



EASSH

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EASSH and the science policy landscape

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Overview

The landscape: the science policy ecosystem



A European SSH voice for the visibility of research results -



Platform's instruments, strategies and tools to support policy makers (funding the research that Europe needs)

National Research System

- ▶ Designing National Science policy - OECD countries in 1960s
- ▶ Accounting system: the Frascati Manual
- ▶ Funding research as part of the core funding
- ▶ Scarcity of very large National research programmes in SSH
- ▶ Methods: local studies, (understand society in context)

=> As a result: proportionally smaller budgets at National level

The European system

- ▶ R&I is part of MFF EU budget
- ▶ Approval of the FP: three parties EC, EP and MS
- ▶ Member States' priorities inform the European Research ecosystem
- ▶ Industry and science lobbying between approvals
- ▶ Proposals for large European programmes stem co-funded programmes
- ▶ The work programme is drafted and discussed with Prog Committees of National representatives

=> There are few large European SSH programmes



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Science Policy focus



Community driven



Analysis of the architecture of funding research at both National and European levels



All SSH disciplines - largest umbrella organisation in Europe

EASSH activities

- ▶ **Facilitate** SSH research contribution into the research and innovation agenda
- ▶ **Bridge** between science policy and research community
- ▶ **Mediate** among disciplinary approaches for a strong community voice
- ▶ **Engage** with other communities of research and policy makers
- ▶ **Coordinate** experts across disciplines on specific topics
- ▶ **Enhance** visibility of SSH research results

- ▶ **A strong research community to harvest robust evidence for policymakers**

Nature of SSH R&D

- Local studies
- Policy experimentations: socio-economical, geographical, and cultural differences
- Foreseen and unforeseen social shocks/crises
- Social progress index: cycle and re-cycle of main issues



- No incremental research but evidence from society change as this adapts to emerging needs
- Art, humanities and Soc Sci res evolves with people
- Methods, tools and approaches to research evolve over time (as any other science)

Needs Going Forward




ERAC FP10 task force: EASSH key recommendations

1. A dedicated and appropriate space for supporting research into challenges to society, culture, and human values.
2. An appropriate level of resources comparable to other key priorities with a wider range of intervention areas and a balanced distribution of resources.
3. Appropriate representation of SSH expertise throughout FP10, from the initial design of the programme, through to call drafting and project evaluation.
4. Regular monitoring of SSH integration also under the next FP.
5. Flexibility of project size
6. More resources for ERC and pillar two to support bottom-up collaborative projects
7. More fundamental Research and Innovation Actions in pillar 2



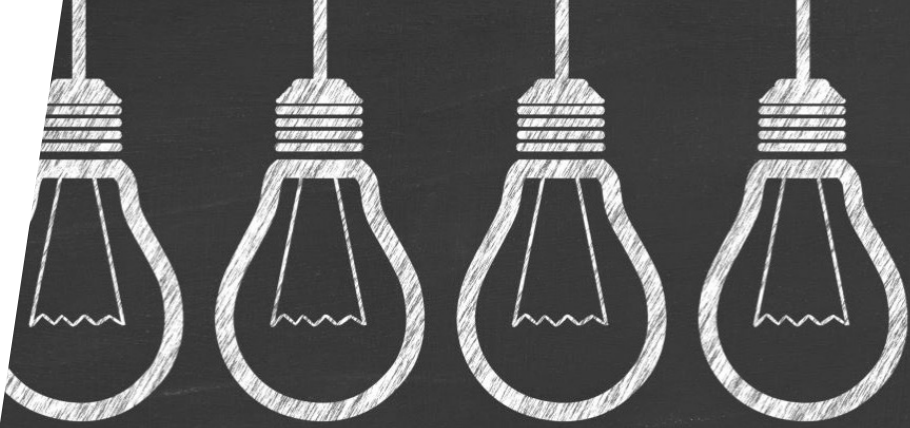


Facilitate SSH research contributions beyond the Framework Programmes

- ▶ Multi-DGs relations (eg DG Home, DG Health, DG Connect etc.)
 - ▶ Data gathering: funded projects for mapping, analysis and task force discussions and Understand emerging research for future policies
 - ▶ Formal science policy advisory mechanism
 - ▶ Becoming an intergovernmental organisation
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Mechanisms

- ▶ Host a European platform to define and implement a strategic research agenda (aiming at aligning research priorities in SSSH areas)
- ▶ European partnerships: setting the research agenda from within
- ▶ Res Infrastructures in response to community needs (eg. Migration, historical data for climate change etc.)
- ▶ Missions: how scientific evidence mold innovative policy trends
- ▶ Science Diplomacy trusted partner



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Bibliometric mapping of some SSH topics

