General Introduction

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Rationale

• Increase, facilitate and expand Trans-Atlantic research collaboration

• Enhance and expand existing networks

• Build on lessons learnt

• Pilot on ‘Digital Scholarship’ (Content, Methodology and Data)

• Identifying mutual thematic challenges
Building on

– NORFACE
– HERA
– ALCUENET
– EULANEST
– The ‘Belmont Forum’
– Net4Society
– ScieLO
– FLACSO
Governance

- EC funded, 3 years
- Coordination: Canada and The Netherlands
- Initial Partners: De, Fr, UK, Brazil, Mex, USA
- 6 work packages:
  - Strong Partnership
  - Pilot on Digital Scholarship
  - Scoping Thematic challenges
  - Expansion
  - Dissemination
  - Management
Pilot - Digital Scholarship

– The ways in which digital technologies are being developed and used, and:
  • how they are transforming different spheres of social life and
  • how they are transforming the social sciences and humanities

– E.g. building on ‘Digging into Data’
– E.g. building on WSSF 2013
– E.g. follow up OECD Global Science Forum
– Etc.etc.
Thematic Scoping
(enhancing SSH contributions)

*Societal Challenges Horizon 2020*

- Health, demographic change and well being
- Bioeconomic Challenges: Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Secure societies, protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens

*How to build Trans-Atlantic programmes with embedded SSH?*
For discussion in Platform Steering Committee

• How to best create strong and high quality support to research teams?
  – Combining and merging initiatives vs expanding?
  – Proven mechanisms
  – Funding models?

• New configurations required?

• How to better involve the research communities in programming?