



Call for proposals

Enhancing well-being for the future



01 Timeline and eligibility

Call announcement: **May 26th, 2023**

Deadline for outline proposals: **September 21st, 2023, 14.00 CET**

Deadline for invited full proposals: **March 26th 2024, 14.00 CET**

Call results: **October/November 2024**

Funded project start: **December 2024/March 2025**

Eligibility requirements

Project Team:

Composed of **at least four and maximum six Principal Investigators**, i.e. partners, eligible to receive funding **from four or more different countries** participating in the call

Project duration: **24-36 months**

Research funding: up to a maximum amount of **1 500 000 €** (across all partners)

The goal of the *Well-being* call is to fund innovative social science research addressing one or more of the call themes. This call aims to promote diversity in research. When building research consortia, applicants are strongly encouraged to take into account the following aspects:



Gender balance



Academic age balance



Geographical diversity



Knowledge exchange and impact

02 Call theme

Enhancing well-being for the future

The theme can be approached from a variety of perspectives and disciplines in the social sciences. It enables and encourages multi-disciplinarity and provides opportunities for pan-European research integrating researchers from different regions of Europe, and for comparisons across various contexts. The present call proposes to focus the research on the following themes:

Crises, challenges, and well-being

To be able to better respond to crises and challenges in Europe at a population level, it is important to better understand the effect of well-being-related factors on coping with crises and challenges as well as short- and long-term effects of crises on well-being. Proposals could address: the dynamic features of well-being in response to stressors and crises; well-being over time and developing prediction models; effects of policies and actions on well-being targeting children and adolescents; long-term effects of ongoing crises and challenges on well-being at a population level.

Environmental challenges and well-being

The living environment influences well-being and health. Ongoing climate change is already having considerable impact on well-being and mental health in several ways, including heightened exposure to hazards as well as the experience of changes in temperature and the natural environment. Research questions related to this theme may include: effect of urbanicity on well-being; effect of workplace and work organization on well-being; effects of housing, and community structure on well-being; effect of climate change on well-being.

Well-being and mental health

Subjective well-being has been conceptualized as more than merely the absence of poor mental health. However, both are related: the third theme focuses on a better understanding of the relationship between well-being and mental health particularly in the conditions of turbulent times. Proposals could address: uncovering the development of mental health and well-being among children and adolescents; investigating the long-term trajectories of well-being and mental health and their interaction beyond adolescence; building the basis for future population-based and individual-based interventions.

Well-being, economy, and politics

One of the focal points in well-being research is formed by the distribution of well-being in relation to income, age, education, geography, and other social, political, and economic factors. Research questions related to this theme may include: analysis of economic growth and well-being; well-being of marginalized groups; social and political polarization and well-being; well-being economics in political reality.

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