



# Open topic: Strengthen Europe's social model and sustainable competitiveness through productivity

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Research carried out should lead to recommendations to help Europe remain a world power through a high level of welfare, competitiveness and productivity, while analysing the tensions and opportunities created by the strengthening of the European social model and sustainable competitiveness through productivity. Proposals should look into possible opportunities and tensions between driving competitiveness, maintaining Europe's social model and high environmental standards.

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# Tackling child poverty and ensuring disadvantaged children's access to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

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Past studies researched the cost of child poverty, and the returns yielded by and ways to secure disadvantaged children's participation to ECEC, yet their relevance to the current EU context is limited (i.e. most of them were conducted outside of the EU or they are now outdated). Producing EU-specific insights on these issues is the aim of this topic, which should help close the ECEC participation gap and improve social outcomes, in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights, while fostering fiscal sustainability and inclusive growth.

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# The impact of the use of digital tools outside school and for communication on educational outcomes and mental health

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Proposals should explore the complex, context-dependent ways in which different forms of digital leisure affect attention, motivation, creativity, learning habits, critical thinking, and socio-emotional skills. They should consider variations across age groups, socio-economic backgrounds, cultural contexts, and types of digital engagement.

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# Contribution of basic skills to productivity, innovation, competitiveness and economic growth

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Causal evidence on the economic impact of basic skills is still insufficient, both at microeconomic and macroeconomic levels, mostly due to limited use of longitudinal data. This also applies to the links between basic skills and other skills and disciplines (such as socio-emotional skills, and social sciences and humanities) to promote productivity, innovation, competitiveness and growth.

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# Making Europe a global magnet for talent - Attracting and retaining students, researchers and high-skilled workers from outside the EU

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There is still limited research on what specific factors and their variability across Member States and Associated Countries (e.g. academic quality, career opportunities, cultural appeal, political context or funding availability) most influence the decision-making process for international students when choosing destinations. The same applies to the factors that can make a destination desirable for researchers and other high-skilled workers (e.g. quality of life, wages, professional opportunities, integration and family reunification measures, support to innovation ecosystem).

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# Fostering competences for the green transition

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Fostering competences for the green transition requires a better understanding of young people's and workers' attitudes, concerns and behaviours about climate change and climate action, biodiversity loss, circular economy and sustainable economic growth, as well as of new ways of developing capabilities and skills. The transferability of skills across occupations and the need for upskilling and reskilling the current workforce are also key to advancing the green transition. These issues are interconnected with the ongoing digital transition.

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# Strengthened implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a focus on inclusion, integration, and health

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Proposals are encouraged to explore the biographical dimensions of integration, acknowledging the personal trajectories of migrants and refugees. Research should also explore the relationship between migratory movements and social identity formation, ensuring that integration policies are adaptable to evolving societal dynamics and sustainable over time. Proposals should incorporate quantitative data and sound methodologies to identify effective practices, target groups, and enabling conditions to assess integration policies and in particular labour market integration outcomes.

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# Rethinking long-term care policy in the face of EU demographic shifts

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-TRANSFO-09

Scientific evidence from research and innovation is needed to help address the increasing demand for long-term care in the EU in the context of shrinking labour resources and increasing pressures on public and private budgets. In line with the European Care Strategy and complementing the activities of the European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems, proposals should:

- evaluate the effectiveness of existing national/regional long-term care policies
- develop robust methodologies to model projections until 2070
- identify and analyse innovative policy mixes to address long-term care needs and long-term care supply challenges

Program: **Horizon Europe Cluster 2.**

Típus: **Research and Innovation Action**

TRL szint: **nem releváns**

Támogatás projektenként: **kb. 3,75 M EUR**

Támogatott projektek száma: **4**

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# Fostering cooperation and integration between SSH and STEM research and innovation in the EU

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The action is expected to be a forum that promotes dialogue and cooperation among research funders and policy makers in the EU (linked to the European Research Area) and beyond to further the integration of SSH and STEM in EU-funded R&I initiatives. [...] Proposals are expected to create an SSH-STEM Action, that focusses on SSH-STEM monitoring, SSH-STEM facilitation and SSH-STEM promotion, at European level, which should also include all the following aspects:

1. Monitoring
2. Facilitation and promotion
3. SSH/ STEM Science for Policy

Program: **Horizon Europe Cluster 2.**

Típus: **Coordination and Support Action**

TRL szint: **nem releváns**

Támogatás projektenként: **kb. 3,5 M EUR**

Támogatott projektek száma: **1**

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# Impact of access to nature-positive environments in promoting social cohesion and reduce inequalities in urban and peri-urban settings

HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-TRANSFO-01

Proposals should focus on exploring and better understanding the relationships between access to quality green and/or blue spaces in the pursuit of social and environmental justice, community cohesion and overall social fabric. Proposals may also look at how to support fair transitions to climate-resilient communities from a climate adaptation perspective, ensuring a link to cohesion and social resilience. Research to date has largely focused on the benefits of nature on individuals (e.g., improved health, reduced stress), while more and up-to-date knowledge is needed on their effects at a societal level and across cultural, geographical and socioeconomic contexts as well as the range of functional needs of different groups.

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# Impact of in-kind benefits on income distribution and on vulnerable populations

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Research activities may focus, as a baseline, on establishing a full mapping of in-kind benefits (both for free and at a subsidised cost, universal and means-tested) provided by national, regional and local governments. This mapping, potentially structured along the life-cycle perspective and/or around specific groups, might help to develop EU indicators on in-kind benefits and improve comparability.

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# Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives: role and contribution of the Social Economy

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Proposals should focus on exploring the potential virtuous relationships between social economy, sustainable competitiveness and shared prosperity. Research should focus on a deeper understanding of the factors contributing to the sustainable competitiveness of social economy entities on one side and, on the other, its possible impact on EU sustainable competitiveness. This requires addressing knowledge gaps, such as the lack of a comprehensive framework to measure the social economy's contribution to sustainable competitiveness in the European Union.

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# The impact of EU labour mobility on the Member States of the EU

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The research should build on relevant previous research, some of which has been conducted in previous Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects. Proposals should have a clear focus. Quantitative approaches and/or econometrics should be part of the proposed methodology. Approaches which can capture developments over time, such as panel analysis, might thereby be of added value. Projects should analyse the effects of labour mobility on the functioning of social security systems (eventually differentiating between the different pillars of the social security systems, e.g. pension system, health, care, etc.) in countries of origin and destination and their coordination and/or provide research which fosters an informed debate on potential strategies for a future-proof and efficient EU-level social security coordination.

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# The effective use of artificial intelligence in learning environments in pre-primary and primary education

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The research could explore how AI can enhance curricula, improve teaching methods, and personalise learning through adaptive technologies. It should also consider the developmental appropriateness of AI tools for young learners, focusing on cognitive, emotional, and social growth. Research on AI's impact on early childhood education and its role in supporting foundational skills would be valuable. Additionally, the research should emphasise teacher support, including how AI can assist with lesson planning, assessment, and feedback.

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# Closing the learning gap: uncovering causes and effective policy interventions for declining youth skills in mathematics, reading, and science

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Young people's mathematics, reading and science skills, as measured by large-scale international assessments such as the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), have significantly declined in Europe over the past 15 years. This applies both to the low and top levels of achievement. Reversing that trend is one of the fundamental objectives of the Union of Skills. While the research literature has well analysed the short-term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, the structural causes of the observed decline are still poorly understood. More in-depth research is necessary, using various data sources at national and international level.

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# Persons with disabilities: opportunities for labour inclusion and social protection through the life course

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Research 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. The role of employers, their concerns and good practices for labour inclusion of persons with disabilities needs to be assessed, as well as reasons to circumvent obligations to include employees with disabilities. Moreover, discrimination against persons with disabilities during the hiring process and the impact on job retention could be addressed.

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# Scaling and deploying innovations in migration management

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Proposals should map and analyse research outputs, methodologies, and innovations from relevant Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe migration projects, selecting those with high potential for policy uptake, operational implementation, market deployment and scaling. Proposals should consider ways to validate, adapt, and scale up these solutions across different governance levels (EU, national, local) and migration-related domains implementing high ethical standards and ensuring fundamental rights and privacy of all individuals affected.

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# Improving socio-economic outcomes for persons with dementia and informal caregivers

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Priority should be given to scaling up and contextualising interventions that have already shown promise or effectiveness at smaller scale, rather than developing entirely new or untested solutions. Applicants should provide a robust methodological framework for evaluating the effectiveness of the interventions. Proposals should also assess the economic feasibility and sustainability of the interventions, including cost-effectiveness and potential integration into existing health and social care systems or policy frameworks. Proposals can focus on vulnerable groups (e.g. migrants, lower socio-economic populations) for gender-responsive and inclusive interventions. Social inequality analyses are therefore also recommended.

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