

# Horizon Europe Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society (CCIS)

## Information Webinar: Q&A 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

### The Work Programme (WP):

1. Will Cluster 2 under the Work Programme 2024 be updated? Will there be new applications coming up in this cluster later in 2024?

The open calls in current work programme will close on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. The next work programme for Cluster 2 has not yet been confirmed – we are expecting this later in 2024.

There are likely to be other opportunities, relevant for Cluster 2 and SSH, published in the meantime. There are also other opportunities for SSH researchers in the other 5 clusters within Pillar 2. Please sign up to my newsletter to stay updated and get in touch with Kim (UK NCP for Cluster 2) via [email](#) if you have specific interests in applying for other SSH opportunities in other clusters.

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2. Is it fair to say that clustering and cooperation is encouraged throughout the work programme? How will the European Commission (EC) facilitate this?

Yes, clustering and cooperation is indeed encouraged throughout the work programme.

You may want to check the [list of participating countries](#) (including eligibility and other conditions for funding). Some calls specify which countries/regions the EC suggest working with (for example, for Democracy-01-01, you are encouraged to work with entities in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) region). These details are listed under the call topics within the work programme.

Similarly, for some calls, clustering with successful projects from past calls have been flagged in the work programmes. For example, in Destination 3, Transformations-01-04, you are encouraged to work with other selected projects under this call and other relevant projects, including: “HORIZON-CL2-2023-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-02: Towards sustainable economic policy paradigms”. Please note these details are listed under the call topics within the work programme.

For other projects, although we don't know which projects will be successful, the EC have confirmed that it is important that collaboration beyond your project is included in your plan and proposal with the aim to build wider networks and increase impact. You can find this guidance [on this EC webinar](#) (from 1:40-2:23).

3. Should none of the topics available for 2024 fit the research areas of expertise, is there a sense of direction for the following funding phase for what concerns Pillar 2, or at least when would the next opportunities likely to be published?

We don't have details on the next work programme at the moment. We expect it later in 2024. Please refer to the first answer in this section.

## **Destination 1 - Innovative research on democracy and governance**

1. RE: Democracy-01-12: Testing and implementation of research results fostering democracy and governance.

Is this CSA (Coordination and Support Action) call not for organisation who have already won EU grants?

The work programme and annexes do not restrict applications for CSA's to previously successful grant holders.

Please note the eligibility conditions for this topic (as set out in the [Work Programme](#), page52-53): "The proposed actions must not duplicate or replace dissemination and exploitation activities that are part of the initial R&I projects. Proposed actions should go beyond such actions aiming at knowledge transfer and exchange."

## **Destination 2 - Innovative research on European cultural heritage and the Cultural and Creative Industries**

1. RE: Heritage-01-01: New European Bauhaus – Innovative solutions for greener and fairer ways of life through arts and culture, architecture and design for all.

Can you give an idea what kind of 'output' they want since it is under the IA (Innovation Actions) scheme?

For IA's, the EC are looking for activities directly aimed at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered, or improved products, processes or services.

There are 3 expected outcomes for this call topic, as listed in the Work Programme (page 91):

- Innovative solutions, validated in pilot trials, demonstrating how strategic investments in the spirit of the New European Bauhaus initiative in cultural heritage (which may include cultural landscapes) and the CCIs can be successfully realised.
- Increase the understanding and visibility of the role that cultural-led innovation integrating the New European Bauhaus approach can play.
- Wider involvement and social inclusion of citizens in the preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage through engagement with local ecosystems.

You can find guidance on this topic from the work programme shared in this [EC webinar on Destination 2](#) (between 2:20-4:23).

2. RE: Heritage-01-02: Cultural and creative industries for a sustainable climate transition.

Can you give some information on what the equivalent in the UK would be for the micro enterprises in this area?

You can find more information about UK micro-businesses here: <https://pec.ac.uk/news/national-statistics-on-the-creative-industries>

3. RE: Heritage-01-04: Europe's cultural heritage and arts – promoting our values at home and abroad.

Requirements include 'build on existing evidence' - does this mean that only those who were successful on CL2 - 2022 H 01-02 can apply?

No, you do not need to have been successful before. You can still build on existing work from projects previously funded through Destination 2, which have been recently summarised in a brochure <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/9e16c9a5-5cdf-11ee-9220-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-293355247>

4. RE: Heritage-01-05: Strategies to strengthen the European linguistic capital in a globalised world.

What do they mean by "European linguistic capital"?

There is no definition provided by the EC. However, the term refers to European languages as vehicles of identity paying attention to policies and practices regarding the use of national and 'international' languages and their place in each country's cultural, scientific, academic, social, political, and economic life. For additional background to this topic, please read the [work programme](#) 'scope' for this call (pages 99-100), and see the [EC webinar on this call topic](#) (from 11:31-14:09).

5. For all the calls under cultural heritage, are there EU based organisations who are leading and are looking for UK collaborators?

Please see the 'finding partners' section below.

### **Destination 3 - Innovative research on social and economic transformations**

1. RE: Transformations-01-01: Policy recommendations from socio-economic impacts of loneliness in Europe.

Given that this is a CSA action, does it mean that the organisation in the UK needs to have already a research programme on loneliness in place to apply for CSA?

The work programme and annexes do not restrict applications for CSA's to previously successful grant holders.

2. RE: Transformations-01-03: Minimise costs and maximise benefits of job creation and job destruction.

Are they focused on specific industry or labour sectors?

There are no specific industry or labour sectors outlined in the work programme for this call topic. We suggest providing sound justification for the industry or labour sectors you select and how these will help answer the issues outlined in the topic text ([WP](#), page 129) and deliver the expected outcomes (WP, page 128).

3. RE: Transformations-01-04: Social services: economic and social returns and value added.

What could be a good 'impact' in this topic? Do they want new indicator measures in this area?

Please refer to the call topic ([WP](#), page 129-130) for the requirements and expected outcomes:

- Well-founded evidence on the social and economic returns of social services, including interlinkages between child poverty and gaps in access to social services, and interlinkages in access to employment and access to social services.
- Improved understanding of the channels through which social services may foster and accelerate a fair green and digital transition.
- Identification and use of the best methodology to capture and measure the value added of the provision of social services, including informal social services, in the EU Member States and Associated Countries in different geographical areas (rural and urban).

Indicators are not explicitly mentioned; if this is an additional output for your project, please explain its relevance in your proposal.

For further information on impact, please see: <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-05/swd-2023-132-monitoring-evaluation-he.pdf> (page 25-38).

4. RE: Transformations-01-05: Social dialogue in the new world of work.

What are "non-standard workers"?

Please see the full topic text: "Research activities should focus on the interplay between non-standard forms of work (temporary employment; temporary agency work, part-time work, platform work, and other forms of non-standard employment) and social dialogue." ([Work Programme](#), page 131)

There is also more information about 'non-standard workers' on the knowledge for policy EU site:

[https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/foresight/topic/changing-nature-work/non-standard-forms-of-employment-on-rise\\_en](https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/foresight/topic/changing-nature-work/non-standard-forms-of-employment-on-rise_en)

5. RE: Transformations-01-09: The role of social economy in addressing social exclusion, providing quality jobs and greater sustainability.

What is the definition of "social economy", does the EU have a definition of this?

No definitions are provided in the work programme.

You may find supplementary information in the following European Commission webpages:

- [Report: Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy](#) – this report is referenced in the call topic text (work programme, page 139).
- [Social economy in the EU](#)
- [Social economy action plan](#)

## **FINDING PARTNERS:**

1. Is it possible to know who is looking for UK collaborators? Can you help with that?

There are a couple of methods that we suggest for finding partners (these are also listed in the webinar slides):

- Attend relevant brokerage events:
  - Join [Net4Society online brokerage platform](#)
- [CORDIS](#) – find examples of previously funded SSH projects, contact the organisation.
- [Funding and Tenders Portal](#):
  - [Partner Search](#) - under the 'How to participate tab' on the EU funding and tender opportunities portal where you can search for past projects and organisations.
  - Every topic listed has a 'Partner Search' function where you can upload your profile and review others that have done so.
- Networking: use your existing networks; expand your networks.
- Use social media channels.
- Ask UK NCP Cluster 2 (Kim, via [email](#)).

2. Do you have the link to the networking platform?

This will be Net4society - a networking platform to find partners for the Cluster 2 opportunities (it is free to sign up and join events): <https://cluster-2-brokerage-event.b2match.io/>

## **OTHER**

1. How can we sign up to the newsletter?

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2. Specific question about the slide on the UK HE Guarantee (webinar slide number 4): Does 'Applications submitted and verified' means total number of UK applications? And 'Grant offer letters issued' means total number of successful applications?

Applications submitted and verified means:

"The number of applications that have been submitted to UKRI and have had the initial checks to confirm that they have been submitted to the correct funding opportunity and have an eligible Horizon Europe grant. Since applications will have been evaluated through the European Commission's trusted peer review systems, no further application quality assessment has been undertaken by UKRI."

Grant offer letters issued means:

"The number of applications that have been processed and have had a grant offer letter awarded. This allows the project to begin."

Please see also the UKRI page: <https://www.ukri.org/publications/horizon-europe-guarantee-statistics/horizon-europe-guarantee-application-and-grant-offer-statistics/>

3. As innovation is a significant part of RIA calls, how can we scale our technology readiness level in social science projects? Is there any specific method for measuring it? Should we assign a numerical value to our project's technology readiness level - in some resources it says it is supposed to be between TRL 2 to 6. How can we justify our TRL level?

Euraxess has good guidance to help with this <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/career-development/researchers/manual-scientific-entrepreneurship/major-steps/trl>

4. What specific types of dissemination activities would you recommend developing?

Please see guidance from the European Commission on "Dissemination and Exploitation" here:

- [Dissemination and exploitation of research results \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [Overview of dissemination and exploitation in Horizon Europe](#)

You may also find this [publication on knowledge valorisation](#) (with particular reference to Cultural Heritage) helpful.

5. Are there benefits of having or not having EU partners. E.g., African / Asian?

Please refer back to the requirements set out in the topic descriptions of the work programme.

For example, in Democracy-01-01 you are encouraged to work with entities in the MENA region. This request links to the European Commissions "[Africa Initiative](#)" and "[Mediterranean Initiative](#)".

Please also see the [list of participating countries](#). Please note, for some topics there are exceptions to this list.

Please also see further information by the European Commission on [international cooperation in research and innovation](#).

6. A general question: is there a minimum grant amount that is recommended to apply for? I.e., can projects be too small for these calls?

Please see the guidance in the call topic descriptions under “Expected EU contribution per project”:

“The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of between EUR [X-amount]\* and [X-amount] million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.”

\*the expected contributions are listed in each of the call topics in the work programme.

There is no set minimum, but it does need to be realistic for the project and justified in the proposal to show how the amount will allow for the delivery of the expected outcomes.

7. How do I sign up to become an evaluator?

Please check the funding and tenders website for further details on how to sign up and regarding eligibility requirements, here: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>