

DANDELION WORKSHOP

# “European integration, inequalities and citizens’ participation: How social sciences create value for policy and society”

**Location**

Tallinn Creative Hub/  
Kultuurikatel, Tallinn, Estonia

**Date**

13th of October, 2017  
9.00 – 12.00

Organised as a side-event of the Estonian Presidency Research Policy Conference  
“European Excellent Research – Impact and Value for Society”.

## Rationale

The European Union has been premised, since its inception 60 years ago, upon a vision of democratic consolidation and integration across its member states at all levels. The **recent turbulences** due to financial and refugee crises, along the rise of populist centrifugal political forces **have given rise to considerable concern about the future** of the European Union.

Now, more than ever, this political endeavour for the benefit of all citizens needs to **strengthen the exchange among science and research, policy makers, and the civil society**. Good governance in Europe needs to be informed by reliable and comparable data, strong evidence and analysis of causal patterns, which socio-economic research is in a unique position to deliver with a view to re-gaining trust and accountability in democratic procedures and institutions, and to making European societies more resilient.

**This interactive roundtable discussion** will highlight **how research** from socio-economic sciences and

humanities (SSH) **contributes to understanding** and coping with rising **social inequalities and exclusion**, how to foster citizens’ and especially **youth participation in democratic processes**, and not least, how to promote **inclusive visions of EU integration**.

In a series of inputs, **representatives from academia, policy-making, and the civil society** will showcase **“what works”** in practice in terms of **research transfer** to other societal stakeholders for the common benefit. In the plenary discussion we will identify which factors enable the “ripeness” or readiness of research to deliver impact, which barriers need to be overcome, and when, how and whom to engage within the research process in order to generate value for policy and society.

Organised by the DANDELION project (Promoting EU funded projects of inclusive, innovative and reflective societies)





## AGENDA

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9:00 – 9:30

Registration of participants & Coffee

9:30 – 9:45

Welcome by the DANDELION project coordinator and the local organising partner  
**Iakovos Delioglani, QPlan**  
**Kristiina Laurits, Civitta**

9:45 – 10:45

**Roundtable Inputs: How to transfer research to policy and society**

Moderation **Dr Georgios Kolliarakis, University of Frankfurt**

- **Rowena Merritt, Olena Nizalova, University of Kent**, Horizon 2020 EXCEPT project
- **Mai Beilmann, Institute of Social Studies, University of Tartu**, Horizon 2020 CATCH-EyoU project
- **Robert Miskuf, PEDAL Consulting**, Horizon 2020 DANDELION project
- **Paavo Palk, Head of the Policy Department, Estonian Representation at the European Commission** - How to create impact on national level
- **Maarja-Leena Saar, Citizen Initiative Portal coordinator** - How to bring citizens closer to EU by using e-participation tools – Estonian Cooperation Assembly

10:45 – 11:30

**Plenary Discussion on how to create and maximise impact of social sciences research for EU integration, citizen participation and social inclusion**

- What works? Pathways and best practices for reaching out to policy and society
- Barriers and bottlenecks in promoting research results for evidence-informed policy, better governance, societal impact
- Whom, when, how to engage in order to maximise the value of research activities

11:30 – 12.00

End of workshop, Coffee and networking