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Genesis, First Steps and Recommendations

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Who we are
Working Group of Officers for EU Research Affairs in German Universities

What do we have in common?

• We work in Universities/Research Institutions with strategic focus on Social Sciences and the Humanities.

• We follow the debate on the Social Sciences and the Humanities in European Framework Programmes and

• We are in contact with the basis (scientists, applications, projects)
Why ROSE - Analysis

Striking GAP between

a) the **importance of societal issues for Europe** and the aims the European Commission has recently defined for its future
   ✓ Social Europe
   ✓ creating more unity within our societies
   ✓ Harmonizing social security rights

and

b) surprising **low budget for research on societal issues**
very **limited number of projects financed**, high complains of the Commission about the **lack of impact**.
How to foster a mentality of impact generation from scientific results in Research on Societies?

- Pureness of Science vs. pragmatic vision of science that includes communication for general public and impact
- Encourage involvement of stakeholders in projects
- Encourage diversified instruments for publication of results
- Training simplification without loosing scientific rigor
- Follow the work of projects such as Dandelion/COURAGE and be inspired by their recommendations
Contact stakeholders (Commission, ministeries, NCPs, KoWi, policy oriented consortia, communities, networks and alliances etc..)

• State importance of Research on Societies and point to contradictions (Europe without research on itself?)
• Redefine Impact/Missions in order to include Research on Societies
• Propose topic ideas (that cannot be refused)
• Claim for more budget more project (in order to enhance impact)
ROSE – Where are we now

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Democratic Europe
- Enhancing trust and transparency in politics
- Bringing Europe to the citizens in times of crisis
- Rethinking European Governance in times of crisis

Social Europe
- Ensuring Social Security in times of transformation
- Enabling Solidarity from the local to the global
- Making Social Market Economies sustainable

Educated Europe
- Ensuring equal education to the citizens
- Fostering knowledge in a post-factual society
- Fostering innovation through education

Soon: Link to sign for support
Link to the recommendation
http://www.uni-mainz.de/forschung/2609_ENG_HTML.php
## ROSE – How did we get there

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<td>Conference Dinner in Bonn – foundation of initiative</td>
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<td>First meeting – define aims, concept and organisation of workshop on SSH</td>
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<td><em>KoWi Workshop</em> “Research on Societies in Horizon 2020 and beyond”</td>
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<td><em>Future</em>: Scientist – Stakeholder meeting “keep in touch“</td>
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**Important issues/best practices**

**Visibility**
- Act on our own - join another established group – coordinate with others?

**Identify supporters in key positions**
- in research, university heads, NCPs, ministries, in politics, in European Commission
  
  Who knows whom?

**Effective communication**
- distil small, clear messages

**Be open and flexible**
- use options for presentation and publicity
- react and contribute to current issues

**Representation of the group**
- contact - spokesperson
- name
- webpage
- ongoing communication

**TIME**
Thank you!

Participation in events

Cooperation

Joining forces

You are welcome to contact us
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