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Exploring Success stories of SSH projects

As a result of the evaluation conducted during 2015 on SSH FP7 funded projects, 14 of them were selected because they demonstrated to be successful in achieving scientific, political, social impact or enhancing the European Research Area. In addition, 8 projects that did not meet the expected impacts were selected. The consortium has explored in depth all these cases in collaboration with the main researchers, consortium, and involved stakeholders and end-users. The case studies have revealed common components that contribute to projects' success as well as practices that hinder the achievement of such success. Reports will be available soon at the webpage.

Assessing the SSH research in H2020 funded projects

Is the Social Sciences and Humanities research conducted under Horizon 2020 responding to the current European societal challenges? Are we being more strategic and successful than in previous framework programmes? Are research projects implementing specific actions oriented towards scientific, political and or social impact? Have specific outputs been already obtained? Are resources being efficiently used? During 2016 the IMPACT-EV team was commanded to respond to these questions through an interim evaluation of the H2020 funded SSH research. Particularly, 147 projects funded under Societal challenge 6 (SC6) 'Europe in a changing world - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' were analyzed, which allowed the IMPACT-EV team to evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and EU added value of SC6 and to suggest ways to maximize them.

Citizens, researchers and policy makers debate on the impacts of SSH research

The seminar entitled “Citizens, Research and Social impact: open seminar on the scientific, political and social impact of social sciences and humanities” took place on December 15, 2016 in Barcelona, Spain. This seminar responded to the increasing demand of society to have access to research and know about its social impact. We counted with the participation of civil society organizations and policy makers from the fields of public health, housing, and education. Among others, the Cambridgeshire County Council, the Platform for People Affected by Mortgages (PAH), the Agency of Sanitary Quality and Assessment of Catalonia (AQuAS), and small organizations which are achieving critical social improvements. The seminar contributed to advance towards the direct involvement of citizens in the public debate about research and the evaluation of its research.

CITIZENS, RESEARCH AND SOCIAL IMPACT:
OPEN SEMINAR ON THE SCIENTIFIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Thursday, December 15th, 2016
Ateneu Barcelonès
Sala Jacint Verdaguer (Jacint Verdaguer Hall)

16:00-16:10: Welcome and Introduction
Ramon Flecha, Prof. University of Barcelona, IMPACT-EV Main Researcher, FP7
Teresa Sorde, Prof. Autonomous University of Barcelona

16:10-17:00: Impact and Housing. Roundtable and debate
Carme Lladó, Platform of Mortgage Victims (PAH) – Tarragona
Albert Terrones, Office of Promotion and Management of Housing, Barcelona Provincial Council
Gemma Caballé, UNESCO Housing Chair at the University Rovira i Virgili, Researcher Chair Sander Siles, Department of Science Policy and Scientometrics of the Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

17:00-17:50: Impact and Education. Roundtable and debate
Blanca Feliu, Seminar "On the Shoulders of Giants" Valencia, Primary teacher
Iman Ibn Tahakt, Cambridgeshire County Council, Advisory teacher.
Raquel Garcia and Miquel Charneco, Joaquim Ruyra school, Leadership team, Chair Sabre Castiella, Center for Organizational Research (COR), Università della Svizzera Italiana, Switzerland

17:50-18:10: Coffee Break

18:10-19:00: Impact and Public health. Roundtable and debate
Patricia Martí, Catalan League Foundation for Oncological Support, Psychoncologist
Paula Adam, Agency for Health Quality and Assessment of Catalonia (AQuAS), Head of Research Assessment
Chair: Claire Donovan, Brunel University, UK

19:00-19:15: Closing



1st Conference on Social Impact of Sciences: SIS2016

The SIS2016 Conference took place in Barcelona, the 25-29th July 2016, organized in the framework of the IMPACT-EV project. More than 400 participants attended the event, which counted with researchers in all fields of knowledge: Natural Sciences, Physics & Mathematics, Social Sciences & Humanities, Engineering Information & Technology, Life Sciences and Health & Pharmacy. Participants shared their projects and

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Public consultation: have your say on Horizon 2020

Brussels, 20 October 2016

The European Commission has today launched a **public stakeholder consultation** which will feed into the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020, the EU's €77 billion research and innovation funding scheme running from 2014 to 2020. This interim evaluation will help improve the functioning of Horizon 2020, and will also be an important element in preparations of a next EU research and innovation programme.

how these were contributing to social impact, and interdisciplinary debates were created about ways to improve the social impact of research. More information on the event: <http://socialimpactsience.org/sis2016/>

Position paper “SSH contribution to assess the social impact of research”

IMPACT-EV has contributed to the public stakeholder consultation about H2020 launched by the European Commission which is aimed at feeding the interim evaluation of H2020 and the design of FP9 <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=newsalert&year=2016&na=na-191016>

The position paper is based on some IMPACT-EV project results, including the conclusions of the ex-post evaluation of FP7 and the interim evaluation of H2020 that the IMPACT-EV team conducted.

See the paper at the IMPACT-EV webpage: http://impact-ev.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/POSITION-PAPER-IMPACT-EV_2017.pdf

The paper highlights the role that SSH are having in pioneering the development of monitoring systems of the social impact of research from all sciences, which is a current lack in H2020.

IMPACT-EV related events

Lidia Puigvert (CREA-UB) participated in the **Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities** celebrated within the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU in Bratislava (Slovakia) the 15th-16th November 2016. More information on the event: <http://www.ssh2016.eu/>

Aitor Gómez (CREA- UB) and other researchers of the CREA- UB IMPACT-EV team participated in the **Evaluation 2016 conference** the 24th-29th October 2016 in Atlanta (USA). The IMPACT-EV project and the Social Impact Open Repository (SIOR) launched by the IMPACT-EV consortium were presented in a symposium that counted with the participation of the renowned scholar in mixed methods research Dona Mertens. More information on the event: <http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=395>

MTAK organized the Workshop “Identification, location and temporal evolution of topics” KNOWeSCAPE – Analyzing the dynamics of information and knowledge landscapes with the support of COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology & KnoweScape. It was held in Budapest, Hungary, on August 29th -30th 2016. MTAK and DANS-JNAW organized the Workshop “Alternative metrics or tailored

metrics: Science dynamics for science policy” in Warsaw, Poland, on November 2016. Speaker presentations can be found on-line here [link: <http://knowescape.org/workshop-alternative-metrics-tailored-metrics-november-9-10-2016-warsaw-programme/>] together with an extended report [link: <http://knowescape.org/report-td1210-workshop/>].



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