

**NEW ERA ACTIONS FOR THE ERA POLICY AGENDA 2025-2027**  
**TEMPLATE FOR NATIONAL CONSULTATION PROCESS**

This template follows up on the debate in the ERA Forum on 25 May, in which Forum representatives agreed on a coordinated approach towards the definition of new actions for the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027. It builds on a gap analysis exercise in which the ERA Forum assessed, which parts of the [Pact for Research and Innovation](#) are already covered by the [Policy Agenda 2022-2024](#) and where there should be additions.

Forum representatives are invited to distribute this template among actors at national level to collect input for **potential new actions for the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027**. The priority areas of the Pact for Research and Innovation and content of the Policy Agenda 2022-2024 should be taken into account when filling in this template.

The results of the national process should be then fed into the gap analysis document by Forum representatives by **18 August 2023**. This will help to prepare the overall assessment for the ERA Forum meeting of September.

<b>Action title:</b> <i>(Please use as a maximum two lines.)</i>	Action in the field of social sciences and the humanities (Create a more humane society)
<b>Description of the action</b> <i>(Please explain the proposed action in a simple, clear and communicable narrative).</i>	The action is set to encourage research on phenomena related to cultural and historical heritage that may contribute to building a society based on solidarity and justice, freedom, and inclusiveness. It may make people better understand each other and their respective cultures and ways of thinking and to see the potential in keeping it alive and thriving.
<b>Actors</b> <i>(Please explain who would take part in the action and who would benefit from it).</i>	Targeted at scholars in the field of humanities and social sciences, librarians, museums, educational experts in the field.  The whole society would benefit from the results of such action and especially the actions on keeping the humane values alive.
<b>Expected impact</b> <i>(Please describe the expected impact of the action (including outside the scientific community), paying attention to the fact that it needs to focus on concrete results and reachable deliverables).</i>	Results would support the shared understanding and knowledge about different cultures, peoples and their history and culture. These may aid for deepening the understanding of why we, as a society, need and are able to strive together to face all the challenges (including war conflicts, migrant crisis, climate change).  The action would strongly encourage actions on inclusiveness and societal responsibility.
<b>Why do we need this action?</b> <i>(Please indicate the need for this action in view of implementing the Pact for R&amp;I and achieving the ERA objectives and explain why its objective cannot be reached through existing programmes/ activities. What is the action's added value at national and European level as well as for stakeholders? How does it make a change and how is co-creation ensured?)</i>	The research in the field of social sciences and humanities, which are aimed at the essential problems and risks of society that may exacerbate the serious dangers such as political conflicts and wars, may contribute to envisioning steps not only to their resolution but especially to prevention measure.  Research of significance is related to the study of the causes of the conflicts such as nationalisms, striving for dominance, lack of knowledge about the cultural values of "the others, the foreigners", lack of tolerance towards "the others, the foreigners" and solidarity with "the others, the foreigners".  This action would focus on supporting the values that we take for granted such as ethics and integrity, freedom, inclusiveness.

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<b>Additional information</b> <i>(For example, timing and milestones, which already could be envisaged, can be indicated.)</i>	<p>Timing and milestones would depend on preliminary work on identifying the work that has already been done in the targeted areas.</p> <p>As a first step, it is necessary to identify similar types of research such as research in the field of cultural and scientific contributions of a given nation/people that can be useful to humanity; studies in the field of the historical experience of a given people in conflicts and political problems, etc.; positive and negative aspects of history and socio-cultural experience.</p>
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