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SC 1 Health, demographic change and wellbeing - Work Programme 2018-2020

The last work programme 2018-2020 for Societal Challenge 1 covers three years and gathers some 50% of the available investment in Research and Innovation for this challenge. Its preparation started in 2016, involving various stakeholder engagement activities and consultations. It was eventually published on 27 October 2017. The 2019 update is now available.

The [last update of the Work Programme](#) ^[1] now contains all the topics that have to be submitted in 2020. It was published on 3rd July 2019.

Preparations for this last work programme started right from 2016. Like it was done in the past, consulting stakeholders has been an integral part of the programming process. [Societal Challenge 1](#) ^[2] particularly considered the following inputs:

- **Advisory Group:**

A large part of the input comes from the document '[Advice for 2018/2020 of the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Societal Challenge 1](#)' ^[3], which was adopted by the SC1 Advisory Group on 3 June 2016.

The document is based on data on response to the first SC1 Work Programme (2014-2015) and on the input for strategic orientations for 2018-2020 provided by the Commission in April 2016.

- **Targeted consultation of stakeholders (closed on 15 July 2016)**

A targeted consultation was sent on 8 June 2016 to more than 250 European level organisations active or relevant to the European Research Area in Health, Demographic Change and Well-being. The National Contact Points for the Societal Challenge were also invited to organise a consultation at national level and feedback to the Commission by 15 July 2016. On themes more relevant to information and communication technologies, active and healthy ageing, and eHealth/mHealth, the consultation has been enlarged to the wider public by opening access to a web-based form.

44 Stakeholders replied to the survey, with 40% of the replies coming from scientific associations in the area of health and care and 30% from patient or civil society organisations. Comments were also received from 19 Member States and Associated Countries. 42 additional comments were submitted through the web-based form for ICT-related themes.

- **Next Steps**

The Commission provided a report on the targeted consultation to the SC1 Advisory Group who elaborated on it and summarised their conclusions on the received comments in the [Annex to the Advisory Group report](#) [4].

On that basis, the Commission drafted the 2018-2020 SC1 Work Programme, taking also into account the coverage of the Societal Challenge 1 in 2014-2017 and the research agendas of its partnership activities [the [European Joint Technology Initiative on Innovative Medicines](#) [5](IMI-2), the two Art.185 initiatives: [Ambient Assisted Living](#) [6](AAL) and the [European Developing countries Clinical Trials Partnership](#) [7] (EDCTP), the [European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing](#) [8] (EIP AHA) as well as from the three SC1 related Joint Programming Initiatives on [Neurodegenerative Diseases](#) [9] (JPND), on [Anti-Microbial Resistance](#) [10] (JPIAMR) and on [Demographic Change \(More Years, Better Lives\)](#), [11] and the [EIT-KIC Health and Active Ageing](#) [12]] to avoid overlaps and create synergies with the SC1 Work Programme.

The main novelty in this last Work Programme is that it addresses the challenges identified in the April 2018 communication on Digital Health and Care (part of the Digital Single Market package) both in the first Call on "Better Health and Care..." (see Priority 1.6 Supporting the digital transformation in Health and Care) and in the dedicated second Call on "Digital transformation in Health and Care".

[Work Programme 2018-2020](#) [1]

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