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**Terms of reference for AU Horizon 2020 interdisciplinary expert groups**

**Background**

Horizon 2020 is the framework programme for research and innovation of the European Commission that will run from 2014-2020.

Horizon 2020 consists of the following subprogrammes**:**

1. **Excellent Science (**ERC grants, Marie Sklodowska Curie programmes, Research Infrastructure and Future Emerging Technologies)
2. **Industrial Leadership and Competitive Frameworks** promoting research and innovation with a business-driven agenda.
3. **Societal Challenges** implementing a challenge-based approach and bringing together resources and knowledge across different fields, technologies and scientific disciplines.

**Six interdisciplinary expert groups**

AU’s research committee (Forskningsbåndet) has established six expert groups following the thematic organization of Horizon 2020 part III Societal Challenges:

1. Health, demographic change and wellbeing;
2. Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research and bio economy;
3. Secure, clean and efficient energy;
4. Smart, green and integrated transport;
5. Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials;
6. Inclusive, innovative and reflexive societies and 7. Secure Societies –Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens

**Objective**

To represent and promote the interests of researchers at Aarhus University with the objective to increase AU’s researchers participation in European funding programmes.

**Tasks**

1. to advise on the mapping of research strengths at Aarhus University, as the basis for strong applications to Horizon 2020 (Societal Challenges, Industrial leadership, Joint programming (mapping frequency follows the rhythm of the biannual work programmes);
2. to provide input to reference groups, programme commitees, advisory groups, etc. who work for including priorities in Horizon 2020 work programmes;
3. to provide input to research policy work related to other topics and funding programmes, e.g. Inno + PPPs, Joint Programme Initiatives, Joint Technological Initiatives, etc., if relevant for the group

**Composition of the expert groups and commitment**

* The expert groups should be representative for AU’s research communities who work on issues that are relevant for the Societal Challenges; Industrial Leadership and Joint Programmes
* Members should feel committed to disseminate information on workprogrammes, relevant conferences and seminars, as well as other opportunities to their colleagues and to bring the interests of their colleagues to the expert groups.
* Members are expected to have an interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and research policy issues.

**Working form**

The frequency of meetings will be decided upon in each expert group.

The chair of the group defines the agenda with input from members and other relevant stakeholders.

The working language is English, if not all in the group speak and read Danish.

**Support and secretariat**

The strategy team, AU Research Support Office, provides the secretariat for the expert groups.