



Trans-Atlantic Platform

For the Social Sciences and Humanities

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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 Latin America, North America and Europe. The European Commission funded the inception of the Platform.

Since 2017 T-AP continues without EU funding and is funded by the participating funding agencies.

T-AP Rationale and Mission

- International research collaboration is a fact.
- 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 research collaboration.

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.

T-AP Added Value

- T-AP adds value to existing collaborations of research funders in social sciences in Europe by extending its work outside Europe:
 - HERA - Humanities in the European Research Area
a partnership of national research funding agencies in Europe dedicated to leading and developing opportunities for humanities researchers
 - NORFACE - New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency
Cooperation in Europe: a partnership of national research funding agencies in Europe dedicated to leading and developing opportunities for scientists in the area of social and behavioural sciences
- T-AP adds value to e.g. EU-CELAC and Belmont Forum by specifically focusing on and being led by social sciences and humanities funders

Core partners – Americas

Country	Name	Acronym
Canada	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	SSHRC
	Fonds de recherche du Québec (Société et culture)	FRQSC
Argentina	Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation	MINCYT
Brazil	Foundation for Research Support of the State of Sao Paulo	FAPESP
Mexico	National Council of Science and Technology	CONACYT
Chile	National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research	CONICYT
U.S.	National Endowment for the Humanities	NEH
	National Science Foundation	NSF

Core partners – Europe

Country	Name	Acronym
Netherlands	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research	NWO
Finland	Academy of Finland	AKA
France	French National Research Agency	ANR
Germany	German Aerospace Centre	DLR
	German Research Foundation	DFG
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology	FCT
UK	Arts and Humanities Research Council	AHRC
	Economic and Social Research Council	ESRC

Additional partners

The funding organisation partners mentioned are the ones that were involved in the Trans-Atlantic Platform EC contract and they now form the core group of T-AP.

Other funders are invited to participate in the joint activities development and implementation.

For Europe funding partners are invited via:

- HERA: Network of Humanities research funders
- NORFACE: Network of Social Sciences research funders.

For Latin America T-AP makes use of

- EU-CELAC interest group of funding agencies

T-AP Activities

Comparative Analysis of T-AP Member Organisations

- This analysis examined the features and best practices of T-AP partners and works towards developing new, flexible frameworks for international collaboration.

Overview of EU - Americas Cooperation

- This mapping exercise aimed to collect information on current collaborative activities, determine barriers to collaboration, and identify gaps in transatlantic cooperation.

Preparing joint transnational calls

- With added value to existing funding instruments.
- National funding rules remain valid
- Selection by International Review Panel

Pilot Call– T-AP Digging into Data

- T-AP has developed a pilot funding program on the theme of digital scholarship in social sciences and humanities, in collaboration with the Digging into Data Challenge started by NEH.
- T-AP could build on experiences from the previous three rounds of the international Digging into Data Challenge.
- The T-AP DiD Call was launched in 2016, funding decisions were made in 2017. Proposals could be submitted by transnational research consortia consisting of 3 at least research groups in participating countries spanning both sides of the Atlantic.
- US \$9.2 million was granted to 14 trans-Atlantic teams investigating how large-scale computational techniques may be applied e.g. musicology, economics, linguistics, political science, and history.
- This pilot program has laid the groundwork for future collaborative activities.

T-AP Digging into Data: funders

Argentina	MINCYT	Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva
Brazil	FAPESP	Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo
Canada	SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Canada	FRQSC/FRQNT	Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et culture / Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies
Canada	NSERC	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council
Mexico	CONACYT	Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología
US	NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
US	NSF	National Science Foundation
US	IMLS	Institute of Museum and Library Services
Germany	DFG	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
Finland	AKA	Suomen Akatemia
France	ANR	Agence Nationale de la Recherche
Portugal	FCT	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia
Netherlands	NWO	Nederlandse Organisatie v Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
UK	AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Council
UK	ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council

T-AP call on Social Innovation (planned)

Scope of the T-AP Social Innovation call (to be decided in SC June 7)

- addressing social challenges faced on both sides of the Atlantic in the context of diverging urban and rural developments (e.g. access to public services and infrastructure; digital divide; questions of ethnic conflicts; issues of human rights and legislation; questions of the current state of democracy; questions of equality and social, political, and human values);
- learning from the experiences of multi-sectoral collaboration for social innovation practiced on both sides of the Atlantic (e.g. new (digital) technologies and accessibility; global and local environmental issues and sustainable development; strategies for social cohesion; integration of health and social care services);
- the application and adaptation of approaches from one locale to another;
- generalizing and/or scaling-up of local experiences.

A Collaborative Future

- Continue sharing knowledge and best practices, so as to foster international research collaboration.
- Identify new social sciences and humanities (SSH) research priorities as they arise.
- Use the mechanisms developed for the pilot funding program as the foundation of future SSH funding programs.
- Finally, note that T-AP funders of course also collaborate with STEM funders. Many of them also require SSH participation both in the design and the implementation.

Questions/Comments?

We encourage you to follow our progress and share your ideas



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QUESTIONS?

Or send an email to Alice Dijkstra: a.dijkstra@nwo.nl

Pilot Call – T-AP Digging into Data: proposals

109 proposals submitted

Every proposal had researchers from at least three countries participating (many had four, five, or six).

So these 109 applications actually represented 374 official grant applications and PIs.

AR: 7	DE: 35
BR: 9	FI: 19
CA: 50	FR: 28
MX: 19	NL: 45
US: 87	PT: 6
	UK: 69

Pilot Call – T-AP Digging into Data: projects

Nr of transnational projects funded:

14

Total funding awarded:

USD M 9.2

Intelligent Search Engine for Belief Legends (ISEBEL) - Funders: (DFG); Netherlands (NWO); United States (NEH).

Online Prices for Computing Standards of Living Across Countries (OPSLAC) - Funders: Canada (SSHRC); Netherlands (NWO); United States (NSF).

Analyzing Child Language Experiences Around the World (ACLEW) - Funders: Argentina (MINCyT); Canada (SSHRC, NSERC); Finland (AKA); France (ANR); United Kingdom (ESRC/AHRC); United States (NEH).

Responsible Terrorism Coverage (ResTeCo): A Global Comparative Analysis of News Coverage about Terrorism from 1945 to present - Funders: Germany (DFG); Netherlands (NWO); United States (NEH).

THEMIS.COG: Theoretical and Empirical Modeling of Identity and Sentiments in Collaborative Groups - Funders: Canada (SSHRC, NSERC); Germany (DFG); United States (NSF).

Mapping Manuscript Migrations: digging into data for the history and provenance of pre-modern European manuscripts - Funders: Finland (AKA); France (ANR); United Kingdom (AHRC/ESRC); United States (IMLS).

Digging into Early Colonial Mexico - Funders: Mexico (CONACYT); Portugal (FCT); United Kingdom (AHRC/ESRC).

Speech Across Dialects of English (SPADE): large-scale digital analysis of a spoken language across space and time - Funders: Canada (SSHRC/NSERC); United Kingdom (AHRC/ESRC); United States (NSF).

Digging into High Frequency Data: Present and Future Risks and Opportunities - Funders: Finland (AKA); France (ANR); Germany (DFG); United Kingdom (AHRC/ESRC); United States (NSF).

Digging into the Knowledge Graph - Funders: Canada (SSHRC); Netherlands (NWO); United States (IMLS).

Understanding opinion and language dynamics using massive data - Funders: Argentina (MINCyT); Brazil (FAPESP); France (ANR).

Dig that lick: Analysing large-scale data for melodic patterns in jazz performances - Funders: France (ANR); Germany (DFG); United Kingdom (ESRC/AHRC); United States (NEH).

Oceanic Exchanges: Tracing Global Information Networks in Historical Newspaper Repositories, 1840-1914 (OcEx) - Funders: Finland (AKA); Germany (DFG); Mexico (CONACYT); Netherlands (NWO); United Kingdom (AHRC/ESRC); United States (IMLS).

Machine Translation and Automated Analysis of Cuneiform Languages (MTAAC) - Funders: Canada (SSHRC); Germany (DFG); United States (NEH).

<https://diggingintodata.org/awards/2016/news/winners-round-four-t-ap-digging-data-challenge>