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Trans-Atlantic Platform

For the Social Sciences and Humanities

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A Global First in Trans-Atlantic Research Funding Co-operation

Formed in October 2013, the Trans-Atlantic Platform is a collaboration between key humanities and social science funders in South America, North America and Europe. The European Commission funds and acts as an observer of the Platform.

Never before have research funders in the Americas and Europe embarked on a collaboration of this scale.

Rationale

- International research collaboration is increasing.
- Solutions to societal challenges often require coordinated, international action.
- Significant costs and complexity involved in international research collaboration.
- Uncoordinated funding from multiple national funders creates barriers to collaboration.

Mission

The mission of the Trans-Atlantic Platform is to enhance the ability of funders, research organisations and researchers to engage in transnational dialogue and collaboration.

Partners – Americas

Canada	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Fonds de recherche du Québec (Société et culture)
Argentina	Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation
Brazil	Foundation for Research Support, State of Sao Paulo
Mexico	National Council of Science and Technology
Chile	National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research
U.S.	National Endowment for the Humanities National Science Foundation

Partners – Europe

Netherlands	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
Finland	Academy of Finland
France	French National Research Agency
Germany	German Aerospace Centre
	German Research Foundation
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology
U.K.	Arts and Humanities Research Council
	Economic and Social Research Council
N/A	International Social Science Council

Activities

Interagency Learning

- Comparative Analysis of T-AP Member Organisations
- Overview of Cooperation across the EU and the Americas

Activities

Pilot Project – Digital Scholarship

- A pilot funding program in collaboration with **Digging into Data**
- Expand participation from the previous three rounds of Digging into Data
- Launch 2016, funding decisions early 2017
- Lay the groundwork for future collaborative activities

Activities

Thematic Scoping

- Diversity, Inequality and Differences
- Transformative Research on the Environment
- Resilient and Innovative Societies

A Collaborative Future

- Continue sharing knowledge and best practices, so as to foster international research collaboration.
- Identify new research priorities as they arise.
- Use the mechanisms developed for the pilot funding program as the foundation of future funding programs.

An Opportunity for SSHRC

- History of funding to digital humanities
- Increased opening of programs to international collaborators and co-applicants
- Links to new policy frameworks on **Open Access to Research Publications** and on **Research Data Management**
- Alignment with new strategic directions

Questions/Comments?

We encourage you to follow our progress and share your ideas



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