How can NET4SOCIETY support you

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What is NET4SOCIETY?
The International network of National Contact Points for the Societal Challenge 6 "Europe in a changing world: inclusive, innovative and reflective societies" & Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon 2020

- Established in February 2008
  EU funding until November 2014
- NET4SOCIETY³: Coordination and support action of the 7th EU Framework Programme (G.A. 320325)
- Over 60 members (Jan. 2014) from Europe & beyond
NET4SOCIETY’s Mission

- Growing transnational network of SC6 NCPs
- Successful, well-informed & connected SSH research communities
- Quality improvement SC6 NCP services across Europe & beyond
- Strong & vibrant SSH aspects in Horizon 2020
- Increase SSH visibility & raise awareness for SSH impact
- Increased participation from ICPCs: International Cooperation Partner Countries
- Close cooperation with key stakeholders & European Commission
How can NET4SOCIETY support you??
NET4SOCIETY offers

- **International Networking Events**

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- SSH Funding Opportunities
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  Topics of SSH relevance in all of the 2014/15 Calls of Horizon 2020

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**Success Stories: Impact of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities**

Research from Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) supports the achievement of policy targets and contributes to the benefit of society and economy in manifold ways. SSH provides essential knowledge for understanding the world we live in in terms of politics, economy and culture. It helps to shape identities, to understand human diversity and to hold communities together. In many cases, SSH research results shape policy and legislation actions. However, the impact of SSH is often difficult to measure and not as visible as e.g. a technological innovation developed in a research project.

To increase the visibility of this impact, NET4SOCIETY has produced success stories on SSH projects funded under FP7 and FP6 that had a considerable impact – not only on research but also on policy, society or economy – these are:

- **MERCURY** - Helping the EU understand its past to better shape its future  
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- **ENACT** - Citizenship is – or should be – more than a legal status  
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- **ENRI-EST** - Understanding identity formation of ethnic minorities  
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- **FAMILYPLATFORM** - How to make the lives of Europe's families better  
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- **INCLUD-ED** - Making the most of Europe's talents  
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- **INNODRIVE** - Revealing underestimated drivers for innovation and well-being  
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- **PRIV-WAR** - Regulations for private military and security companies  
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The projects are selected on the basis of the visibility of their impact. Another criterion is the active involvement of policy makers and other stakeholders. For identifying the projects, NET4SOCIETY makes use of its SSH NCP network members' experience and knowledge of FP7 projects and of the EU Commission.
European scholars and researchers from ICPCs might be hesitant or even skeptical with regards to the EU-FP7 as a program relevant to them, as a program they can benefit from. Dr. David Rotman, the Belarusian partner in an FP7 project, will prove them wrong.

Belarus, an International Cooperation Participating Country, is currently involved in several social sciences related projects funded by the European Commission.

One of these projects titled “Health in Times of Transition: Trends in Population Health and Health Policies in CIS Countries” (HIT-CIS) (www.hit-cis.net) is funded through an FP7 - HEALTH (SIHA) Grant no. Z23344.

The project is based on several medical statistics documents on health issues, but also includes national surveys, using sociological methods of collecting and analyzing the data provided by respondents. This allowed the project to create a broader view of public health situations in the CIS countries and provide informed advice to policy makers of all the countries involved.

This five years project (2009-2013) was granted €3 million. The Project is coordinated by the Vienna Institute for Advanced Studies, and its Scientific Coordinator is the University of Aberdeen, UK.

Three features make this FP7 project especially interesting for ICPCs as well as for demonstrating the long-term benefits the cooperation enables and the flexibility within FP7 themes:

- 10 out of total 13 partner organisations are from Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Moldova.
- It is a follow-up project that continues the research done earlier by the same partners, and thus allows for empirical comparisons of important indicators for a longer period of time.
- The project is financed through a Health grant (Specific Theme - Epidemiological investigations, long-term trends of population health) but the majority of the project’s partners are sociological organisations, and the project’s main results refer to the social sphere.

Dr. David ROTMAN from Belarusian State University - the Belarusian partner in the HIT-CIS Project was interviewed by Dr. Larissa ITARENKO the Belarusian SSH NCP and N4S member, and shared the story of his success.

Net4Society: Dr. Rotman, coming from a non-EU country, what do you attribute to your successful participation in several EU funded projects, where you consistently play an important role?

According to my personal view, it is necessary to be educated in the EU countries to become a good scholar. I graduated from Belarussian State University in the Soviet time and then gained my practical sociological experience through active participation in the so-called “all-union projects” in the 80s. All former Soviet Republics took part in these projects, and those experiences included national surveys. Also, before I took part in FP projects I participated in several INTAS projects that I am responsible for several tasks, but in particular I conduct other CIS partners on practical issues related to research.

What is the goal of the HIT-CIS Project?

In this project, we are trying to define a better understanding of the circumstances in which people of the post-soviet countries live. More specifically, we are studying how good or bad is the quality of health services they receive, and in what extent they can access healthcare facilities. Furthermore, our aim is to assess both healthy and unhealthy people’s lifestyles, patterns of nutrition, quality and type of food they usually buy and consume, as well as their habits of alcohol and tobacco consumption.

We all know that the competition between project proposals is very high. In your opinion, why did your project receive funding from the EU?

First, I am proud to say that this project has been selected due to its excellence. Our consortium is working to do the best research possible.
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26./27. February 2014 in Athens:

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