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# Destination Social and Economic Transformations

## Expected impacts:

Projects funded under this destination should contribute to the following expected impacts in the **Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027**:

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

## Policy context:

Help promote the EU's inclusive growth, resilience, and fair transition towards climate neutrality, by providing solid analytical evidence to implement actions related to *among others*:

- The European Pillar of Social Rights, the European Education Area and the European Research Area, the Union of Equality, Communication on Demographic change in Europe, the EU's Just Transition Policy Framework, Communication on a comprehensive approach to Mental Health, and the New Pact on Asylum and Migration



## TO DO LIST

- ☒ Always take the **gender dimension** into account in the design of your proposal
- ☒ **Clustering** and **cooperation** with other projects encouraged



# Destination Social and Economic Transformations (2025)

## 11 topics

- 10 Research & Innovation Actions (RIA)
- 1 Coordination & Support Action (CSA)



## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-01: Tackling gender-based violence in different social and economic spheres (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 million / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Collect data and analyse the prevalence and impact of gender-based violence (GBV), including tech-facilitated GBV, in different socio-economic contexts and legislative frameworks, and provide policymakers at regional, national and EU level with recommendations to address it.
- Support employers, practitioners, and civil society organisations in their work on the prevention, protection, prosecution, and provision of services in addressing GBV, including through promoting best practice sharing, mutual learning and education material focused on consent.

### **Scope**

- Gender-based violence (GBV) is a prevalent issue, with 1 in 3 women in the EU having experienced physical and/or sexual violence, 22% of women in the EU having experienced violence by an intimate partner, and 55% having been sexually harassed.
- Intersectional data is lacking in specific fields (e.g. atypical work arrangements) and on new forms of violence (e.g. non-consensual sharing of sexually explicit, AI-generated images)
- Proposals should look at gender-based violence in one or more of the following areas: 1) GBV in the world of work, 2) GBV in sports 3) GBV on online platforms.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-02: Historical and regional analyses of industrial transitions and their lessons for ensuring a fair green transition (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 million / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Provide policymakers with an analysis of past and present industrial transformations and what successful policies and measures were used to combat their negative externalities.
- Improve the understanding on the mechanisms of regional responses (e.g. geographic mobility of labour) and provide policymakers with a set of recommendations for seizing the opportunities and smoothing the risks of the developments. Analyse and evaluate forms of collaborative and participatory approaches to the management and governance of transition processes, including through social dialogue and collective bargaining.

### **Scope**

- The geographic variation in the impact of the European Green Deal is crucially important. One important field of research should be on mechanisms of geographic mobility of labour, incorporating a gender perspective
- Another important research avenue is firm adaptation. Much of the current research is focused on the closing of factories but past transitions can provide insight into how to handle economic readjustment in regions strongly impacted by the green transformations.
- Proposals may focus on policies which favoured local job creation, upskilling, labour mobility, and business model diversification. Proposals may also focus on the experiences of workers to provide adaptation lessons for the current transitions
- Another research perspective could be the role social conflicts and compromises linked with social partners and how these have shaped past transitions.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-03: Working time reduction: barriers, challenges, benefits and policy implications (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 million / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes (projects should contribute to at least three out of four of the expected outcomes):**

- Deepen the understanding available to policy makers, employers, trade unions and other stakeholders regarding the impacts and implementation of the working time reduction, including its implications on social, economic or environmental outcomes in the society.
- Provide policymakers with recommendations on the feasibility of implementing working time reduction across all types of economic activity and occupations while promoting positive macroeconomic outcomes;
- Provide relevant stakeholders (e.g. social partners, SMEs, large companies and public authorities) with recommendations and data on the enablers and barriers to successful implementation of working time reduction, including at employer and employee level.
- Improved understanding of the potential of working time reduction to increase employment and inclusion in the labour market by activating underrepresented groups, including women, the elderly, workers with disabilities and others.

### **Scope**

- Proposals should assess the impacts of working time reduction along at least two out of the three axes: economic, social, and environmental.
- Applicants are encouraged to employ a variety of SSH research methods, including quantitative micro-economic analysis or behavioural and other experimental research methods.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-04-two-stage: Gender differences in career trajectories of parents and their implications for gender equality and family well-being (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 million / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Policymakers and social partners have better understanding of gender differences in career trajectories of parents and their consequences for gender inequalities in the labour market and within households.
- Providing policymakers with effective policy options that help reduce gender gaps in labour market outcomes of parents and support family well-being.

### **Scope**

- Identify key gender differences in careers of parents and assess how they affect current gender gaps in socio-economic outcomes such as employment, choice of occupation, pay, career opportunities, working conditions, health, or poverty risks.
- Assess key positive and negative consequences of different career trajectories of parents for families, including quality and stability of family relationships, the availability of economic and social resources, and family well-being.
- Analyse drivers of parental career and household-related decisions, focusing on the division of unpaid childcare within households, social norms and stereotypes, occupational and sectoral work culture, and institutional/policy settings.
- The research should take an intersectional perspective.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-05: Improving fairness in the economy through a better understanding of undeclared and underdeclared work (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 million / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Policymakers and social partners have insights into the scope and/or characteristics of un(der)declared work or actors involved in un(der)declared work.
- Policymakers receive actionable advice on policy measures effective in reducing the prevalence of un(der)declared work and/or its adverse social consequences.

### **Scope**

- Research activities are expected to have a strong multidisciplinary aspect and should contribute to advancing research on the scope and/or characteristics of un(der)declared work and/or the evasion of compulsory payments linked to workers' remuneration.
- Research should contribute to understanding the causes and main structural drivers behind actors' willingness to engage in un(der)declared work and/or the related evasion of compulsory payments are important elements that will help to better assess and design policies seeking to tackle un(der)declared work and/or the evasion of compulsory payments.
- The geographical focus of the research activities should comprise a group of economies with a heterogeneous prevalence of un(der)declared work. Proposals are encouraged to consider the impact of disruptive technologies (e. g. digital platforms, cloud computing, generative artificial intelligence) or major socio-economic developments on the proliferation and/or changing features of un(der)declared work.



## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-06: Evaluation and use of evidence in education policy and practice (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 m / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- New analysis and evaluation of education policy measures.
- Support use of SSH research evidence by education and training policy makers and practitioners.
- Enhanced culture of research and evaluation in education policymaking and among practitioners. Better understanding of the types of expertise and institutional settings that are more effective at informing education policies and practices with evidence.

### **Scope**

- Assess the effectiveness of education policies using qualitative, quantitative, and experimental methods.
- Enhance the use of social sciences and humanities research in policymaking and education practice.
- Ensure partnerships with policymakers, practitioners, and institutions while improving access to administrative and survey data.
- Support the EU's target to reduce low-achievement rates and promote inclusive, evidence-based education policies.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-07: Impact of the learning environment and the use of digital tools in everyday life on key skills and competence development (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 m / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Provide analyses of the impact of digital tools in everyday life on wellbeing and how children learn.
- Provide analyses and evidence-based recommendations on how to provide opportunities for high quality education that uses digital technologies in ways that support the wellbeing of the school community (students, teachers and school leaders).

### **Scope**

- Proposals should focus on primary and/ or secondary general compulsory education
- Proposals may select different target groups to investigate how intersecting factors influence children's experiences with digital tools
- Proposals should include the voice of children and young people through active and meaningful participation and other relevant stakeholders as part of the data collection.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-08: Improving mental health outcomes for people in education, training and work (RIA)**

**€ 15 m / 3-4 projects**

### **Expected outcomes :**

- Deliver scalable and replicable integrated person-centred interventions on mental health included blended ones, in a manner that they are transferable to the new context in education, training and work, and studying and comparing their impacts.
- Deliver integrated person-centered interventions to all segments of population and aged groups with a particular focus for the youth with mental health conditions to improve their education, training and work trajectories, to ensure all these people's inclusion into society.
- Provide relevant authorities, policy makers, key stakeholders and practitioners with viable tools to make evidence-based informed decisions for implementation to benefit mental health outcomes in education, training and work. This includes effectiveness studies as well as the delivery of data, including health economics data of the developed intervention(s) to further advance this policy area, and
- Provide quality evidence-based data to policy makers and research and innovation stakeholders to bridge the gap between mental health outcomes and related socio-economic transitions.

### **Scope:**

- To significantly increase /scale-up the percentage of interventions that are actually used, and
- To involve families, individuals/communities, stakeholders and authorities, such as public services, civil society organisations in the development and implementation of interventions aimed at heterogenous segments of population.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-09: Good practices for increased autonomy of persons with disabilities, including physical, mental, intellectual and sensory disabilities (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 m / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes : Projects should contribute to some of the expected outcomes (minimum three)**

- Develop innovative evidence-based policy approaches to promote the autonomy of persons with disabilities of any age.
- Develop practices facilitating the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in different areas of life: education, employment, family life, living arrangements, leisure, arts, culture and sports
- Address the use of assistive technology
- Compare different options for policies and measures to increase the autonomy and quality of life of persons with disabilities
- Identify relevant actors to achieve effective results

### **Scope**

- Proposals should address barriers and solutions to increase inclusiveness, taking into account the role of the family as carers and agents of inclusion.
- Proposals need to map, analyse and test support practices facilitating the access to education, training and employment, considering the impact of inclusive education and special needs education.
- Proposals need to explore and test new and innovative ways to increase the autonomy of persons with disabilities in different areas of life, such as education, employment, family life, living arrangements, leisure, arts, culture and sports.
- Proposals need to address the possible loneliness and risks of being exposed to abuse, neglect, scams and aggressions.

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-10: Intergenerational fairness in the context of demographic change in the EU (RIA)**

**€ 10.2 m / 3 projects**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Increased understanding and engagement among policy makers, researchers and citizens on future trends and drivers of intergenerational fairness in the EU.
- Provide knowledge and data for evidence-informed policies to address the drivers of intergenerational inequalities, and tailor interventions to diverse demographic groups, ensuring inclusivity across gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.
- Develop an action plan to inform policy making on intergenerational fairness and to adapt the European economic and social model to reduce current and prevent future intergenerational imbalances.

### **Scope**

- Proposals should: (i) provide in-depth analysis of at least 3 different drivers of intergenerational inequalities and their interdependence; (ii) investigate intergenerational fairness, solidarity and trust through an intersectional lens, considering gender, family structure, racial or ethnic origin, socioeconomic and migration backgrounds.
- Proposals may: (i) have a regional and/or national dimension; (ii) focus on developing and/or forecasting intergenerational fairness indicators; (iii) draw lessons from recent policy interventions in EU Member States and propose adjustment measures or test them through social innovation experiments; (iv) focus on democratic participation and socially inclusive pathways to co-creating public values .

## **HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-11: Migration and climate change: building resilience and enhancing sustainability (CSA)**

**€ 2 m / 1 project**

### **Expected outcomes**

- Strengthen EU and national migration governance by developing a dynamic knowledge database and an exchange platform, for enhanced collaboration among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners, promoting the integration of environment and climate change migration considerations into EU and national policies.
- Develop a strategic roadmap that outlines key research and policy priorities addressing climate change and migration and supports implementation measures.
- Develop policy recommendations to improve the EU's understanding and preparedness, and to enhance collaboration between the EU and third countries within the frameworks of relevant EU policies.

### **Scope**

- Develop a strategic roadmap that will act as a comprehensive framework for understanding the impacts of climate change on migration and a dynamic platform as the go-to place for EU and national authorities, researchers, policymakers, and relevant stakeholders.
- Proposals should adopt an interdisciplinary approach integrating climate, population, and human mobility studies and encompass a broader analysis of vulnerabilities, such as internal displacements
- Cooperation with previously funded Horizon projects as well as the Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography operated by the JRC

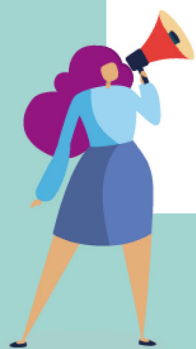
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**!!! 16 September 2025 !!!**  
**17:00 Brussels time**



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# Tips



Read the **topic text**, the **general introduction** and the **general annexes** carefully!



Start **early** & submit **before** the deadline



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