Science with and for Society

The Science with and for Society Work Programme will help to build and improve effective and innovative ways of cooperation between science and society, to recruit new talent for science and to pair scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility. The goal is to enable a widening of the social and political support to science and to technology in all Member States.

Science with and for Society allows all societal actors (researchers, citizens, policy makers, business and third sector organisations etc.) to work together during the whole research and innovation process. This approach to research and innovation is called Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). The RRI package includes five key elements: societal engagement, gender equality and gender in research and innovation content, open access, science education and ethics.

For the years 2014–2015, the calls for proposals will focus on:

- Call for making science education and careers attractive for young people;
- Call for promoting gender equality in research and innovation;
- Call for integrating society in science and innovation;
- Call for developing governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation;

Call for proposals opens: 11.12.2013
Call for proposals ends: to be confirmed, see the work programme
The budget for the call is: estimated 53 million EUR (2014) and 56 million EUR (2015)

Special conditions:

The participation of third countries and international organisations is welcome. Funding will be subject to existing agreements. Most of the activities will require the establishment of multi-stakeholder consortia, including from Social Sciences and Humanities, SMEs and Civil Society Organisations, philanthropic organisations, etc. It is expected that all activities funded under Science with and for Society demonstrate their innovative character as well as their economic, social and environmental sustainability. The projects funded under the Work Programme 2014–15 are expected to participate in the Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020. Further guidance on the Open Research Data Pilot is made available on the Participant Portal.
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- European Commission Participant Portal:
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home
- EU Research and Innovation Programmes: http://www.tekes.eu