

# The candidate for the European Partnership on Social Transformations and Resilience (STR)

# What are European Partnerships?



European Partnerships are strategic initiatives that bring together various stakeholders - **the European Commission, agencies and ministries funding research, national governments, public institutions, NGOs, and the private sector to:**

- create **transformative Research & Innovation programmes** addressing major challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, or digital transformation,
- develop of **knowledge, tools and innovative solutions** to address contemporary challenges in a collaborative, interdisciplinary and systematic manner,
- contribute to **new strategies and policy solutions** at European, national and regional level.

# European Partnership Portfolio

## Cluster 1: Health

- Innovative Health Initiative
- Global Health EDCTP3
- Assessment of Risks of Chemicals (PARC)
- Transforming of Health Care Systems
- ERA for Health
- Rare Diseases
- One-Health Antimicrobial Resistance
- Personalised Medicine
- Pandemic Preparedness
- Brain Health

## Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity, Inclusive Societies

- Resilient Cultural Heritage
- Social Transformations and Resilience

## Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

- Chips JU
- Smart Networks and Services
- High Performance Computing
- European Metrology (Art. 185)
- Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition
- AI-Data-Robotics
- Photonics
- Made in Europe
- Clean Steel – Low Carbon Steelmaking
- Processes4Planet
- Globally Competitive Space Systems
- Innovative Materials for EU (I AM for EU)
- Virtual Worlds
- Textiles of the Future

## Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility

- Clean Hydrogen
- Clean Aviation
- Single European Sky ATM Research 3
- Europe's Rail
- Clean- Energy Transition
- Driving Urban Transition
- Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility
- Batteries
- Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport
- Built4People
- Solar Photovoltaics

## Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

- R&I in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) (Art. 185)
- Circular Bio-based Europe
- Biodiversa+
- Blue Economy
- Water4All
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Accelerating Farming Systems Transformation
- Agriculture of data
- Safe and Sustainable Food systems
- Forests and Forestry for a sustainable Future

# Social Transformations and Resilience Partnership - Key Information



- **Expected partners:** research funding organisations, ministries and national public agencies for labour, social affairs, education, R&I



- **Coordinator:** National Science Centre (NCN), Poland



- **Duration:** 2027 – 2034 (and potentially beyond)



- **Total estimated budget:** EUR 100 M – 200 M (depending on Member States' contributions)

# Objectives of the Partnership on Social Transformations and Resilience



- creation of a transformative R&I programme between **social sciences and humanities** to build resilience, ensure fairness and inclusiveness and foster social cohesion in the light of climate, environmental, technological and demographical changes and unexpected shocks,
- implementation of **6 calls for projects** usually involving 3 entities from 3 different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries,
- supporting **cross-project collaboration, exchange and connecting** researchers with **stakeholders and citizens**,
- training and promotion of **open research, open data, data accessibility and reusability**,
- increasing impact through **uptake** of knowledge, research results, tools and innovative solutions,
- supporting the development of **evidence-based public policies** and strategies.

# Impact Areas of the Partnership on Social Transformations and Resilience



## Social Protection and Essential Services

- Use of social policy to increase resilience and reduce inequalities
- Stability and effectiveness of social security systems
- Reappraisal and reviews of established principles like 'universality' and 'insurance'
- Sustainability of financing and taxation models
- Changing norms in the delivery of welfare

## Future of Work

- Re-organisation of work and businesses (impact of new technologies, effects of digitalisation and climate adaptation)
- Quality of work and wellbeing
- Labour market operation and access to work
- Social cohesion and inequalities

## Education and Skills

- STEM and ICT skills; development of entrepreneurial, transversal and soft skills; "right to training"
- Skills intelligence and anticipation tools
- Labour and skills shortages; horizontal segregation
- Examine contribution of tertiary system and effectiveness of existing education systems
- Learning for environmental sustainability

## Fair Transition towards Climate Neutrality

- Conceptualising fairness; examining attitudes, values and lifestyles
- Building trust and legitimacy
- Distributional impact of climate policies and instruments
- Systemic design approaches
- Democratisation of the green transition

# Social Transformations and Resilience Foresight Platform



## Features

- Information on the STR Partnership
- Foresight process with input loops
- Event organisation
- Individual profiles

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# Social Transformations and Resilience Foresight Platform



- Defining needs for the future
- Connecting stakeholders (research funders, ministries, researchers, civil society, policymakers, and social partners) and helping prepare a future partnership of stakeholders
- Focusing on four areas to build resilience: social protection, future of work, education and skills, fair transition to climate neutrality
- Co-creating knowledge, identifying emerging needs, finding new perspectives
- Shaping the future research agenda
- Building a community of researchers and societal actors to co-create a strategic research agenda

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# How to participate in the development of the SRIA?



# Benefits of European Partnerships



## European Partnerships:

- improve alignment of national and European funding rules and eligibility criteria, which simplifies access for applicants, and enhances cross-border collaboration,
- strengthen national coordination, including alignment with national agendas and stakeholder groups leading to better governance, more strategic participation, and improved stakeholder engagement,
- help engage a wider variety of actors, including less experienced countries, cities, industry players, NGOs, and other stakeholders,
- support exchange of best practices, mutual learning (e.g., via ERA-LEARN and staff exchanges), and create networks of experienced and new participants, which collectively raise the overall capacity for research and innovation,
- encourage workshops, training, dedicated tools to help build institutional and individual capacities supporting project management and strategic engagement with policy, NGO and industry actors.

# Challenges of European Partnerships



- High administrative burden and complexity, combined with lack of clear guidelines and templates – especially challenging for agencies involved in multiple partnerships.
- Lack of staff, particularly experienced personnel, which limits the ability to take on leadership roles
- Insufficient support for training, onboarding, and knowledge transfer - smaller or less experienced countries, in particular, require support mechanisms to participate effectively.
- Challenges in defining national priorities and aligning partnership goals with national agendas (especially for Widening countries).
- Limited involvement of national and regional stakeholders.

# What benefits will the NCN's coordination of the partnership bring to Poland?



- Opportunity to fund research that addresses societal challenges important to Polish and European societies and support for the social sciences and humanities (SSH) community.
- Availability of EU co-funding to support the implementation of calls for proposals and other activities addressing pressing societal challenges
- Opportunity to collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders. \
- Capacity building at the agency level and the opportunity to gain expertise in research management.
- Support for the participation of Widening Countries (EU13 + Greece and Portugal) in the Partnership and the Horizon Europe Programme
- Opportunity for the NCN to participate in shaping European research policies in the area of SSH, as well as broader research funding policy
- Strengthening NCN's organisation's international profile and increasing its international visibility
- Close cooperation with the European Commission.

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## **MORE INFORMATION**



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**Thank you!**