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Freie Universität Berlin – EU Liaison Office

The EU Liaison Office of Freie Universität Berlin in Brussels

➢Head: Dr Charlotte Fiala

➢Attached to the Vice President for Research (and the Center for International Cooperation)

➢Established in 2009

➢One of Freie Universität's seven liaison offices abroad

➢Situated close to the European Parliament, DG Research & Innovation and national research liaison offices

Freie Universität Berlin – EU Liaison Office

The EU Liaison Office aims to:

➢increase the visibility of the University in Brussels and Europe, highlighting its outstanding contributions to research,

➢give strategic advice on European research funding for the University's professors

➢bring together European policy makers with researchers of Freie Universität Berlin who can offer cutting-edge academic advice,

➢support scientists and academics from Freie Universität in networking with colleagues from other European universities and research institutions,

➢initiate and support alumni activities in Brussels,

➢coordinate activities with the other international offices of Freie Universität.

Freie Universität Berlin: Raising awareness for social science and humanities

➢Non-paper in September/October 2010

➢Widely distributed, leading to other position papers, among which: Union of the German Academies, European Sociological Association, LERU, Swedish Univ. etc.

➢Conference of Freie Universität Berlin with the European Parliament in May 2011

➢Contribution of Freie Universität Berlin and others to the Greenpaper consultation in May 2011,
http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/pdf/contributions/post/germany/freie_universitat_berlin.pdf

➢Charlotte Fiala invited as an expert to an EP hearing in October 2011

➢Joint Letter of WZB, Freie Universität Berlin, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Leibniz-Association and BIGSSS to the Commissioner, MEPs leading the trilog negotiation and Irish Presidency in May 2013

Horizon 2020: The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)

➢November 2011: European Commission: Proposal

  ➢ http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020-documents

➢December 2012: European Parliament: Report

  ➢ Changes to the Commission proposal

  ➢ Budget proposal with percentages and amounts per item

    ➢ http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/itre/reports.html#menuzone

➢December 2012: PGA: Partial General Approach of the Council of the European Union

  ➢ Content agreed among Member States, no agreement on budget yet

  ➢ Specific programme: Most important text for scientists at the moment, then comparisons with the EP text to be negotiated until the summer

    ➢ http://www.kowi.de/Portaldata/2/Resources/horizon2020/H2020-2012-PGA-SP.pdf

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The three pillars of Horizon 2020:

- 1. Excellence
    - ERC
    - FET
    - Marie Skłodowska Curie (Docs and Post-docs)
    - Infrastructures
- 2. Industry
    - Leadership
    - Risk finance
    - SMEs
- 3. Societal challenges
    - Health
    - Bioeconomy
    - Energy
    - Transport
    - Climate
    - **Europe in a changing world (SSH)**
    - Security

    - http://www.kowi.de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-265/1012_read-1177/

➢6. EUROPE IN A CHANGING WORLD

6.1 Inclusive Societies:

6.1.1 Promoting smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

6.1.2 Building resilient and inclusive societies in Europe / Trusted organisations, practices, services and policies to build resilient, inclusive, participatory, open and creative societies in Europe, in particular taking into account migration, integration and demographic change

6.1.3 Europe's role as global actor, human rights and global justice

6.1.5 Urban planning and design (sustainable and inclusive environments)

6.2 Innovative societies:

6.2.1 Evidence-base for the Innovation Union and the European Research Area

6.2.2 New forms of innovation, including social innovation and creativity

6.2.3 Innovative, creative and productive potential of all generations / Demographic change

6.3 Reflective societies:

6.3.1 European heritage, memory, identity, integration and cultural interaction and translation, including its representations in cultural and scientific collections, archives and museums, to better inform and understand the present by richer interpretations of the past

6.3.2 European countries' and regions' history, literature, art, philosophy and religions; contemporary diversity

6.3.3 Europe's role in the world, mutual influence and ties between world regions, view from outside on European cultures

Open questions regarding the 6th Grand challenge

➢Budget for the 6th Grand challenge (€1500 Millions or only €900 Millions?)

➢6th Grand challenge only for research in social science and humanities or parts of the budget dedicated to other horizontal Horizon 2020 actions such as Widening participation, Science and Society?

➢Implementation and content of the Work programmes?

➢Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

➢Mainstreaming into the other six Societal challenges

Open questions regarding social science and humanities in other parts of Horizon 2020

➢ Mainstreaming of SSH into the other six Societal challenges

  ➢ SSH as an add-on or in the driving seat?

  ➢ Share of SSH scientists in the advisory boards and other committees influencing the implementation of Horizon2020?

  ➢ SSH researchers in the evaluation and review process

➢ Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

  ➢ Doctoral networks with other socio-economic actors?

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Preparation of universities and research organisations in Berlin Brandenburg for Horizon 2020

➢Late summer 2013: Final version of Horizon 2020 expected

➢Opportunity to participate in the Consultation of the Lithuanian Presidency's Conference Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities (23-24 September 2013 in Vilnius)

  ➢ http://horizons.mruni.eu/

➢Applying for the 6th Grand challenge AND using the opportunities for SSH mainstreaming in the other six Societal challenges / First pillar

➢Research strategy: Which European networks would your institution like to build and sustain in the next decade?