

EUROPE NEEDS CONTINUED INSPIRATION – A CSA FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGENDA

Continued coordination and support action is needed to yield significant national funder contributions to implement the INSPIRATION agenda.

Why we need to act?

Spatial planning, land use and soil management are of substantial meaning for Europeans. The EU funded H2020 CSA “INSPIRATION” (2015-2018) identified in a unique bottom-up approach – engaging with more than 500 experts from more than 20 countries – the most pressing research needs for the next decade. They are clustered and presented in a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) – www.inspiration-agenda.eu – to focus and stimulate future EU’s and Member States’ research investments addressing stakeholders’ needs. This will contribute to an economically prosperous, socially sensitive and ecologically sensible Europe. To leverage such research investments, a targeted coordination and support action is needed.

What we will gain?

A targeted coordination and support action is an efficient tool to enable the implementation of the SRA (www.inspiration-agenda.eu). Potential regional, national and European funders interested in investing in the strategic research agenda have been screened in the current CSA. Further targeted support focused on implementation will translate their vision into reality! Funders will more likely invest as they can build on support of a network of national contacts who 1) elucidate the agenda’s research priorities, 2) provide detailed information about transnational and EU funding interests, 3) make contact with national and European parties interested in co-funding, 4) identify mutual opportunities to pool resources and leverage outcomes. An implementation-targeted CSA will be DG Research’s means to facilitate more transnational research in Europe on spatial planning, land use and soil management!

Key research areas

Transnational co-funding is key to leveraging impact from research investments in all topics identified in the strategic research agenda. The INSPIRATION agenda integrated research demands of 17 European countries into 39 research priorities. These reflect a shared multinational perspective on what knowledge is needed to address Europeans’ societal challenges. The spatial planning, land use and soil management priorities span multiple disciplines and policy fields and are grouped under 5 themes:

- 1) Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services Supply
- 2) Demand for Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services
- 3) Land Use Management
- 4) Net Impact at different spatial and temporal scales
- 5) Integrated needs that cut across these themes.

How to become active?

DG Research should evaluate available means to support the implementation of the SRA (www.inspiration-agenda.eu). For any questions related to unique development and research priorities of this strategic research agenda, contact the project coordinators at contact@inspiration-agenda.eu. National funders are invited to contact INSPIRATION national contacts to discuss how they can support the research implementation.

