



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?

