

Feedback opportunity for the work programme 2025

Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Destination 3: Innovative research on social and economic transformations.

Draft expected impacts:

Projects funded under this destination should contribute to the following expected impacts in the strategic plan:

- Strengthening social and economic resilience and sustainability
- Boosting inclusive growth and reducing vulnerabilities effectively

The expected impacts reflect the two-pronged nature of the destination. On the one hand, research funded by this destination will improve the understanding of how the macro drivers of change (technological change, climate change, new global trade patterns, along with migration, human mobility, and other demographic changes) impact society and inform policy makers on how to mitigate negative consequences and harness newly created opportunities. The results obtained should improve the understanding of the interplay between different drivers of change and their social, ethical, political, and economic implications. The improved understanding of these challenges and their economic, social, and distributional impacts will fill in the research gaps while also inform the design and assessment of policies addressing existing and emerging challenges, including in the areas of education, well-being and mental health.

On the other hand, research and innovation investment should be geared towards deepening the understanding of how ongoing changes impact society, with a specific emphasis on the key objectives of boosting inclusive and sustainable growth and effectively reducing vulnerabilities, poverty and inequalities. This knowledge should provide valuable insights to policymakers to design and assess policies that effectively address vulnerabilities while capitalizing on emerging opportunities.

Overall, the Cluster's activities will help promote the EU's inclusive growth, resilience, and fair transition towards climate neutrality, in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights and its Action Plan, the European Education Area, the EU's policies on quality jobs and sustainable development, the New Pact on Asylum and Migration and the EU's just transition policy framework

Main expected outcomes:

- Policymakers at regional, national and EU level are provided with recommendations to address the prevalence of gender-based violence (GBV), including tech-facilitated GBV, in different social and economic contexts, based on the collection and analysis of data.
- Employers, practitioners, and civil society organisations are supported in their work on the prevention, protection, prosecution, and provision of services in addressing GBV, including through best practice sharing, mutual learning and the development of consent education material.

- Policymakers and education practitioners build capacity to use and generate evidence in education and training policy and practice.
- Policymakers are supported with evidence-based recommendations on key skills and competence development, taking into account the impact of the learning environment, including the use of digital tools in everyday life.
- Policymakers are able to design, implement and deploy interventions for youth with mental health conditions and to improve their education, training and work trajectories. Policy-ready research results and evidence on the well-being and mental health of people, based on a human-centred research perspective, will feed into this process.
- The autonomy, quality of life, social integration and participation of persons with intellectual and physical disabilities at different levels (education, family, work, society, etc) are enhanced through innovative, evidence-based policy approaches. Persons with intellectual and physical disabilities, their representative organisations, civil society organizations, policymakers and relevant institutions at national / local / regional level are identified and engaged in the process.
- Policymakers and relevant social partners have a deeper knowledge of impacts of working time reduction on inequality, productivity, well-being and sustainability of welfare systems in the context of the changing labour market, including demographic changes and the transition towards climate neutrality.
- Support relevant policymakers to anticipate and manage labour reallocations more effectively based on an improved understanding of the mechanisms of geographic mobility and of past industrial transformations, as well as what successful policies and measures were used to combat their negative externalities.
- Policymakers receive actionable advice on policy measures effective in reducing the prevalence of un(der)declared work and/or its adverse social consequences.
- Policymakers have better understanding of differences in career trajectories of women and men following childbirth and their consequences for gender inequalities in the labour market. They also understand better the consequences of parental work decisions for children's well-being.
- Policymakers are supported in implementing the EU migration agenda, specifically the New Pact on Asylum and Migration, through robust and evidence-based insights to help them remain responsive to both current issues and future migration dynamics.
- Europe's economic and social model adapts to help prevent and reduce intergenerational disparities. Societal resilience is strengthened and intergenerational fairness in the social, digital, green, and demographic transitions is ensured through a better understanding of intergenerational disparities for effective integration of people of all ages in society.
- Policymaking organisations at national and international level effectively integrate climate change considerations into migration policies, with the help of innovative policy frameworks and tools.
- Policymakers are supported in the design of new policies to address existing and emerging challenges, notably in the area of well-being (societal and individual) and mental health. The connection between arts and culture, health, well-being, and social inclusion is strengthened.

