected to address the following: • Develop an innovative solution for the mass customisation of offsite manufactured modular construction components, which applies technologies and technological advancements such as distributed manufacturing, building information modelling (BIM), and modular construction approaches. • Demonstrate the innovative solution in an operational environment in at least three Member States and/or Associated Countries. Mass customisation of the modular construction components should address the needs of at least three application areas (e.g. residential, commercial, public space, cultural heritage, education, recreation). • Evaluate the economic, aesthetic, environmental, social, and cultural value and the business case to invest in the solution. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Sociology, Cultural studies, Business studies**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-BUSINESS-02 Innovative models for collective community investment and ownership	Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Develop a collective community investment or ownership model that involves diverse community stakeholders, including marginalised groups or those in a vulnerable situation, in the co-creation and revitalisation of neighbourhoods in line with the New European Bauhaus by focusing on one of the following options: • Assess the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of the model on the targeted neighbourhood(s) and their surrounding environment, including long-term affordability, accessibility, and local community and public interest outcomes. • Identify potential systemic challenges to the uptake of the model and formulate solutions to overcome them. This should include considerations of the influence of local capital and real estate market dynamics, and the long-term financial viability of the developed model . • Consider and leverage existing relevant investment and ownership regulations and legal aspects at the local, regional, and national levels. • Provide recommendations to scale up and adapt the model in different local and cultural contexts. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Business studies, Economics, Sociology**
HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-BUSINESS-03 Anticipating the long-term future of neighbourhoods in line with the New European Bauhaus	Proposals are expected to address all of the following: • Develop and validate a participatory foresight approach to inform the long-term planning, (re)design and development of existing neighbourhoods. The approach must cover at least the following: ○ Analysis of socioeconomic, cultural, demographic and climate conditions, long-term trends (e.g. population decline; shift in population composition and diversity; migration between urban, peri-urban, and rural areas; societal and aesthetic acceptance in neighbourhoods), as well as the drivers for those long-term changes in the targeted neighbourhoods. ○ Development of scenarios and visions for potential futures for the neighbourhood, including objectives, measurable targets and packages of measures. This should include intergenerational fairness perspectives that will have a major influence on neighbourhoods in the future. ○ Use of co-creation approaches to foster the participation of diverse local stakeholders (including marginalised or underrepresented groups as well as those in a vulnerable situation).

	• Develop and validate the participatory foresight approach in at least three neighbourhoods in different Member States and/or Associated Countries. • Provide recommendations to inform local authorities, decision makers, and the public on applying the participatory foresight approach. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. 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. **Main keywords: Urban planning, Demography, Sociology, Cultural studies**

Call - Joint Call between the New European Bauhaus Facility and the Soil Deal for Europe Mission

Deadline: 15 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-NEB-2027-02-NEB-SOIL-01 Reducing soil sealing through sustainable urban and territorial design in the New European Bauhaus	Proposals are expected to address the following: • Develop innovative, regenerative and place-based planning and spatial design solutions that prevent soil sealing or promote the unsealing of currently sealed soils, improve soil health, support food systems transformation and enhance climate resilience and biodiversity (e.g., by mitigating urban heat islands and improving water management). These solutions should integrate nature-based, human-centred and regenerative approaches (e.g., ecosystem restoration, permeable pavements, green roofs, shared and community gardens, or urban agriculture); • Demonstrate each one of these solutions developed in at least three neighbourhoods (i.e. at least one in urban area, one in peri-urban and one in rural area) located in different Member States and/or Associated Countries; • Implement participatory and co-creation processes as well as cross-sector collaboration with different stakeholders (e.g., artists, architects, startups, engineers, planners and territorial managers, local authorities, NGOs, researchers, citizens and communities) to integrate creative, scientific, and local knowledge in the design of the proposed solutions; • Develop innovative funding models to mobilize financing opportunities, and engage investors and businesses to support the long-term sustainability and replicability of implemented solutions; • Support policy uptake and market deployment by translating project results into actionable recommendations aligned with relevant EU strategies, and by fostering dialogue with decision-makers on their broader institutional and regulatory adoption. Proposals are expected to follow a participatory, multi-actor and transdisciplinary approach through the integration of different actors and disciplines. Proposals should include an effective contribution from social sciences, humanities and arts (SSHA) disciplines and experts in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related activities. **Main keywords: Arts, Urban planning, Sociology, Business studies, Economics**

Horizontal activities

Call - Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society (2027-01)

Deadline: 14 January 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-01 Understanding the nature and the extent of the effects of PFAS on biodiversity and ecosystem services	Proposals should: • conduct field-based studies, possibly in combination with controlled studies, to better understand the effects of PFAS and their breakdown products on species, populations and on ecosystems and their long-term ecological effects; • evaluate the nature and the temporal and spatial scale of the effects, including multi-generational effects both on key species and on entire ecosystems; • explore and apply robust and, where possible, comparable methods to assess the impacts of PFAS on ecosystem services including practical approaches for biophysical and, where relevant, economic valuation that can support policy and decision-making; • estimate costs resulting from the loss of ecosystem services due to PFAS pollution; • suggest ways for policy makers to integrate the new knowledge in decisions and possible solutions regarding nature protection and restoration, the protection of the environment in general and the protection of human health. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in particular to support the valuation of ecosystem services, the policy uptake of project results, and the development of decision-relevant approaches under uncertainty, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Economics, Political Science, Sociology**
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-02 Better understanding, anticipating and addressing the biodiversity benefits and impacts of the clean and digital industries	Proposals should, for minimum five different industrial activities (at the ISIC division/NACE level): • compare business-as-usual industries to decarbonized, digitalized and circular industries by providing cost-benefit assessments of biodiversity mitigation measures and developing spatialized biodiversity-focused scenarios analysing the trade-offs and synergies of alternative technological, economical and societal pathways at the European scale, using natural capital accounting, lifecycle analysis and system dynamics modelling; • provide recommendations and tools that directly inform society, industries and decision makers on biodiversity-sensitive societal, economic and technological trajectories (e.g. policy gaps, addressing the underlying drivers of demand, infrastructure permitting processes and spatial planning, “biodiversity friendly” technological alternatives,

	investment screening, biodiversity mitigation hierarchy implementation, etc.); • involve industrial partners, local authorities and civil society organizations in testing and operationalising the recommendations and retrieving early evidence in practical conditions (e.g. piloting nature-based mitigation solutions, after-use of industrial sites, biodiversity stress-tests, etc.), demonstrating measurable improvements and secured ecosystem services. In addition, this topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Political Science, Sociology**
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-03 Systemic approaches to accelerate transformative change for biodiversity	Proposals should: • identify and analyse implementation gaps in transformative change for biodiversity through a systems approach, including behavioural sciences, SSH, culture and the arts, building on existing knowledge across different types, including Indigenous and local. Where relevant, systemic analyses should be supported by empirical biodiversity data, including ecosystem functioning indicators, to ensure that behavioural and governance interventions are grounded in measurable ecological outcomes; • analyse and map cross-actor and cross-sector relationships, different worldviews and knowledge systems - including Indigenous and local knowledge - power dynamics, gender roles, governance and influence pathways, including how knowledge is produced, validated and mobilised across actor groups, to identify how interactions between them drive or hinder transformative change for biodiversity; • anticipate and analyse how indirect drivers of biodiversity loss interact with societal, economic and cultural values, affect intrinsic biodiversity values, access to and perceptions of nature and behavioural change, in order to identify key leverage points for interventions and inform strategies for transformative, nature-positive change. Proposals should address biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution as interconnected crises requiring coherent and mutually reinforcing solutions; • design, pilot and evaluate approaches to shift governance arrangements, organisational and community routines and decision-making processes (e.g. compliance and enforcement, investment and finance decisions, cost-benefit analysis, land and sea management practices, and nature-based solutions, and communication strategies grounded in cultural and landscape values) for the benefit of communities as well as the private sector. This topic requires the effective contribution from the 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. **Main keywords: Behavioural sciences, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Business, Political Science, Cultural and Creative sector, Gender studies**

Call - Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society (2027-02)

Deadline: 14 January 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-01 Assessing direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity decline of invertebrates	Proposals are expected to contribute to all the following expected outcomes: • stakeholders involved in biodiversity conservation and restoration activities have an improved understanding of how direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity decline work, considering spatial and temporal scales and dynamics, and their interactions; • the implementation at different spatial and temporal scales of the EU biodiversity policies and legislation, notably the Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR) is improved, enabling the prioritisation of actions and the identification of systemic solutions; • stakeholders, including primary producers, whose business models rely on ecosystem services are better equipped to take strategic decisions that support biodiversity, thereby increasing opportunities while reducing their exposure to risks linked to the decline of these services. This topic requires the effective contribution of 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Political Science, Law, Sociology**
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02 Living labs co-creating solutions for the restoration of ecosystems addressing implementation bottlenecks and improving resilience to risks	Proposals are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • stakeholders are empowered to co-create, deploy and replicate viable ecosystem restoration measures leading to their wider uptake, with solutions to address implementation bottlenecks and financing issues; • competent authorities in charge of implementing the EU Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR) can design and reuse effective deployment frameworks, informed by evidence and lessons generated through living labs across different contexts; • social, economic and environmental co-benefits, risks and trade-offs of nature restoration activities are demonstrated, addressed and made explicit to support informed decision-making and scaling, including, where appropriate, potential One Health aspects. This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, across all phases of the living lab process, including co-design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, with particular attention to behavioural change, social acceptance, participatory governance and conflict mediation, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords: Sociology, Economics, Behavioural sciences, Political Science**

HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-03 Networking to scale up living labs for nature restoration solutions and to address bottlenecks to implementation	Proposals are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes: • Living labs working on nature restoration are better connected, they are better involved in policy developments, and they benefit from existing knowledge and experience, leading to scale up of solutions for nature restoration and to address bottlenecks to implementation in particular through strengthened ownership including by local communities, private actors and public authorities; • the cooperation between research, practice and policy on nature restoration is increased, with attention to practitioners involved in nature restoration (farmers, foresters, fishers and/or other businesses depending on ecosystem services) and rural/local communities and authorities as well as traditional and local knowledge holders; • public authorities, land owners and/or managers, water related stakeholders, food and bioeconomy actors and practitioners have access to shared, validated deployment and governance frameworks that support the scale up of nature restoration actions as well as estimates for demand for certified environmental outcomes supporting restoration objectives (certified carbon farming credits and, once methodologies are available, nature credits). This topic requires the effective contribution of SSH disciplines including economics, finance, cultural and communication science, 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. **Main keywords: Economics, Political Science, Law, Communication studies**
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-04 Innovative solutions to fight wildlife trafficking and to reduce invasion of invasive alien species	Proposals should: • develop tools/prototypes, using innovative solutions for the detection of invasive alien species in trade and illegal wildlife trade, prioritising technologies and methods deployable by law enforcement and competent authorities, in co-creation with the end-users taking into consideration cost-effectiveness and minimising barriers to adoption; • ensure that the solutions developed allow for the lawful collection, preservation, and admissibility of digital and physical evidence. Furthermore, solutions should specifically facilitate cross-border evidence collection in support of competent authorities, while maintaining the unbroken chain-of-custody and data governance compliance principles; • develop the skills and competences of competent authorities, including law enforcement services, border guards, customs authorities and environment protection agencies, to use these tools (including for the lawful collection of crime evidence), for example by developing trainings and training materials; • develop modern and effective societal awareness raising campaigns involving civil society non-governmental organisations and companies where relevant. 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.

	Main keywords: Sociology, Law, Behavioural Sciences

II - Transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society (2027-03)

Deadline: 16 September 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-NATURE-2027-03-01 Advancing interdisciplinary, data-driven research at the biodiversity- health interface under a One Health approach	Proposals are expected to contribute to all the following expected outcomes: • public authorities, researchers and policymakers have access to robust knowledge foundations and analytical frameworks that enable inter- and transdisciplinary biodiversity-related research and collaboration, address interdependencies and strengthen the operationalisation of the One Health and Planetary Health approaches; • researchers, public authorities and global organisations have access to Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR) data supported by enhanced digital infrastructures. These data will build on improved identification, mobilisation and interoperability of existing data across thematic areas relevant to ecosystem and wildlife health, the main drivers of biodiversity loss and their impacts on human and animal health; • researchers, affected communities, food producers, data scientists, public authorities, healthcare professionals and animal health professionals, policymakers, risk assessors civil society organisations, private sector actors, societal partners and other stakeholders can assess the health benefits and risk prevention associated with maintaining, improving and restoring ecosystem health. These stakeholders will also be supported in applying evidence-based and tested recommendations, tools and solutions to effectively mainstream biodiversity in the operationalisation of One Health and Planetary Health approaches through biodiversity conservation and restoration actions and multi-host disease prevention. Proposals are encouraged to apply a multi-actor approach, including data providers and Social Sciences and Humanities disciplines, to support the above-mentioned systemic One Health-biodiversity integration and evidence-based decision-making and produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities. **Main keywords, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology**

Call - Bridging actions (2027-01)

Deadline: 16 February 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-01-09 EU AI Media Platform – modular multilingual public-interest infrastructure for European news and audiovisual media (IA) - Apply AI	The project will support the development of a modular, trustworthy and interoperable AI-enabled infrastructure enabling pan-European public-interest media platform(s) to make available real time news and information from professional media outlets across the EU and associated countries to wider audiences. The concrete expected outcomes are: • Reliable, modular and interoperable infrastructure with validated service levels and sustainability pathways, integrating AI-based components that support multilingual and multimodal media workflows including audiovisual processing and adaptation workflows, relevant metadata interoperability for broadcast and streaming contexts, social-media-facing interaction and adaptive, personalised, and interactive content experiences (modular journalism) catering for diverse user needs. • Content in multiple languages and onboarding conditions and equal access for all types of media organisations, from public broadcasters to small local publishers, SMEs, cultural institutions and civil society groups. • Built-in safety, transparency and governance features, fair human-data interactions (e.g., legibility, agency, negotiability), traceability of key decisions, open evaluation methods, and validated governance and interoperability frameworks. **Main keywords: Media studies, Linguistics, Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries**

Call - Bridging actions (2027-03)

Deadline: 15 June 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-03-07 Europe's world class research and technology infrastructures as strategic assets for talent to Choose Europe	This topic aims to leverage Europe's world-class research and technology infrastructures to attract global scientific talent and to strengthen Europe's position as a partner of choice for international scientific cooperation, in line with the European strategy on research and technology infrastructures. Projects are expected to focus on: • Partnering with non-associated third-country scientific institutions, including universities to align on research methodologies, testing protocols and data sharing in the chosen field; promote the uptake in other world regions of practices developed and tested by pan-European research and technology infrastructures, to ensure comparability of results; and support the design of distributed

	research ecosystems, including data and cloud platforms and ecosystems. This could be achieved through joint workshops or training programmes, summer schools and other scientific visits aimed at building long-term bilateral links between European infrastructures and scientific institutions in other countries. • Organising targeted dissemination and outreach activities bringing together research and technology infrastructures, scientists and innovators, with the aim of effectively leveraging European infrastructures as world-class hubs for science and innovation and strengthening international engagement. Proposals are expected to address one of the areas listed below and the area addressed should be clearly identified in the proposal. If a proposal addressed multiple areas, they should select "Cross-cutting area". A proposal may also choose "Other area" and identify which one. • Area 1: Health and biomedical sciences • Area 2: Food science and agriculture technologies • Area 3: Clean energy and clean mobility solutions • Area 4: Environmental and Climate sciences and observation • Area 5: Physics and astronomy • Area 6: Advanced materials • Area 7: Social sciences and humanities • Area 8: Cross-cutting area • Area 9: Other area **Main keywords: Social sciences and Humanities**

Call - Bridging actions (2027-05)

Deadline: 03 March 2027

Topic	SSH aspects
HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-05-01 Skills for innovative SMEs	The selected consortium shall organise and manage the SME support scheme. In particular, the consortium is expected to: • Ensure the sound design and implementation of the SME support scheme, including launching the call, eligibility checks, evaluations, and business support, where necessary. • Promote the scheme to secure quality applications, monitor impact (including on skills development) and disseminate success stories of the innovation-to-investment journey. • Provide support to funded SMEs for the transnational recruitment of researchers, including through the EURAXESS network and assistance with visa applications; • Organise networking events and training on industrial innovation and business management, and promote cooperation among the community of researchers and funded SMEs; • Ensure equal access across EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries and balanced distribution of strategic sectors.

	Moreover, the scheme should be open to recruit researchers both from STEM disciplines and social sciences and humanities (SSH) background, who could bring social innovation practices or an interdisciplinary perspective to the innovation capacity of the SMEs. **Main keywords: Education, Business, Social innovation, Gender studies**