
PolSCA webinar series on Horizon Europe

Cluster 2

‘Culture, creativity and inclusive society’

9th December 2021

10.00 - 12.00

(Working language: Polish)

WEBINAR OVERVIEW

The primary focus of this webinar is on [Cluster 2 of HE Pillar II ‘Culture, creativity and inclusive society’](#), which aims to provide interdisciplinary, evidence-based expertise of European social sciences and humanities for better understanding the most pressing social, economic, technological and cultural challenges. The Cluster with its 2,3 mld euro budget funds three strands of research in 2021-2022: democracy and governance; European cultural heritage and the cultural and creative industries; and social and economic transformations.

The webinar will focus on opportunities for social and humanities researchers deriving from participation in Cluster 2 calls. Participants will be provided with an insight on how to navigate the [Work Programme \(WP\) 2021-2022 for Cluster 2](#) with its destinations, expected impacts and topics themes, as well as on how to pinpoint specific topics of interests in other Clusters.

A session on [the ERC proposals](#) in social sciences and humanities with focus on good case practices and recommendations for future applicants from the perspective of evaluators will follow.

A beneficiary perspective will be presented by Polish researchers who will share their expertise and experiences related to the EU funded projects i.e., good case practices from previous framework programmes. The webinar will close with a discussion on opportunities, challenges and solutions for social sciences and humanities researchers and institutions in participating in Horizon Europe.

The webinar is for researchers and project managers from Polish Academy of Sciences only.

An [InfoDay](#) and a [Brokerage Event](#) dedicated to Cluster 2. and organized by European Commission will take place on 7th and 8th of December. We encourage you to attend all the events, to gain knowledge and expand your network for fruitful collaboration in Cluster 2. calls and other opportunities for social sciences and humanities researcher in Horizon Europe.

AGENDA

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10.00 – 10.05 | Opening remarks – Tomasz Poprawka, The Polish Science Contact Agency in Brussels

10.05 – 10.35 | Cluster 2: Calls and opportunities – Mikołaj Pyczak, The National Centre for Research and Development, The National Contact Point Department

The session will focus on opportunities for social sciences and humanities' research in the Work Programme 2021-2022 for Cluster 2, with a particular emphasis on calls with deadline in April 2022. The possible role of social sciences and humanities' research in other clusters of Horizon Europe will be highlighted as well.

10.35 – 10.50 | The ERC proposals evaluation process in SSH: inside view – Honorata Jakubowska, The ERC Executive Agency, B5. Social Sciences and Humanities; Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Faculty of Sociology

During the session an overview of the ERC proposals in social sciences and humanities from the perspective of evaluators will be presented with focus on good case practices and recommendations for future applicants.

10.50 – 11.00 | Q&A

11.00 – 11.40 | European funded grants from the researchers' perspective

Bogna Gawrońska-Nowak, Cracow University of Economics, The Institute of Urban and Regional Development

Maciej Eder, The Institute of the Polish Language of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Adam Czarnecki, The Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences

The session will concentrate on presenting good case practices and success stories of Polish beneficiaries of the EU programmes. The participants will discover more about the added value of participating in international projects for social sciences and humanities' researchers and institutions.

11.40 – 11.55 | Discussion

Opportunities, challenges and possibilities for social sciences and humanities' researchers and institutions in Horizon Europe will be discussed with focus on increasing participation of Polish participants.

11.55 – 12.00 | Closing remarks

GENERAL REMARKS

The main objective of the activities undertaken as part of the **PoISCA Webinar series** is to strengthen the knowledge of the EU framework programme for research and innovation – [Horizon Europe \(HE\)](#) among representatives of the scientific community of the [Polish Academy of Sciences \(PAS\)](#). The participation in Horizon Europe (2021-2027) will undoubtedly be a great challenge for scientists and research units in Poland, including employees of the PAS Institutes. Yet, Horizon Europe programme, with a budget of EUR 95.5 billion, clearly provides a great opportunity to implement ambitious R&D projects, largely based on multilateral scientific cooperation.

The synergy of various activities initiated within the [PASIFIC](#) programme under the PAS headquarters, combined with dissemination and training activities undertaken by the [PoISCA Office](#) in accordance with its mission shall contribute to increasing the effective participation of the research institutes of the PAS in projects funded under Horizon Europe. To further enable that, PoISCA is involved in **building and strengthening an informal support network** dedicated to scientists and research managers of the PAS institutes in the context of the EU framework program for research and innovation, with an emphasis on Horizon Europe

PoISCA initiated the roll-out of these webinars in the first half of the 2021. The [kick-off meeting](#) included the general introduction to Horizon Europe and a national support system. This was followed by a general introduction to [HE pillar II](#), including strategic planning, missions and partnerships. In the second half of 2021, a number of follow-up webinars are being delivered by PoISCA team ranging from a detailed overview of selected clusters, to various HE instruments (e.g. [Widening measures](#), [Cluster 6 of HE](#)).