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Abbreviations

EASSH	European Alliance for the Social Sciences and Humanities
EC	European Commission
ERA	European Research Area
EU13 (EU12)	EU new member states: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia
EU15	EU old member states
FP7	7th European Framework Programme
Horizon 2020	The next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
ICPC	International Cooperation Partner Countries
INTERCO-SSH	EU-Project "INTERnational Cooperation in the SSH: Comparative Socio-Historical Perspectives and Future Possibilities"
MIRRIS	EU-Project "Mobilizing institutional reforms for better R&I systems/institutions in Europe"
NCPs	National Contact Points
NET4SOCIETY	International Network of the National Contact Points for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities = NET4SOCIETY, NET4SOCIETY², and NET4SOCIETY³
PMB	Project Management Board
RD	Research Directory
R&I	Research and Innovation
SC6	Societal Challenge 6
SSH	Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities
Third Countries	ICPC and industrialised non-European countries
VHD	Virtual Helpdesk

1.   Executive summary

NET4SOCIETY is the network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Societal Challenge 6 (SC6) in Horizon 2020 and Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) in FP7. NET4SOCIETY supports networking in the research community and helps SC6/ SSH NCPs to competently advise on all aspects of Horizon 2020. At the same time the network aims at increasing the visibility of European SSH research and supporting the integration of SSH throughout Horizon 2020.

Fig. 1: NET4SOCIETY³ Kick-Off participants (2013)

NET4SOCIETY was first set up in 2008 as an EU-funded project and was running in its third round (NET4SOCIETY³) from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2015. For its two years' duration, the project had a budget of nearly 1 million €. Over 80 European and international SC6/ SSH NCPs are active in the network.

A specific objective of NET4SOCIETY³ was to support NCPs and researchers in the transition from FP7 to Horizon 2020 by providing the necessary knowledge and tools. This commitment translated into a series of tailor-made workshops and high quality trainings. Tools like a Virtual Helpdesk, an e-newsletter and a network internal website further facilitated the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

At the same time the project promoted the relevance and impact of European SSH research – in all parts of Horizon 2020. Analytical reports and publications such as a Policy Brief on interdisciplinary research design, as well as a workshop on "Embedding SSH in Horizon 2020" worked towards this goal. To highlight funding opportunities for SSH researchers in all parts of Horizon 2020, NET4SOCIETY³ produced the widely disseminated and highly appreciated document "Opportunities for SSH Researchers".

The project also aimed to strengthen the European Research Area in SSH and to reduce the fragmentation of the SSH research community. To this end, NET4SOCIETY³ organised the international conference and brokerage event "Achieving Impact. Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020" (26-27 February 2014, Athens), which attracted more than 350 participants. Through a dedicated matchmaking session, the event promoted networking and consortium building. Similar support was provided through the Research Directory – a database of SSH key players in European research – and an online partner search service.

In a survey among network members, all participating SC6/ SSH NCPs rated the benefit of NET4SOCIETY³ for themselves as either excellent (72%) or good (28%).

2.   Summary description of project context and objectives

NET4SOCIETY is the network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon 2020's Societal Challenge 6 (SC6) "Europe in a changing world: inclusive, innovative and reflective societies" and Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH). Over 80 European and international SC 6/ SSH NCPs from around 50 different countries are active in the network. NET4SOCIETY supports networking in the research community and helps NCPs to competently advise on all aspects of Horizon 2020 (and formerly FP7). At the same time the network aims at increasing the visibility of European SSH research.

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The context in which NET4SOCIETY³ was implemented was shaped by the changes brought about by the transition from the 7th EU Framework Programme (FP7) to Horizon 2020, the new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation starting in 2014.

The project lifetime covered the last year of FP7 (2013), and the first of Horizon 2020 in 2014. The adoption of the new Framework Programme increased the demand and need for information considerably, from both NCPs and researchers. Providing SSH-targeted information was of particular importance at the onset of Horizon 2020 because, in contrast to the introduction of past Framework Programmes, Horizon 2020 broke with many past procedures and approaches. It put a particular focus on innovation as well as on the interdisciplinary approach of the "societal challenges". SSH dimensions are to be embedded in all areas of Horizon 2020 – there is no longer a dedicated SSH programme. During the running time of the project, SSH NCPs became Societal Challenge 6 NCPs. This meant – besides many personnel changes in the network – that NCPs had to cover new thematic areas and address new target groups.

All these changes had to be reflected in NCP services and researchers' proposals. In this context, NET4SOCIETY³ played a major role in supporting NCPs and researchers alike to take up these challenges.

The overall strategic objectives of NET4SOCIETY³ were to:

- Enhance NCP services and facilitate the transition from FP7 to Horizon 2020
- Enable researchers to take up the challenge of the new Framework Programme Horizon 2020
- Promote the relevance of SSH research and its impact
- Strengthen the European Research Area (ERA) in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities

Within the individual work packages of NET4SOCIETY³, more detailed objectives were set:

WP1 Project Management

- Overall project coordination and network management
- Close cooperation with EU Commission and SC 6/ SSH NCPs
- Administrative, financial management and reporting
- Quality management

WP2 Knowledge Transfer and NCP support

- Enhance networking between all SC 6/ SSH NCPs and increase cooperation with other NCP networks and relevant projects in FP7
- Exchange knowledge, experiences and best practices
- Facilitate information flow and improve the knowledge base for all SC 6/ SSH NCPs, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge both with the European Commission DGs and key stakeholders
- Assist SC 6/ SSH NCPs to better advise on the characteristics of SC6 and of SSH embedding in Horizon 2020

WP3 Strategy and Outreach

- Increase SSH visibility through reinforcing cooperation with other relevant European stakeholders and support a full integration of SSH in Horizon 2020
- Support SSH researchers by providing information on SSH opportunities in Horizon 2020 and other ERA-Initiatives
- Help researchers to extend their contacts via a Research Directory and a Partner Search tool, and adapt existing tools to Horizon 2020 demands
- Assess obstacles to EU-13 participants and ICPC involvement in SSH research and provide recommendations for future improvement initiatives

WP4 Events and Promotion

- Organise a large scale transnational SSH event linked to the launch of Horizon 2020 during the Greek European Council Presidency in early 2014
- Promote SC 6/ SSH NCP activities and services and results of NET4SOCIETY across Europe with updated promotion material
- Establish information channels and provide up-to-date information for SC 6/ SSH NCPs and researchers alike on Horizon 2020 implementation and development, main documents and other relevant information events
- Ensure adequate promotion of the project and its activities

3.   Description of the main S&T results/foregrounds

NET4SOCIETY³ has fully achieved its objectives. The project was able to successfully support NCPs and researchers in the transition to Horizon 2020. During the lifetime of the project, the project workshops, trainings and a network internal helpdesk as capacity building activities have ensured that newcomer and experienced SC 6/ SSH NCPs learned and exchanged their experiences about the novelties of the new Framework Programme. The visibility of SSH research and its impact were increased through different activities like the organisation of a large conference. Researchers from SSH and other areas relevant to Societal Challenge 6 were supported through a number of networking instruments and the provision of information on funding opportunities.

Main results of the project include:

- Knowledge exchange between SC 6/ SSH NCPs and capacity building through workshops, trainings, a virtual helpdesk, exchange of best practices and networking
- Targeted support for newcomer NCPs through a standardised welcome procedure and dedicated sessions in the project's workshops

- Increased visibility of SSH through the organisation of a large conference focused on the "impact of SSH" and further activities (e.g. ISSUES newsletter, position papers)
- Support to "Embedding SSH" in all of Horizon 2020 through the NET4SOCIETY³ "Policy Brief on Interdisciplinarity", the "SSH opportunities" document, and a workshop with the European Commission on this topic
- Thematic brokerage event for SSH researchers to support consortium building
- Improved Research Directory for SSH key players and SSH-specific partner search service
- Improved visibility of SC 6/ SSH NCPs and the NET4SOCIETY³ services through targeted promotion instruments, also outside of Europe
- Better visibility of SSH funding opportunities outside of FP7 Theme 8 "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities" or Societal Challenge 6 "Inclusive, innovative, and reflective societies"
- Better understanding of EU-13 (new member states) participation in European Framework Programmes in the area of SSH and of their needs
- Improved communication between SC 6/ SSH NCPs and the European Commission

The project was organised under four work packages:

Table 1: NET4SOCIETY³ Work packages, tasks and responsibilities

WP1 Project Management	1. DLR (DE)
Task 1.1 Management	1. DLR (DE)
Task 1.2 Quality Management	4. APRE (IT)
WP2 Knowledge Transfer and NCP support	**2. ISERD (IL)**
Task 2.1 Workshops	1. DLR (DE)*
Task 2.2 Trainings	2. ISERD (IL)
Task 2.3 Virtual Helpdesk	11. EKT/NHRF (EL)
WP3 Strategy and Outreach	**3. Euresearch (CH), 4. APRE (IT)**
Task 3.1 Increasing SSH visibility	4. APRE (IT)
Task 3.2 Opportunities in Horizon 2020	1. DLR (DE)
Task 3.3 EU 12 and ICPC	13. SPIE (LV)
Task 3.4 Research Directory and Partner Search	3. Euresearch (CH)
WP4 Events and Promotion	**5. IRC (IE)**
Task 4.1 Events	11. EKT/NHRF (EL)
Task 4.2 Promotion	2. ISERD (IL)
Task 4.3 Website	1. DLR (DE)

* DLR took over the responsibility for this task from TUBITAK (TR) in June 2013.

3.1.   Work Package 1 "Project Management"

Task 1.1   Management

Within Task 1.1, the overall coordination of the NCP network took place, i.e. the overall legal, financial and administrative management of NET4SOCIETY³ and management of the work to be performed. In the feedback surveys on the progress of the project, the coordination and management of the project always received a very positive evaluation. In the survey on the second project year, 43% rated the project management as "excellent" and further 44% as "good".

The German Coordinator DLR closely collaborated with the Quality Manager (APRE, Italy) as well as the Work Package and Task leaders, and was in regular contact with all partners. The central decision-making body of the network was the Project Management Board (PMB), which consisted of all Work Package leaders and the Coordinator. To ensure smooth communication within the project, regular bi-monthly phone conferences of the PMB took place in between the actual physical meetings of the PMB.

On the one hand, NET4SOCIETY³ started as an already established network and was able to build further on this. On the other hand, due to continuous personnel changes within the network, the integration of all members always remained an important task for the management of the project.

A further important aspect of the coordination was the representation of the project to the outside world. In this area, NET4SOCIETY³ successfully consolidated its position as a serious body of consultation in the world of SSH and Societal Challenge 6. The network's contacts to further SSH stakeholders were extended. With the establishment of the NET4SOCIETY³ Advisory Board, the network strengthened its contacts e.g. to Science Europe or the FP7 SSH Advisory Group. The cooperation with the EU Commission was very fruitful, e.g. resulting in the joint organisation of a workshop on "Embedding SSH".

NET4SOCIETY³ members

While the NET4SOCIETY³ project had 21 beneficiaries (see Table 2), the network itself and its services were open to all SC 6/ SSH NCPs. NET4SOCIETY³ successfully integrated NCPs from 49 countries, who were actively involved in the project through participation in NET4SOCIETY³ events, in the knowledge exchange or in the dissemination of NET4SOCIETY³ activities. Among them were 13 NCPs from Third Countries. The total number of active NCPs was even higher – more than 80 – since for a number of countries more than one person or even more than one organisation has been involved in the network.

Table 2: NET4SOCIETY³ Partner Countries

21 beneficiaries	Further network members from 28 countries
Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey	Argentina, Armenia, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Uzbekistan

There has been a high fluctuation of network members, because NCP systems were restructured in many countries with the launch of Horizon 2020. Since the start of the new Framework Programme, NET4SOCIETY³ welcomed around 30 new network members – more than one third of the total network. New network members were welcomed and integrated into the network by defined procedures.

Thus network members had a very heterogeneous background in terms of experiences. This was also the case due to the fact, that the structure of national NCP systems varies considerably from country to country. There are highly centralised but also decentralised systems. The organisations that host NCPs range from ministries, public research councils, governmental agencies, universities and research institutions to private companies and

consultancies. This meant that the NCPs worked in all kinds of environments and their background and methods varied accordingly.

Integrating the numerous new and old members with differing backgrounds was therefore a major challenge for the project.

Table 3: NET4SOCIETY³ Beneficiaries

Partici pant no.	Participant organisation name	Country
1	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (DLR)	Germany (DE)
2	MATIMOP, Israeli Industry Center for Research and Development (ISERD)	Israel (IL)
3	Verein Euresearch (Euresearch)	Switzerland (CH)
4	Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea (APRE)	Italy (IT)
5	An tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas - Higher Education Authority (IRC)	Ireland (IE)
6	Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft mbH (FFG)	Austria (AT)
7	Belarusian State University (BSU)	Belarus (BY)
8	Sdruzhenie Asociaciya Ikonomikai Demokraciya (AED)	Bulgaria (BG)
9	Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)	Cyprus (CY)
10	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)	France (FR)
11	Ethniko Idryma Erevnon (EKT/NHRF)	Greece (EL)
12	The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS)	Iceland (IS)
13	Starptautiska Lietiskas Optikas Biedriba (SPIE)	Latvia (LV)
14*	Office of the Prime Minister (MCST)	Malta (MT)
15	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)	Mexico (MX)
16	Norges forskningsråd (RCN)	Norway (NO)
17	Instytut Podstawowych Problemów Techniki Polskiej Akademii Nauk (IPPT-PAN)	Poland (PL)
18	Fundacao Para a Ciencia e a Tecnologia (FCT)	Portugal (PT)
19	Government Institution Centre for Science Research and Statistics (CSRS)	Russia (RU)
20	Turkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Arastirma Kurumu (TUBITAK)	Turkey (TR)
21**	National Sun Yat-Sen University (NSYSU)	Taiwan (TW)
22	Ministry for Education and Employment (Malta Council)	Malta (MT)

* On 14.3.2013 the portfolio of the Malta Council for Science and Technology has been transferred from the responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister to that of Ministry of Education and Employment, accordingly beneficiary "22. Malta Council - Ministry for Education and Employment" (Malta) took over from beneficiary "14. MCST - Office of the Prime Minister" (Malta).
** On 31.12.2013 the beneficiary "21. NSYSU" withdrew from the project.

Task 1.2   Quality Management

The NET4SOCIETY³ quality management ensured lean and efficient management procedures and high quality deliverables, events and services. In this way, it contributed to the high satisfaction of all network members. Through the establishment of regular feedback mechanisms, the project could adapt to the needs of the network members.

Quality management within NET4SOCIETY³ refers to how the Quality Manager works in tandem with all involved partners in making sure that every single group in the project produces high quality outputs. Thereby it is ensured that all the activities needed to design,

create, develop and implement the deliverables and processes meet the defined standards which have been agreed between the partners.

The main purpose of the quality management is to facilitate efficient project implementation and achieve useful outcomes. An elaborated quality management plan was developed that included quality criteria and support instruments such as templates and checklists.

The main activities concentrated on the monitoring of the project, ensuring that the deliverables were correct, of high quality and delivered on time. The quality management plan included a yearly feedback assessment of the project's progress and achievements.

Fig. 2: Feedback questionnaire for NET4SOCIETY³'s second year
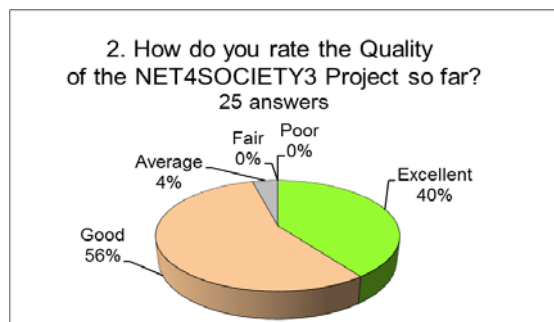
In addition, participants of NET4SOCIETY³ workshops, trainings and the large event were always asked for feedback. High relevance and good performance of the project are reflected in the fact that an overwhelming majority of network partners evaluated the quality of the project as excellent and good (96% in the project assessment for the second year, Fig. 2).

The services and products produced by NET4SOCIETY³ received very positive feedback from the NCPs as well. Particularly popular was the "SSH Opportunities document" (100% positive: 72% "excellent", 28% "good") and the report on "SSH integration in Horizon 2020" (100% positive: 67% "excellent", 33% "good").
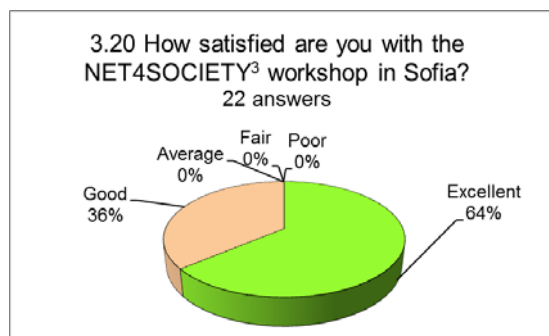
The NET4SOCIETY³ workshops received high ratings as well. The final project workshop in Sofia was evaluated positively by 100% of the survey participants (64% "excellent", 36% "good").

Fig. 3: Feedback for NET4SOCIETY³ workshop in Sofia

3.2. WP2 Knowledge Transfer and NCP support

Task 2.1   Workshops

NET4SOCIETY³ workshops served as the project-internal meetings of the whole network and as an important instrument for knowledge sharing. The workshops were aimed to facilitate the networking between all SC 6/ SSH NCPs to ensure a strong network and information flow of a high quality between NCPs and the European Commission and other SSH key stakeholders. They addressed both experienced and new NCPs. All SC 6/ SSH NCPs, whether beneficiary or not, were invited to participate in the project workshops. Due to

the high fluctuation of NCPs in particular during the transition from FP7 to Horizon 2020, the workshops served as the most important instrument to integrate new NCPs into the network.

NET4SOCIETY³ organised three workshops during the lifetime of the project: in Lisbon (April 2013), Brussels (January 2014) and Sofia (September 2014). The workshops combined input from invited experts on current Societal Challenge 6 / SSH issues such as latest developments in Horizon 2020, or impact of SSH research, with sessions focusing on knowledge exchange between NCPs and concrete project activities of NET4SOCIETY³. The network also harnessed the workshops to get in contact with representatives of the local research communities in Portugal and Belgium to learn about their experiences with European Framework Programmes.

Fig. 4: NET4SOCIETY³ project workshop in Brussels, January 2014

The workshops combined different approaches of knowledge transfer and group work including innovative and interactive methods to involve all participants in the discussions. The quality assessment of the workshops was ensured by feedback sessions and feedback questionnaires. All in all, the workshops received excellent feedback from the participants.

Task 2.2   Trainings

The training activities in NET4SOCIETY³ served the important goal of capacity building for SC 6/ SSH NCPs and of increasing the overall quality of NCP services in all participating countries. This goal was achieved through the transfer and exchange of knowledge, good practices and experiences with the help of highly qualified trainers and speakers.

During the course of the project, two NET4SOCIETY³ trainings were held. As the new Framework Programme Horizon 2020 resulted in training needs for everyone in the network, all Societal Challenge 6 NCPs were invited to participate. This open approach was highly appreciated by the network members.

The first training (January 2014, Brussels) focused on "Impact of SSH research" and involved European policy makers as users of SSH research, who shared their perspectives and needs with regard to the exploitation of SSH research results.

The second training (September 2014, Sofia) addressed the challenges in the area of interdisciplinary research that Horizon 2020 poses. NCPs learned how to facilitate the cooperation of researchers from different backgrounds and how to better advise their clients. This training was given by a sub-contracted training and communication expert.

Fig. 5: NET4SOCIETY³ training in Sofia, September 2014

In the context of quality management, NET4SOCIETY³ collected the feedback of the participants after all trainings. The trainings were very appreciated by the trainees, receiving high ratings of positive feedback.

Fig. 6: Evaluation of NET4SOCIETY³ training in Sofia, September 2014

Task 2.3   Virtual Helpdesk
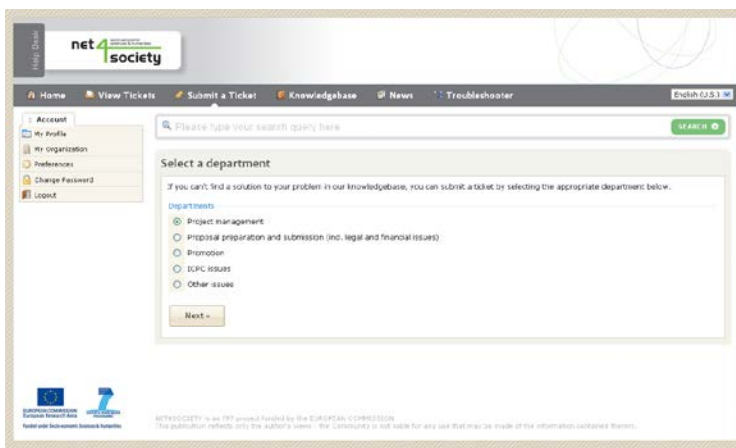
To facilitate knowledge exchange between SC 6/ SSH NCPs and provide further capacity building for less experienced NCPs, an online Virtual Helpdesk (VHD) was further developed. The VHD was accessible through the internal NET4SOCIETY³ website via the link http://helpdesk.net4society.eu/

Fig. 7: NET4SOCIETY³ Virtual Helpdesk (screenshot)

The VHD offered the opportunity to pose questions, which were then answered by a group of experienced SC 6/ SSH NCPs. Frequently asked questions were compiled in a "knowledge base" of the VHD.

As the VHD saw little usage, alternative ways of exchanging knowledge among the NCPs were developed. A Google Group for SC 6/ SSH NCPs was set up and widely promoted among the network. At the same time, the project internal mailing list was frequently used to

pose and answer questions. The results of the inquiries were all fed into the "knowledge base" of frequently asked questions in the VHD.

3.3. WP3 Strategy and Outreach

Task 3.1 Increasing SSH visibility

The objectives of the task were to make stakeholders aware of the relevance of SSH and to increase their visibility in European Framework Programmes. To achieve this goal, the task published different documents and papers, and aimed at strengthening the communication and cooperation with key SSH organisations and projects in Europe.

Fig. 8: NET4SOCIETY³ Policy Brief on Interdisciplinarity, June 2013

A major output was the NET4SOCIETY³ Policy Brief on interdisciplinary research design with a focus on SSH research. This publication presented recommendations for policy makers, research programme managers and researchers.

NET4SOCIETY³ also published a position paper on the state of SSH in European Framework Programmes in response to a public consultation on "Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities" (June 2013).

Both, the Policy Brief and the position paper were widely distributed by the network.

A further instrument to increase the visibility of European SSH research was NET4SOCIETY³'s bi-annual newsletter "ISSUES – The voice of SSH in Europe". ISSUES was mainly addressed to a wide range of policy makers, research managers and similar stakeholders.

Through the establishment of an Advisory Board, NET4SOCIETY³ involved key players and experts in its outreach activities and liaised with important SSH organisations. Many contacts to European level SSH organisations were established through the project's involvement in the activities of the European Alliance for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH).

Table 4: NET4SOCIETY³ Advisory Board members

Advisory Board Member	Organisation
Andrea Hoeglinger	FFG
Eva Hoogland	Science Europe
Wolfgang Mackiewicz	Chair of the SSH Advisory Group in FP7
Alice Dijkstra	HERA, NWO
Rüdiger Klein	EASSH
Milena Žic Fuchs	European Science Foundation

Task 3.2   Opportunities in Horizon 2020

This task informed SSH researchers and SC 6/ SSH NCPs about the multiple funding opportunities for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020 and the further European context. At the same time, the task analysed the integration of SSH aspects in all programme parts of Horizon 2020 and implemented activities to support this integration.

A major output of this task was a report on the integration of SSH in Horizon 2020, published in May 2014. The report came to the conclusion that while there are significant funding opportunities in Horizon 2020 for SSH outside of Societal Challenge 6, there are different approaches in the individual parts of Horizon 2020 with regard to the integration of SSH and the phrasing of SSH relevant topics. All in all, the integration of SSH still left room for improvement. A list of recommendations was compiled to support a better integration of SSH in Horizon 2020 in future Horizon 2020 calls.

On an annual basis, the task produced the highly popular document "Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities". This report provided SSH researchers with an overview of funding opportunities in all areas of Horizon 2020. It received a very positive feedback from the research community and was downloaded more than 4,000 times from the NET4SOCIETY website.

To showcase the many opportunities for SSH researchers within European research funding, NET4SOCIETY³ regularly published SSH-relevant calls of ERA-Initiatives such as ERA-Nets or Joint Programming Initiatives on its website.

In January 2015, NET4SOCIETY³ organised a "Workshop on Embedding Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020" in cooperation with the European Commission. The goal of this successful event was to support the better integration of SSH in Horizon 2020. For the same purpose, the network provided the EC with suggestions for topics in the 2016/17 Work Programmes that embed SSH in Societal Challenges or other parts of Horizon 2020 – outside of Societal Challenge 6.

Fig. 9: NET4SOCIETY³ Workshop on Embedding SSH in Horizon 2020 in Brussels, January 2015

Further outputs of the task included a report on SSH research infrastructures and their linkages to Horizon 2020 areas which helped to raise awareness among NCPs and researchers on funding possibilities.

Task 3.3   EU12 and ICPC

Within this task, NET4SOCIETY³ specifically supported NCPs and SSH researchers from new EU member states. The task analysed in depth the particular situations in these countries with regard to participation in European Framework Programmes. Based on

literature review and an extensive online survey as well as interviews, a report with a number of recommendations was published.

As outlined in this report, the success rates between applicants from old and new EU member states differ, in particular with regard to coordinators.
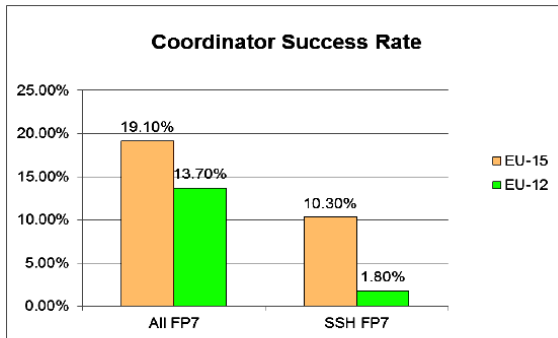
Fig. 3 Member States' Coordinator Success Rate in SSH FP7
Source: E-Corda, reference date 26/05/2014

Fig. 10: Coordinators' success rate in FP7 – comparison between EU-15 and EU-12

The low success rates, the lack of funding for proposal writing and insufficient research networks are perceived as the main obstacles to participation in the Framework Programmes for applicants from new member states.

The most important factors to address on the level of researchers and NCP interaction is widening the networks of research contacts and explaining the rules of application and project selection. National policy-makers, on their part, could greatly help national researchers by introducing more competitive national funding with special institutional support for drafting research proposals.

Task 3.4   Research Directory and Partner Search

NET4SOCIETY³ supported SSH researchers and other potential applicants for Societal Challenge 6 to network and form European and international collaborations through an online research directory and an online partner search support service.

The Research Directory is an online directory of actively involved SSH researchers and key players in the context of European Framework Programmes. The directory aims at facilitating research cooperation by giving SSH players visibility. They can insert profiles with their expertise in the directory, which can be searched for potential research contacts online under www.net4society.eu/research-directory .

Fig. 11: NET4SOCIETY Research Directory (screenshot)

The Research Directory was created and implemented in earlier NET4SOCIETY projects. NET4SOCIETY³ maintained this task and developed it further.

During the running time of NET4SOCIETY³, the number of published profiles increased from 694 to more than 1,000 profiles from more than 60 countries – among them countries outside of Europe such as Argentinia, Brazil, China, Russia, South Africa, India or Indonesia.

Specific efforts were put into the quality check of the submitted profiles, increasing the number of published profiles and promoting the service to the SSH community. Guidelines on the quality check of profiles were distributed to all SC6 /SSH NCPs and regularly updated.

A report with an elaborated strategy for promoting the Research Directory further was developed during the project. At the same time technical modifications of the directory were implemented to update it for the new Framework Programme Horizon 2020.

Complimentary to the Research Directory, the NET4SOCIETY³ partner search service supported applicants to easily find research partners for submitting proposals in Societal Challenge 6 of Horizon 2020. This service provided a single entry point for partner searches for SC6 topics and a quality check of these searches.

Fig. 12: NET4SOCIETY Partner Search Service (screenshot)

The online partner search service was in use between the publications of calls of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme for 2014/15 and the call deadlines.

It was a popular tool: all in all more than 120 profiles were published for the calls and the service was one of the most frequently visited pages of the NET4SOCIETY website. Potential applicants were able to insert searches for research partners or consortia in a specific topic and browse already submitted partner search profiles. To guarantee a common standard for partner searches, all partner search profiles were quality-checked for completeness and relevance to the topic.

To ensure a smooth running of quality check procedures, guidelines for all SC6/ SSH NCPs were regularly updated and distributed to the network.

3.4. WP4 Events and Promotion

Task 4.1 Events

The organisation of a strategic, large scale international conference to increase SSH visibility and to support researchers' participation in Horizon 2020's Societal Challenge 6 was a major activity of NET4SOCIETY³.

The NET4SOCIETY³ conference "Achieving Impact – Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020" (http://www.achievingimpact2014.eu/) took place in Athens on 26 and 27 February 2014. It was designed as a "launching event" for SSH in the

new Framework Programme Horizon 2020 and linked to the Greek Presidency of the EU Council.

The two-day scientific conference was aimed at the international SSH research community, but also at users of the research results and research managers and policy makers. It demonstrated and discussed the societal impact of SSH research. Additionally, the event showcased the funding opportunities that exist in Horizon 2020, which will enable the SSH research community to play an important role in addressing the Europe 2020 targets. The conference also included a brokerage event, which promoted and encouraged engagement with the Horizon 2020 research programmes and offered participants the opportunity to network with potential partners.

Fig. 13: Banner of NET4SOCIETY³ Large Event in Athens, 26-27 February 2014

All in all, 25 speakers presented at the conference, in several plenary and six parallel sessions, focusing on "Creativity and Culture", "The European Social Model" and "Making sense of social innovation". The second day was mainly dedicated to the discussion of the 2014/2015 Societal Challenge 6 Work Programme and brokerage event.

There was a very high interest in the conference – in the end over 350 researchers, funders, administrators and policymakers from around Europe attended the event. The event was web-streamed in order to allow for a wide dissemination of the discussion. After the conference, videos of the different talks were published on the conference website.

The evaluation of a feedback survey revealed that the conference received a positive feedback for the topic and content as well as the competence of the speakers. A conference report was published in May 2014. It summarised the most important discussion points and was distributed widely.

Task 4.2   Promotion

The NET4SOCIETY³ activities and services for the benefit of the research community in SSH and Societal Challenge 6 were promoted from the onset of the project. Each NET4SOCIETY³ network member was actively engaged in dissemination. The professional promotional instruments developed in past NET4SOCIETY projects since 2008 were further enhanced.

The network and its services were promoted at a large number of events at national, European and international level. A number of different promotion instruments and material were applied such as project leaflets, posters, a roll-up or a standard presentation. An e-newsletter on NET4SOCIETY³ and news connected to SSH and Societal Challenge 6 were distributed widely via all NCPs. A specific focus was put on promoting the large-scale event in Athens.

The use of social media for promotion purposes was increased in NET4SOCIETY³, mainly through the NET4SOCIETY Facebook and LinkedIn Accounts. An initial survey on the habits

and preferences of the NCPs with regard to social media provided information on which social media channels would be the most efficient instruments for the project.

Fig. 14: NET4SOCIETY promotional stand at the "Horizons for SSH" conference in Vilnius on 23-24 September 2013.

To improve the promotion activities of the project further, two surveys among the network members on the use of promotional instruments were carried out. The results demonstrated that all in all, the project already achieved impressive success as to creating a portfolio of useful promotional materials. In addition, some suggestions for further improvements were provided.

More details on dissemination activities are included in chapter 4 of this report.

Task 4.3   Website

The NET4SOCIETY³ website www.net4society.eu served a variety of functions and included a public website and a password-protected shared workspace. It successfully fulfilled its purpose of being the central virtual cooperation platform to facilitate communication and information of the project. The website supported the efficient and quick flow of information for both SC6/ SSH NCPs' daily work and promotion of the project's activities.

It supplied relevant news and information related to SC6 and SSH research funding, and presented those project services and activities that had an external focus, such as the partner search service and the link to the Research Directory.

Fig. 15: NET4SOCIETY³ Website (screenshot)

The internal part of the website reserved for SC6/ SSH NCPs served as a workspace for the project and a storage place for internal documents.

The external website www.net4society.eu had around 2,000 visits per month. The three most frequently visited pages were the starting page, the Partner Search page and the page on the "SSH Opportunities document".

The highest download results were achieved by the document "Opportunities for SSH researchers", which was downloaded more than 4,000 times.

Table 5: NET4SOCIETY³ Website clicks - Highest visits per sub-page, Feb. 2013 – Jan. 2015:

Sub-page	Page visits (including multiple visits)	Unique page visits
Starting page	61,168	77,744
Partner Search Support	11894	8822
SSH Opportunities	6753	6353

4. Potential impact and the main dissemination activities and exploitation results

Potential impact

Socio-economic sciences and the Humanities research provide essential knowledge for understanding the world we live in – in terms of politics, economy and culture. SSH helps to understand the shaping of identities and human diversity and to hold communities together. Insights from SSH research influence policy and legislation actions.

NET4SOCIETY³'s overall aim was to facilitate the successful undertaking of European research cooperation in the area of SSH – thereby supporting SSH research to fulfil its societal function. The project first targeted research in Theme 8 "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities" of FP7, then in Societal Challenge 6 "Europe in a changing world: Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies" in Horizon 2020.

The impact of NET4SOCIETY² can be assessed as considerable. It affected different levels:

- Increased visibility of European SSH research and funding opportunities
- Increased involvement of relevant SSH communities, stakeholders and practitioners in European Framework Programmes
- Improvement of quality of SC6 / SSH NCP services and strengthening of cooperation among NCPs

Increased visibility of European SSH research and funding opportunities

NET4SOCIETY³ informed policy makers and stakeholders at national and European level on the strategic role and vital contribution of SSH research with regard to the Europe 2020

strategy and the further development of the ERA. The project emphasised the need to include strong SSH dimensions in Horizon 2020.

A major instrument to deliver these messages was the biannual newsletter "ISSUES – The voice of SSH in Europe". The mailing list of ISSUES was widely expanded and now reaches around 3,000 research policy makers and other stakeholders directly. Additionally, it is further disseminated through NCPs on a national level.

The NET4SOCIETY³ Policy Brief on interdisciplinary research design was another tool to promote the visibility of SSH research. It included a number of recommendations for research policy makers, research programme designers and researchers themselves and formed an important contribution to the discussion on how to integrate SSH in Horizon 2020.

NET4SOCIETY³ also gave input to a public consultation on the state of SSH research in Europe launched in the context of the conference "Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities" (September 2013, Vilnius). The consultation input was widely distributed at the conference and through online means.

The visibility of SSH and the integration of SSH in Horizon 2020 was further promoted through the organisation of a workshop on "Embedding SSH in Horizon 2020". The workshop targeted the important actors and multipliers for this issue: European commission staff and NCPs responsible for the different programme parts of Horizon 2020. Through the workshop, awareness on this issue was raised and first steps of further cooperation were initiated.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, NET4SOCIETY³ increased the visibility of **SSH funding opportunities** throughout Horizon 2020. User statistics of the website suggest that the NET4SOCIETY³ "Opportunities for SSH researchers" document was one of the most popular services of NET4SOCIETY³. It also received the attention of and positive feedback from the European Commission. Funding possibilities for SSH researchers in ERA-Initiatives such as ERA-Nets or Joint Programming Initiatives were also widely disseminated via the website and the network of NCPs. A report on SSH research infrastructures in FP7 and Horizon 2020 served as a further instrument to raise awareness of further funding opportunities among NCPs and researchers.

Increased involvement of relevant SSH communities, stakeholders and practitioners in European Framework Programmes

NET4SOCIETY³ supported the increased involvement of SSH research communities, stakeholders and practitioners in FP7 and Horizon 2020 through a number of instruments:

The NET4SOCIETY³ large-scale conference "Achieving impact – Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020" on 26 and 27 February 2014 in Athens encouraged participants to take part in Horizon 2020. It highlighted funding opportunities, presented good practice project examples and provided a brokerage session for targeted consortium building. The conference received high interest – more than 350 researchers, research funders and other stakeholders attended the event.

Further instruments to facilitate consortium building and thereby participation in European Framework Programmes were the NET4SOCIETY SSH Research Directory and the Partner Search service. The Research Directory supported the identification of SSH key players in European funding programmes, while the Partner Search service disseminated profiles of applicants in open calls.

The NET4SOCIETY³ e-newsletter informed researchers and further stakeholders about Horizon 2020 with a specific focus on SSH and Societal Challenge 6 – for example about open calls or issues connected to the application process. It encouraged the participation of Third Country researchers in Horizon 2020 by featuring interviews with researchers from outside of Europe, who are already active in European Framework Programmes.

Particular efforts were made to increase the involvement of SSH research communities from new EU member states (EU-13). An extensive, analytic report of their participation in FP7 was produced. A number of recommendations concerning measures for closing the participation gap resulted from this analysis. The recommendations were spread among the European Commission, national policy makers and NCPs.

NET4SOCIETY³ has liaised with a number of stakeholders and key players in the field of research and research funding and thus contributed to the defragmentation of the SSH research community. Cooperation with representatives of the research community (like research organisations) and further stakeholders took place in different contexts. Through its Advisory Board, NET4SOCIETY³ cooperated for example with Science Europe, the European Science Foundation or the HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) project. Mutual exchange and collaboration were also achieved with the MIRRIS and the INTERCO-SSH projects, which dealt with reforms in the R&I systems of new EU member states and international cooperation in SSH respectively. Together with other SSH organisations in Europe, NET4SOCIETY³ pursued as a core member the further establishment of the European SSH umbrella organisation "European Alliance for the Social Sciences and Humanities" (EASSH).

The following table gives an overview of the most important actors that NET4SOCIETY³ was able to reach and cooperate with. Many of the listed organisations are European level and thus function as multipliers to a larger community.

Table 6: Overview of NET4SOCIETY³ networking contacts (selection)

Organisation/ Actor		Type of cooperation or contact
ACADEURO	- Academia Europaea	EASSH
AcSS	- Academy of Social Sciences	EASSH
AE	- Academia Europaea	EASSH
AEC	- Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique	EASSH
AISEA	- Italian Association of Ethno-Anthropological Sciences	EASSH
ANUAC	- National Academic Association of Cultural Anthropologists	EASSH
CEL/ELC	- Conseil Européen des Langues	EASSH
CENDARI		EASSH
CLARIN	- Research Infrastructure	EASSH
CLIOH	- CLIOHnet/CLIOHRES.net/CA-HEA	EASSH
CNRS	- Alliance Athena (FR)	EASSH
COEURE	- Cooperation on European Research in Economics	EASSH
EACS	- European Association for Chinese Studies	EASSH
EADH	- European Association of Digital Humanities	EASSH
EADI	- European Association of Development Research	EASSH
EARA	- European Association for research on Adolescence	EASSH

EARMA	- European Association of Research Managers and Administrators	Presentation at conference
EASA	- European Association of Social Anthropologists	EASSH
EASR	- European Association for the Study of Religion	EASSH
EAUH	- European Association of Urban History	EASSH
ECHIC	- European Consortium of Humanities Institutes and Centres	EASSH
ECPSA	- European Confederation of Political Science Associations	EASSH
ECREA	- European Communication Research and Education Association	EASSH
EEA	- European Economic Association	EASSH
EERA	- European Educational Research Organisation	EASSH
EGPA	- European Group for Public Administration	EASSH
ELC	- European Language Council	EASSH
ENIUGH	- European Network in Global and Universal History	EASSH
ERSA	- European Regional Science Association	EASSH
ESA	- European Sociological Association	EASSH
EUROCLIO	- European Association of History Educators	EASSH
EUROGEO	- EUROGEO	EASSH
EUROPAEUM	- Consortium of leading European Universities in SSH	EASSH
EuroSEAS	- European Association for Southeast Asian Studies	EASSH
ESC	- European Society of Criminology	EASSH
ESCLH	- European Society for Comparative Legal History	EASSH
ESCoP	- European Society of Cognitive Psychology	EASSH
ESEH	- European Society for Environmental History	EASSH
ESF	- European Committee on the Humanities of the European Science Foundation	Advisory Board, EASSH
ESHS	- European Society for the History of Science	EASSH
ESS	- European Social Survey (Research Infrastructure)	EASSH
DARIAH	- European Infrastructure	EASSH
DGIA	- Max Weber Stiftung (DE)	EASSH
FIEC	- Fédération internationale des associations d'études classiques	EASSH
FTCP	- Foundation for transatlantic Culture and Politics	EASSH
FU Berlin	- Liaison Office Brussels (Freie Universität Berlin)	EASSH
HDCA	- Human Development and Capability Association	EASSH
HERA	- ERA-Net	Advisory Board, EASSH
IHA	- Irish Humanities Alliance	EASSH
IIAS	- International Institute for Asian Studies	EASSH
INTERCO-SSH	- International Cooperation in the SSH	Networking Task, EASSH
ISSP	- Irish Social Science Platform	EASSH
JPI Culture	- JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change	EASSH
LERU	- League of European Research Universities	Athens Event

MedioEvo	- MedioEvo Europeo	EASSH
MIN	- Ministère de la Recherche (FR)	EASSH
NetIAS	- Network of Institutes of Advanced Studies	EASSH
RCC	- Rachel Carson Center Munich	EASSH
REELC	- Réseau européen d'études littéraires comparées	EASSH
RFIEA	- Réseay Français des Instituts d'études avancées	EASSH
RISE	- Raising the Impact of the Socio-Economic Sciences	EASSH
RT	- Responsible technology SAS	EASSH
Science Europe		Advisory Board, EASSH
SHARE	- European research infrastructure	Athens Event
SLE	- Societas Linguistica Europaea	EASSH

Improvement of quality of SC6 / SSH NCP services and strengthening of cooperation among NCPs

Through its various measures for capacity building, knowledge transfer and exchange of good practices (e.g. workshops, trainings, VHD), NET4SOCIETY³ had a direct impact on the overall quality of SC6/ SSH NCP services in Europe and beyond. In addition, the joining of forces in the project made it possible to establish services, such as the Research Directory, that would have been beyond the capacities of individual NCPs.

The impact in this area was particularly relevant, since a high number of newcomer NCPs joined the project during the transitional period from FP7 to Horizon 2020. At the same time, all NCPs had significant needs for capacity building for the same reason – the start of Horizon 2020. NET4SOCIETY³ addressed the new challenges for the NCPs (e.g. ICT components of SC6, embedding of SSH) in its capacity building instruments.

All SC6/ SSH NCPs (100%) rated the benefit of NET4SOCIETY³ for themselves as excellent (72%) or good (28%).
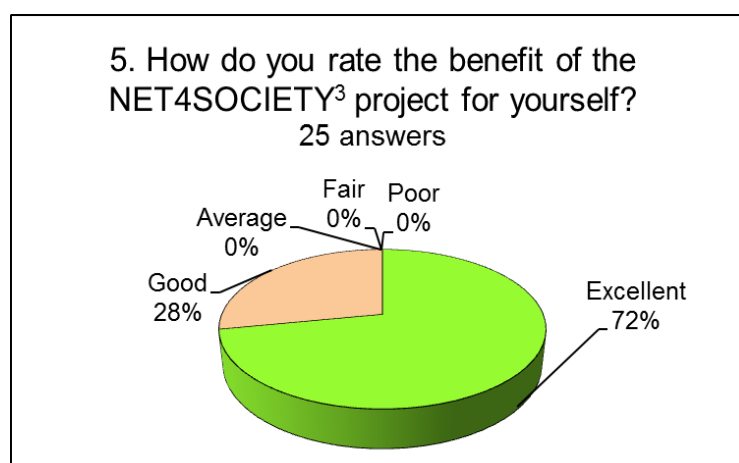
Fig. 16: Feedback on the benefit of NET4SOCIETY³ (assessment of second project year)

Ultimately, improved NCP services can lead to an improved overall quality of research proposals and projects. At the end of the day, better research projects can have a higher impact on society and increase the visibility of Social Science and Humanities research.

Main dissemination activities

NET4SOCIETY³ disseminated its activities and services widely to different target groups, such as SC6/ SSH NCPs, researchers from SSH and other SC6-relevant areas, research managers, research policy makers and other SSH stakeholders.

Main instruments for dissemination were the project website and the NCPs' websites, newsletters, social media (Facebook and LinkedIn), press releases, as well as the EC and the CORDIS website.

The SC6/ SSH NCPs acted as multipliers and forwarded NET4SOCIETY³ information to their national research communities and stakeholders. This network of SC6/ SSH NCPs from around 50 European and international countries, who maintain their national websites, newsletters, mailing lists and contact to different media, provided ideal framework conditions for widespread distribution of information.

With regard to the target group of SC6/ SSH NCPs, NET4SOCIETY³ disseminated best practice mainly through a project-internal mailing list and the internal website, trainings, thematic workshops, the Virtual Helpdesk and the project e-newsletter.

SSH researchers were informed through the NET4SOCIETY³ website as a focal point for SSH information, providing news, events and publications as well as links to the Research Directory and the partner search service. Furthermore, the project e-newsletter was also distributed to researchers. Information on the NET4SOCIETY³ large event in Athens was distributed through press releases, newsletter items, and websites. The CORDIS news system was another regularly used information tool for disseminating NET4SOCIETY³ information.

Information to the target group of research managers and research policy makers was distributed through the ISSUES newsletter with more than 3000 direct recipients (and further recipients through the multiplying effect of NCPs) as well as the website.

The Coordinator and the different network partners promoted the project itself in a large number of events, including national information days or strategic events at international level.

Table 7: NET4SOCIETY³ participation in international events (examples)

NET4SOCIETY³ participation: international events – examples:
EARMA (European Association of Research Managers and Administrators) conference, Vienna, 4 July 2013 NET4SOCIETY³ partner participated as an expert
Workshop "Making Innovation Social", Uppsala, 11 September 2013 NET4SOCIETY³ coordinator participated as an expert
Conference "Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities", Vilnius, 23-24 September 2013 NET4SOCIETY³ information stand
EC DG Connect Workshop on Interdisciplinarity, Brussels, 12 September 2014 NET4SOCIETY³ coordinator participated as an expert
EC Embedding Workshop, Brussels, 27 November 2014 NET4SOCIETY³ coordinator participated as an expert
EASSH meetings– Brussels, 18 December 2013, Berlin, 8-9 May 2014, Paris, 16 January 2015 NET4SOCIETY³ coordinator participated as core group member

5. Address of the project public website and relevant contact details

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A2: List of dissemination activities during the 2 years:
* Type of activities -> Indicate: publications, conferences, workshops, web, press releases, flyers, articles published in the popular press, videos, media briefings, presentations, exhibitions, thesis, interviews, films, TV clips, posters, Other.
** Type of audience -> Indicate: Scientific Community (higher education, Research), Industry, Civil Society, Policy makers, Medias ('multiple choices' is possible).

Main Leader / Country	Type of activities	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience**	Size of audience	target country
Main project dissemination activities – public deliverables and related reports							
DLR	Publication	"Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)" document	20/12/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research)		all countries
DLR	Publication	"Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) - Update for 2015 Topics" document	15/10/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research)		all countries
DLR	Publication	Analysis of the integration of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020 (First preliminary report)	05/07/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research); Policy maker; Civil Society		all countries
DLR	Publication	Report on the Integration of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020	05/05/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research); Policy maker; Civil Society		all countries

Main Leader / Country	Type of activities	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience**	Size of audience	target country
APRE	Publication	Policy Brief "Pulling it together – on interdisciplinary research design"	16/07/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research); Policy maker; Civil Society		all countries
DLR	Web sites/Applications	Net4Society Website	01/02/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Civil society - Policy makers -		all countries
DLR	Publication	Report "Funding opportunities in ERA-Initiatives for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)"	20/06/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Policy makers		all countries
DLR	Publication	Report "Funding opportunities in ERA-Initiatives for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)" - Update	28/11/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - - Policy makers		all countries

Main Leader / Country	Type of activities	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience**	Size of audience	target country
EKT	Publication	Report on SSH infrastructures	15/12/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Civil society - Policy makers		all countries
SPIE	Publication	Analysis of participation of new EU Member States ("EU-13") in FP7 in the area of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities	11/06/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Civil society - Policy makers		all countries
EKT	Conference	Achieving impact – Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020	26/02/2014	Athens	Scientific community (higher education, Research) – Industry - Civil society - Policy makers - Medias	350	all countries
EKT	Publication	Report: Insights & key findings of the conference Achieving impact	01/05/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Policy makers		all countries

Main Leader / Country	Type of activities	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience**	Size of audience	target country
DLR	Publications	Newsletter "ISSUES – The voice of SSH in Europe' No. 3	19/09/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Civil society - Policy makers		all countries
DLR	Publications	Newsletter "ISSUES – The voice of SSH in Europe' No. 4	14/07/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) - Civil society - Policy makers		all countries
DLR	Publications	Newsletter "ISSUES – The voice of SSH in Europe' No. 5	17/11/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research) – Civil society - Policy makers		all countries
ISERD	Publications	NET4SOCIETY e-newsletter 1/13	19/06/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research)		all countries
ISERD	Publications	NET4SOCIETY e-newsletter 2/13	19/12/2013	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research)		all countries

Main Leader / Country	Type of activities	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience**	Size of audience	target country
ISERD	Publications	NET4SOCIETY e-newsletter 1/14	22/07/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research)		all countries
ISERD	Publications	NET4SOCIETY e-newsletter 2/14	12/11/2014	online	Scientific community (higher education, Research)		all countries

Dissemination activities of individual partners about the project itself or project results or services (selection)							
Country	**Type of Activity**	**Title**	**Date**	**Place**	**Type of Audience****	**Size of Audience**	**Target county**
Argentina	Workshop	Info on NET4SOCIETY on Horizon 2020-Infoday	22.11.13	Buenos Aires	Scientific community	150	**Argentina**
	Website	Info on NET4SOCIETY national NCP website	ongoing	online	Scientific community	1000	**Argentina**
Austria	Presentations	Info Event on SSH in Horizon 2020	11.12.13	Vienna,	Researchers, Stakeholders,	150	**Austria**
	Presentations	Presenting NET4SOCIETY at EARMA Conference Vienna 2013	04.07.13	Vienna,	Stakeholders, Researchers	100	**Austria and international audience**
	Website	Information on NET4SOCIETY Services (Partner search) on FFG website	ongoing	online	Researchers, Stakeholders	100	**Austria**
	Website	Information on Opportunities Document 2014 and 2015 on FFG website	ongoing	online	Researchers, Stakeholders	250	**Austria**
Belarus	Workshops	Presentation on NET4SOCIETY activities	May 2013	Minsk	Scientific community	30	**Belarus**
	Website	NET4SOCIETY Newsletter on national NCP website	June 2013	online	Scientific community, multipliers	100	**Belarus**
	Emails	Promotion of NET4SOCIETY RD and PS tools	September 2013	Belarus	Researchers, policy makers	70	**Belarus**
	Emails	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY EU13 in FP7 survey results	October 2013	Belarus, Russia	Scientific community, multipliers	80	**Belarus, Russia**
	Website	Promotion of NET4SOCIETY RD tools on national NCP website	April 2014	online	Scientific community	70	**Belarus**

	Presentations	Presentation on NET4SOCIETY and SC6 at international workshop on Horizon 2020	May 2014	Minsk	Scientific community	45	**Belarus, Russia**
	Presentations	Presentation on NET4SOCIETY and SC6 at intern. Conference on cooperation with the EU	June 2014	Minsk	Scholars, policy makers, stakeholders	120	**Belarus**
	Website	NET4SOCIETY Newsletter	July 2014	Belarus	Scientific community, stakeholders	50	**Belarus**
Belgium	Workshop	NET4SOCIETY information on Belgium national Infoday regarding SC6 calls	16.01.14	Brussels	Scientific community, administrators	100	**Belgium**
	Info Event	SC6/ SSH in Horizon 2020: Presentation of activities of NET4SOCIETY (newsletter, partner search…)	27.11.14	Brussels	Scientific Community and SMEs	100	**Belgium**
	Newsletter	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY activities in NCP FNRS newsletter	November / December 2014	emails	Scientific Community	100	**Belgium**
	Newsletter	Info on NET4SOCIETY newsletters in NCP FNRS newsletter	upon publication	emails	Scientific Community	100	**Belgium**
	Newsletter	Info about NET4SOCIETY via Eurofed news management system		online	Scientific Community		**Belgium**
Bulgaria	Website	Information on NET4SOCIETY consultation input for SSH conference in Vilnius	12.03.13	online	Scientific community	400	**Bulgaria**
	Website	news item on NET4SOCIETY Issues "Voice of…" newsletter in 2013 and 2014	20.09.13 24.09.14	online	Scientific community	500	**Bulgaria**
	Website	Promotion of NET4SOCIETY SSH Opportunities document on RCL Website	February 2014	online	Scientific community	300	**Bulgaria**
	Website	Promotion of large scale event "Achieving Impact" on RCL Website	Jan-Feb 2014	online	Scientific community	200	**Bulgaria**
	Various	Information on NET4SOCIETY Partner Search Service	ongoing by January	Bulgaria	Researchers, Stakeholders	100	**Bulgaria**
	Other	Information on NET4SOCIETY Research Directory, Partner Search and newsletters	July 2014	Korea	Researcher	30	**Korea**

Croatia	Presentation	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Infoday, Dissemination of flyers	31.01.14 24.02.14 07.03.14 17.03.14 10.6.14 Oct. 14 Sept 2014	Zagreb Rijeka Split Zagreb Zagreb Zagreb Osijek	scientific community, business, stakeholders	120 80 50 50 120 100 100	**Croatia**
	Website	Dissemination of information about NET4SOCIETY conference, Infoday, and publications	From December 2013	online	scientific community, business, stakeholders	-	**Croatia**
	Conference	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services	15.05.14	Belgrade	scientific community	100	**EU 7 non EU**
	Publications	Dissemination of newsletters, ISSUES, Opportunities document, policy brief and other publications via e-mail	Upon publication	Croatia	scientific community, business, stakeholders	-	**Croatia**
Denmark	Website	Information on documents and NET4SOCIETY Website on national NCP website	ongoing	Denmark	Scientific community, stakeholders		**Denmark**
	Info Day	Information on NET4SOCIETY services and 2014-15 Work programme	November 2014	Denmark	research administration, Scientific Community, EU advisors	50	**Denmark**
Dominican Republic	Workshop	Information on NET4SOCIETY services, Introduction to Horizon 2020 program	18.12.14	Santo Domingo	Scientific Community,	18	**Dominican Republic**
	Newsletter	Information on NET4SOCIETY Newsletter	October, 2014	By email	Scientific Community	>100	**Dominican Republic**
Estonia	Workshops	Information on NET4SOCIETY services and Horizon 2020/SSH	12.02.14 07.03.14 04.04.14	Tartu Tartu Tallinn	Scientific Community	50 52 72	**Estonia**
	Conference	Information on NET4SOCIETY services in SC6 Session	31.01.14	Tallinn	Scientific Community	280	**Estonia**

Finland	Website	Online dissemination of various NET4SOCIETY products via national NCP website /social media accounts	Feb-Nov 2014	Internet, e.g. LinkedIn	Scientific Community	50-100	**Finland**
France	Workshops	Infodays organized by regions Dissemination of Calls and presentation of NET4SOCIETY services	07-08.01.14	Limoges	Scientific community Policy makers	20-50	**France**
			13-14.01.14	Nantes		20-50	
			23.01.14	Paris		20-50	
			27.01.14	Paris		20-50	
			27.01.14	Rouen		20-50	
			30.01.14	Caen		20-50	
			31.01.14	Orléans		20-50	
			20.02.14	Lille		20-50	
			25.02.14	Aix en Provence		20-50	
			27.02.14	Toulouse		20-50	
			11.03.14	Nanterre		20-50	
			19.03.14	Créteil		20-50	
			20.03.14	Poitiers		20-50	
			01.04.14	Bordeaux		20-50	
			22.04.14	Toulouse		20-50	
			20.06.14	Toulouse		20-50	
			27.06.14	Nantes		20-50	
			18.11.14	Aix-en-Provence		20-50	
			28.11.14	Lille		20-50	
			26.11.14	Paris		20-50	
			16-18.06.14	Aussois		20-50	
Germany	Publications	News Items on NET4SOCIETY ISSUES newsletters	24.09.13 12.08.14 17.12.14, 27.11.14	Newsletter of German SSH NCP	Scientific community Policy makers	2500	**Germany**
	Publications	News items on Achieving impact NET4SOCIETY conference and the conference report	15.11.13, 11.07.14	Newsletter of German SSH NCP	Scientific community Policy makers	2500	**Germany**

Publications	News items on NET4SOCIETY Opportunities Document and Update, Research Directory, Report on SSH integration, Policy Brief	24.09.13 03.09.14 31.10.14	Newsletter of German SSH NCP	Scientific community Policy makers	2500	**Germany**
Website	News item on NET4SOCIETY Report on SSH integration	20.07.2014	CORDIS Website	Scientific community Policy makers		**all**
Publications	Article on SSH in Horizon 2020 and NET4SOCIETY services	09.04.2014	Funding insight online magazine	Scientific community Policy makers		**all**
Press Release	Press Release on NET4SOCIETY Opportunities Document	05.02.2014	Press Information Service "idW"	Scientific community Policy makers, Media	17000	**Germany**
Website	NET4SOCIETY consultation input for SSH conference in Vilnius	12.12.2013	Conference Website	Scientific community Policy makers		**all**
Website	Article on NET4SOCIETY Opportunities document	16.01.2014	EC/EUROPA SSH Website	Scientific community Policy makers		**all**
Presentations	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY at national information days	continuously in 2013/14	Different events in Germany	Scientific community,	1000	**Germany**
Website	Article on Achieving impact NET4SOCIETY conference report	17.07.14	EC/EUROPA SSH Website	Scientific community, Policy makers		**all**
Website	News item on Issues newsletter	17.07.14	EC/EUROPA SSH Website	Scientific community, Policy makers		**all**
Website	Subpage highlighting NET4SOCIETY Partner Search Service and Research Directory	continuously	Website of German SSH NCP	Scientific community, Policy makers		**Germany**
Publications	News item on NET4SOCIETY Opportunities Document	18.07.14	Newsletter of NRW-government	Scientific community, Policy makers		**Germany**

Israel	Newsletter	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY e-newsletter editions	June 2013 December 2013 July 2014 November 2014	emails	Scientific Community Industry, NGOs, Media, Consultants/ multipliers, Operators, Facilitators, SMEs	~ 1, 000	**Israel**
	Newsletter	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY ISSUES editions	September 2013 July 2014	emails	Scientific Community Industry, NGOs, Media, Consultants/ multipliers, Operators, Facilitators, SMEs	~ 950	**Israel**
	Presentations	SC6 Info Day: presenting NET4SOCIETY and its services at local events	10.02.14 02.04.14 06.04.14 09.04.14 19.02.2014	Haifa Open University Herzliya College of Managem ent Yezreel	Scientific Community	50 20 30 25 40	**Israel**
	Publications	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY Opportunities document	December 2013	emails, events	Scientific Community Industry, NGOs, Media, Consultants/ multipliers, Operators, Facilitators, SMEs	~ 1, 000	**Israel**

	Newsletter	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY Report on International Cooperation and EU13 New Member States	July 2015	emails	Scientific Community Industry, NGOs, Media, Consultants/ multipliers, Operators, Facilitators, SMEs	~ 1, 000	**Israel**
	Publications	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY 2015 Opportunities document	October 2015	ISERD's Website, emails, events	Scientific Community Industry, NGOs, Media, Consultants/ multipliers, Operators, Facilitators, SMEs	~ 1, 000	**Israel**
Lithuania	Workshops	Info day on SC6 - presentation about NET4SOCIETY services	Jan-May 2014	Vilnius, Kaunas	Scientific community, Policy makers	186	**Lithuania**
	Website	NET4SOCIETY ISSUES promotion	Sept 2013, Jul 2014 Oct 2014	Email list	Scientific community	200	**Lithuania**
	Website	Promotion of NET4SOCIETY SSH Opportunities document	Feb 2014	RCL Website	Scientific community	250	**Lithuania**
	Website	Promotion of large scale event "Achieving Impact"	Jan-Feb 2014	Email list, RCL Website	Scientific community	250	**Lithuania**
Mexico	Workshop	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Franco-Mexican Forum for Research and Innovation	12.06 13	Mexico City	Scientific Community	50	**Latin American Countries**
	Conference	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at 1st European Studies Congress in Mexico "Challenges and Opportunities of Europe in a Changing World	8.11.13	Mexico City	Scientific Community	40	**Mexico**
	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Mexican Talent Network Meeting	25.07.13	Mexico City	Scientific Community	40	**Mexico**

	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Info day	14/15.10.13	Monterrey	Scientific Community	100	**Mexico**
	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at National Meeting of Public Research Centers	02/06.12.13	Cancun	Scientific Community		**Mexico**
	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at workshop on Capacity building and international networking	05 /06.05.14	Montevide o, Uruguay	NCP Networks		**Mexico**
	Press releases	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services in Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Coordination of Humanities, UNAM	June –July, 2014		Scientific Community	Print run of 21,000 copies	**Mexico**
	Conference	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Regional Congress on Science Technology and Innovation for Development and Social Cohesion	19.02.14	Honduras	Scientific Community and Policy makers		**Ibero-american Countries**
	Workshop	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Virtual Seminar: Cooperation with Europe through the Erasmus program and Horizon 2020	01.07.14	Monterrey	Scientific Community	100	**Mexico**
	Workshop	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at The New European Union Framework Programme for Research and Innovation in Humanities and Social Sciences	13.10.14	Mexico City	Scientific Community, Public, Consultants/ multipliers	80	**Mexico**
	Website	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY abd its services on Website on Mexico NCP Challenge 6 Website	Feb 13-Nov 14	online	Scientific Community		**Mexico**
	Website	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY Newsletter editions on Mexico NCP Challenge 6 Website	June 2013 July 2014 Oct 2014	online	Scientific Community		**Mexico**
	Website	NET4SOCIETY Partner Search Support on Mexico NCP Challenge 6 Website	February, 2014	online	Scientific Community		**Mexico**
Netherlands	Presentations	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services in all information meetings with applicants					**The Netherland s**

Norway	Conference	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at "Extend your horizon" - SSH as a cross-cutting priority	April 2014	Oslo Norway	Scientists, researchers, EU-advisors	80	**Norway**
	conferences	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY services at Mobilising SSH	June 2014 Sept 2014	Oslo, Kristiansand,	Scientists, researchers, EU-advisors)	20 30	**Norway**
	Newsletter	Newsletter SC6: Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY reports, conferences, opportunities	Monthly: February - Nov 2014	Norway	Research environment all over Norway	1000	**Norway**
	Workshops	SSH and public sector innovation	November 2014	Oslo and Brussels	Researchers, EU-advisors and Norwegian EU-officials	50	**Norway**
Spain	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY activities and SC6 Calls	18.07.14 23.09.14 17.12.14 15.01.15 21.01.15 22.01.15	Valladolid Madrid Tarragona Sevilla Valencia Murcia	scientific community, NGOs, multipliers, SMEs	50 80 50 50 70 50	**Spain**
	Website	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY Research Directory, Partners Search tools, etc. via Twitter @esHorizonte2020	2014	Spain	All stakeholders	10.000	**Spain**
Sweden	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY activities at National Horizon 2020 Information meeting about SC6	06.02.2014	Stockholm	All types (academic, public sector, private sector, NGO etc)	60	**Sweden, All (webcast)**
	Conference	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY activities at Information meeting about H2020	October 2013 November 2014	Sweden	All types (academic, public sector, private sector, NGO etc)	1600	**Sweden**
	Conference	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY activities at Launch event H2020	29.01.2014	Stockholm	Policy level	650	**Sweden**

	Workshops	Presentation of NET4SOCIETY activities at Training on participation in Horizon 2020 projects	02.09.14	Stockholm	Social scientists	60	**Sweden**
Switzerland	Flyer	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY flyers		10 regional offices in CH	Facilitators		**Switzerland**
	Website	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY newsletter via national NCP website	Dec 2013 July 2014	online	Scientific community		**Switzerland**
	Website	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY ISSUES newsletter via national NCP website	July 2014 17/25.11.15	online	Scientific community		**Switzerland**
	Website	Promotion of NET4SOCIETY research directory	Jan 2014	online	all profile owner	around 800	**All**
	Website	Promotion of NET4SOCIETY Opportunities document on Social Media	upon publication	online	Scientific Community		**Switzerland**
Turkey	Workshops	Presentation on NET4SOCIETY network and promotion of the NET4SOCIETY Brokerage Event during Info Day on Social Sciences and Humanities in H2020	24.12.14 25.12.14	Istanbul Istanbul	Scientific community	120 40	**Turkey**
	Conference	Presentation on NET4SOCIETY network and promotion of the NET4SOCIETY Brokerage Event on H2020 Conference	14.01.2015	İstanbul,	Scientific community, SMEs, Municipalities	150	**Turkey**
	Website	Dissemination of NET4SOCIETY partner search tool and research directory on national NCP website	continuously	online	Scientific community		**All**