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ERC Frontier Research in Social Sciences and Humanities

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This series of factsheets provides an overview of the projects funded by the European Research Council (ERC), in the Social Sciences and Humanities domain, in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)

Individuals,
Markes and Organisations (SH1)

Institutions, Values,
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The Social World,
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Data as of December 2021

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Individuals, Markets and Organisations (SH1)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the projects funded in 'Individuals, Markets and Organisations' panel in the Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) domain (see ERC panel structure). The projects were funded under the Starting Grant (StG), Consolidator Grant (CoG) and Advanced Grant (AdG) calls launched in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)*

1404 applications
(2.6% of total)

193 projects funded
(2.9% of total)

StG **76** projects
(€95M)

CoG **66** projects
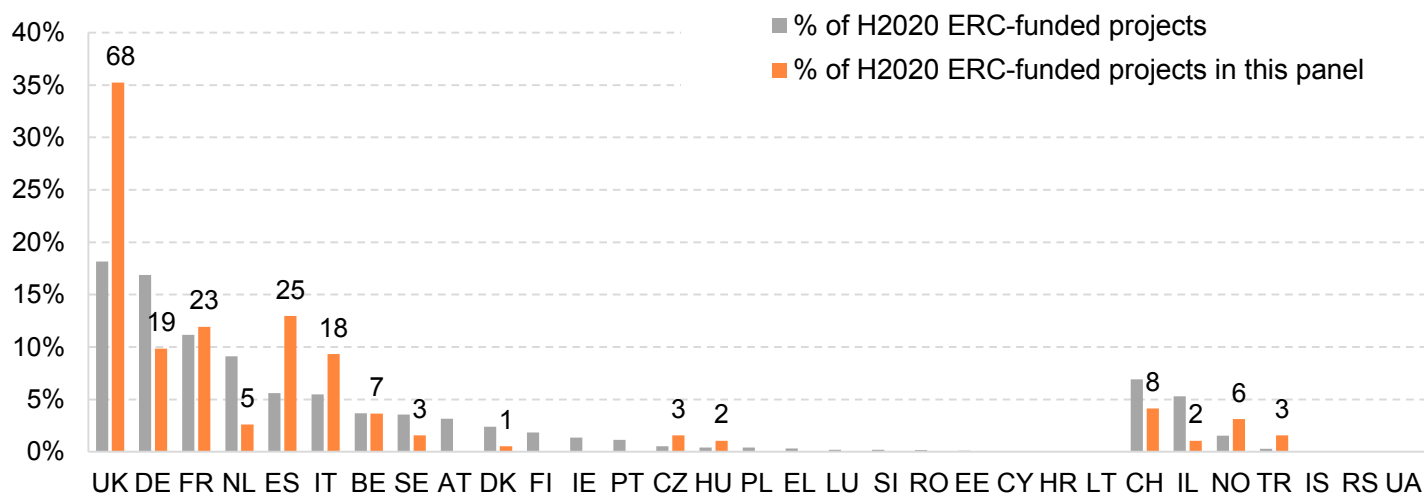(€97M)

AdG **51** projects
(€84M)

47 female grantees
(24% of grantees in this panel)

€276 million budget

Distribution of ERC-funded projects in EU Member States and Associated Countries in H2020
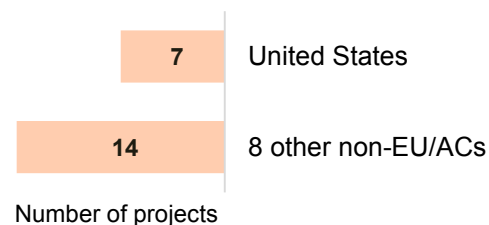
The 193 funded projects (numbers in the graph) are in 11 EU Member States and 4 Associated Countries (ACs)
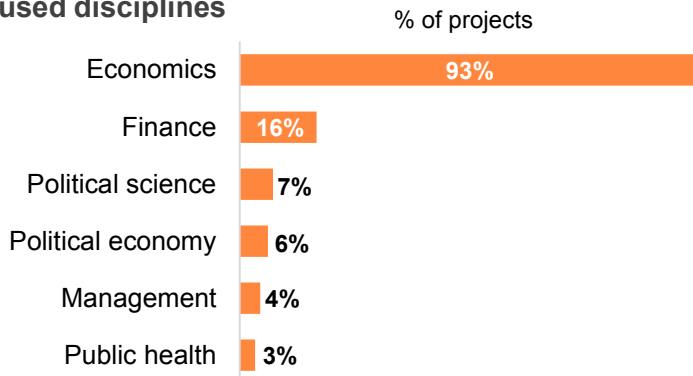

- ■ % of H2020 ERC-funded projects
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Values shown above bars: UK 68, DE 19, FR 23, NL 5, ES 25, IT 18, BE 7, SE 3, DK 1, CZ 3, HU 2, CH 8, IL 2, NO 6, TR 3

Countries (x-axis): UK DE FR NL ES IT BE SE AT DK FI IE PT CZ HU PL EL LU SI RO EE CY HR LT CH IL NO TR IS RS UA

Host institutions with ≥8 funded projects

Institution	Number of projects
London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)	21
University College London (UK)	15
Bocconi University Milan (IT)	14
Pompeu Fabra University (ES)	9
London Business School (UK)	8
University of Oxford (UK)	8

Number of projects

Country of origin of grantees other than EU or ACs (≤3 grouped together)

	Number of projects
United States	7
8 other non-EU/ACs	14

Number of projects

*Data as of December 2021

Scientific landscape of ERC-funded projects in this panel

Most-used disciplines

% of projects

Discipline	%
Economics	93%
Finance	16%
Political science	7%
Political economy	6%
Management	4%
Public health	3%

Most-used topics

% of projects

| Topic	%
Markets	18%
Labour	12%
Macroeconomics	11%
Decision-making	11%
Behavioural/neuro- economics	10%
Financial regulation	9%
Policy	9%
Trade	9%

- *Political economy, Markets*, *Labour* and *Behavioural/neuro-economics* grew in use from 2014 to 2020

- *Behavioural/neuro-economics* and *Decision-making* were used more in StG projects compared to those funded in CoG and AdG schemes, while *Macroeconomics* was used more in CoG projects and *Political science* and *Management Financial regulation* in AdG projects

- Around half of the projects in this panel generate methodological developments. *Theoretical analysis*, *Econometrics* and *Computational modelling, simulations* are the main ones

Connections between disciplines and topics in this panel

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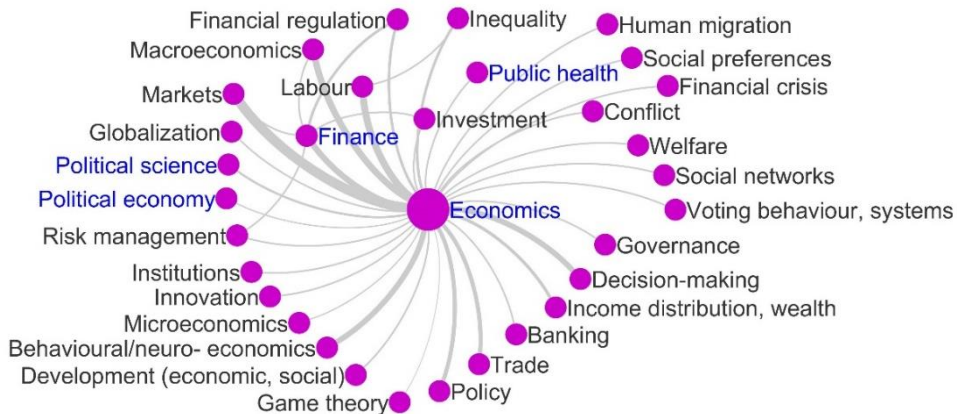
Synergies with other panels and domains

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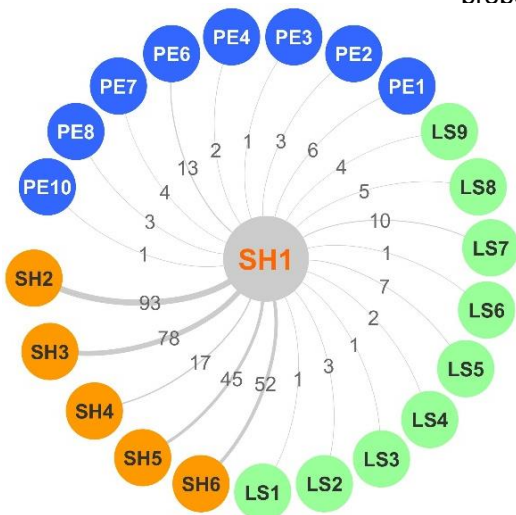
- **SH domain**: the main interactions are with the Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2), The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3) and The Study of the Human Past (SH6) panels through the disciplines *Economics, Political science* and *Political economy*

- **PE domain**: the interaction is not very strong, there are no particular panels or disciplines highlighting any synergy

- **LS domain**: the interaction is not very strong, there are no particular panels or disciplines highlighting any synergy

Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the projects funded in the 'Institutions, Values, Environment and Space' panel in the Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) domain (see ERC panel structure). The projects were funded under the Starting Grant (StG), Consolidator Grant (CoG) and Advanced Grant (AdG) calls launched in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)*

2975 applications
(5.5% of total)

310 projects funded
(4.7% of total)

StG **150** projects
(€216M)

CoG **101** projects
(€189M)
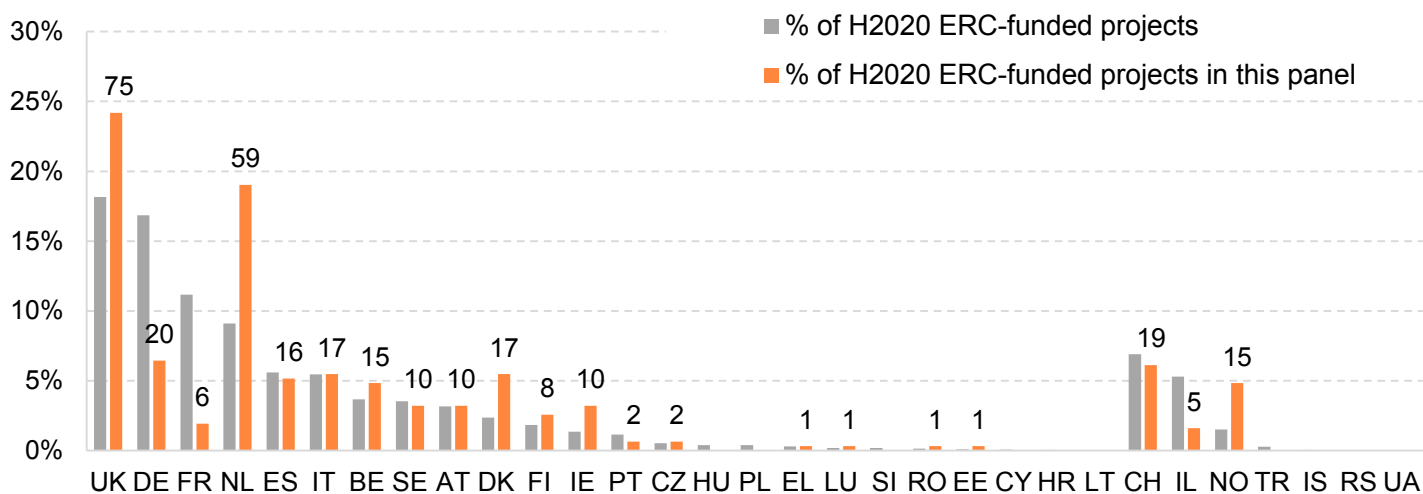
AdG **59** projects
(€138M)

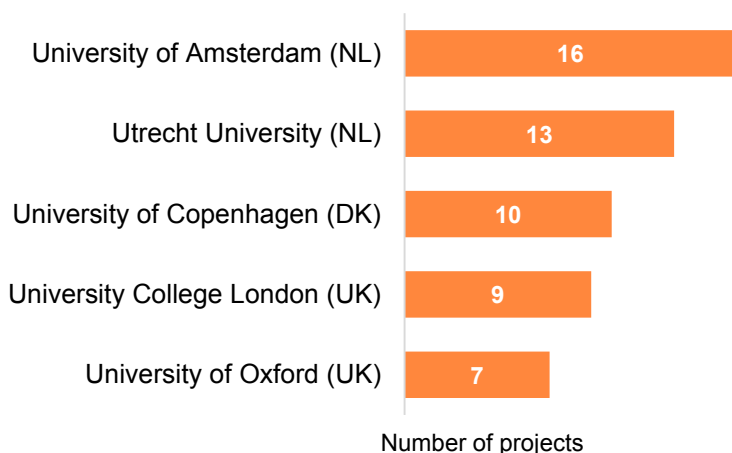**144** female grantees
(46% of grantees in this panel)

€543 million budget

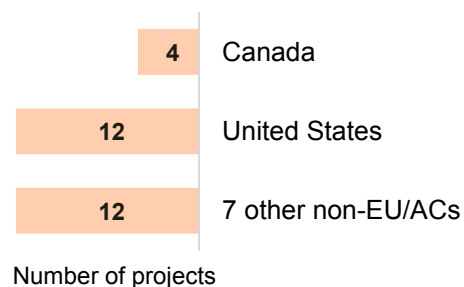## Distribution of ERC-funded projects in EU Member States and Associated Countries in H2020

The 310 funded projects (numbers in the graph) are in 18 EU Member States and 3 Associated Countries (ACs)

Legend:
- ■ % of H2020 ERC-funded projects
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Data labels above bars: UK 75, DE 20, FR 6, NL 59, ES 16, IT 17, BE 15, SE 10, AT 10, DK 17, FI 8, IE 10, PT 2, CZ 2, EL 1, LU 1, RO 1, EE 1, CH 19, IL 5, NO 15

X-axis: UK DE FR NL ES IT BE SE AT DK FI IE PT CZ HU PL EL LU SI RO EE CY HR LT CH IL NO TR IS RS UA

Host institutions with ≥7 funded projects

Institution	Number of projects
University of Amsterdam (NL)	16
Utrecht University (NL)	13
University of Copenhagen (DK)	10
University College London (UK)	9
University of Oxford (UK)	7

Number of projects

Country of origin of grantees other than EU or ACs (≤3 grouped together)

Country	Number of projects
Canada	4
United States	12
7 other non-EU/ACs	12

Number of projects

Data as of December 2021

Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2)

Scientific landscape of ERC-funded projects in this panel

Most-used disciplines — % of projects

Discipline	%
Political science	47%
Law	23%
International relations	18%
Human geography	16%
Environmental social sciences	15%
Sociology	13%

Most-used topics — % of projects

| Topic	%
Governance	15%
Policy	15%
Sustainability	10%
Climate change impact	10%
Institutions	10%
Human rights	9%
Political systems	9%

- *Human geography, Climate change impact* and *Institutions* grew in use from 2014 to 2020
- *Law* and *International relations* were used more in StG projects compared to those funded in CoG and AdG schemes, while *Political science* and *Governance* were used more in AdG projects
- Around 1/4 of the projects in this panel generate methodological developments. *Theoretical analysis*, *Data collection* and *Empirical methods* are the main ones

Connections between disciplines and topics in this panel

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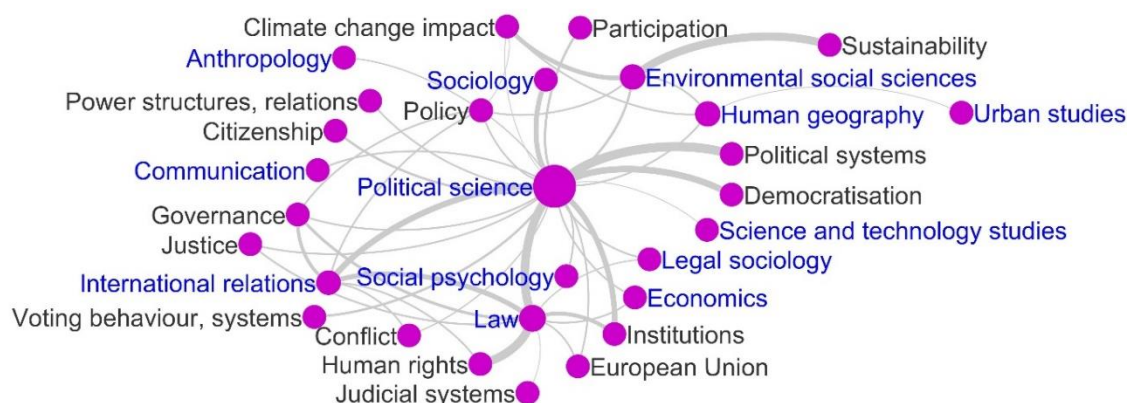
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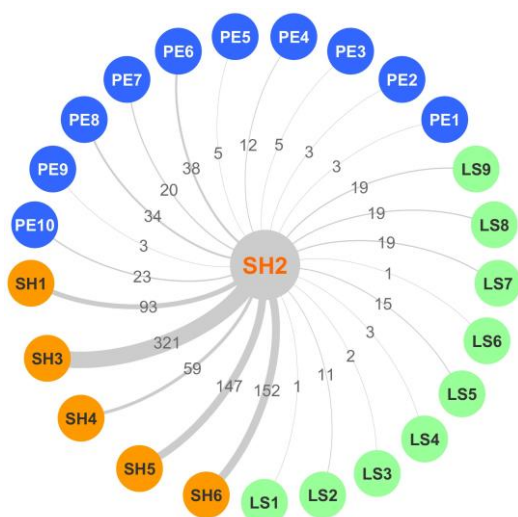
- **SH domain**: the main interactions are with The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3), The Study of the Human Past (SH6), and Cultures and Cultural Production (SH5) panels through the disciplines *Political science, Sociology, Human geography* and *Anthropology*

- **PE domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there are some connections with the Computer Science and Informatics (PE6), and Products and Processes Engineering (PE8) panels through the disciplines *Artificial intelligence* and *Energy*

- **LS domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there are some connections with the Applied Medical Technologies, Diagnostics, Therapies and Public Health (LS7), Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology (LS8), and Applied Life Sciences, Biotechnology, and Molecular and Biosystems Engineering (LS9) panels

The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the projects funded in the 'The Social World, Diversity, Population' panel in the Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) domain (see ERC panel structure). The projects were funded under the Starting Grant (StG), Consolidator Grant (CoG) and Advanced Grant (AdG) calls launched in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)*

2010 applications
(3.7% of total)

245 projects funded
(3.7% of total)

StG **125** projects
(€181M)

CoG **76** projects
(€143M)

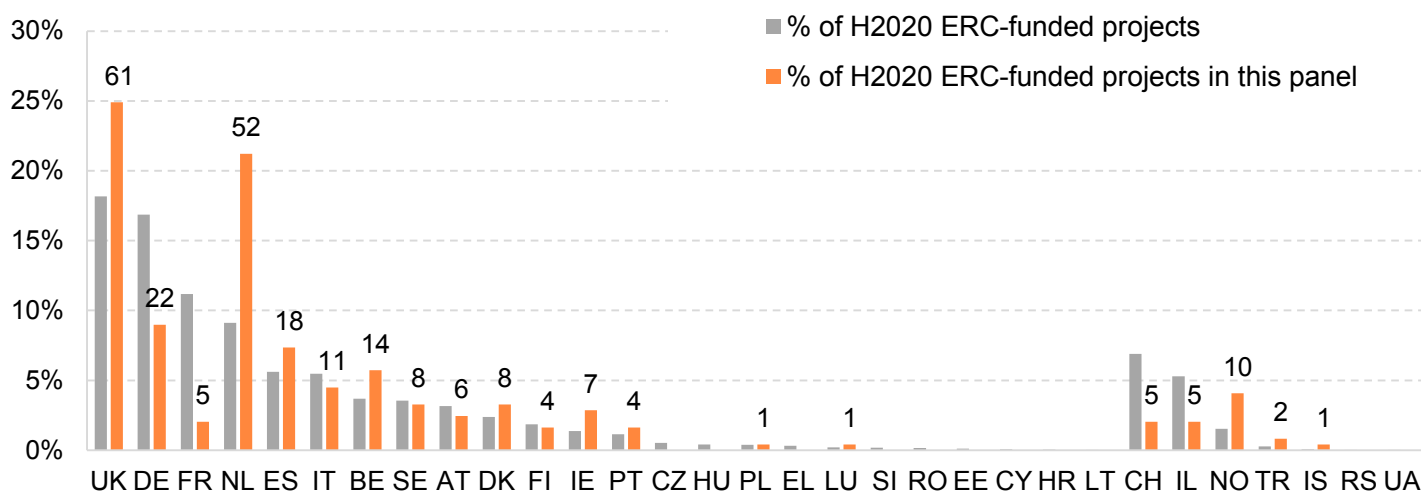**AdG** **44** projects
(€103M)

128 female grantees
(52% of grantees in this panel)

€427 million budget

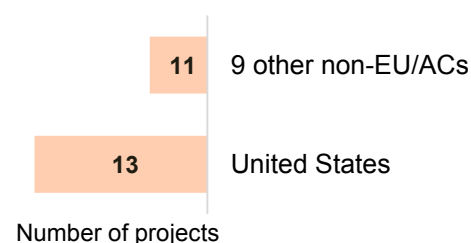## Distribution of ERC-funded projects in EU Member States and Associated Countries in H2020

The 245 funded projects (numbers in the graph) are in 15 EU Member States and 5 Associated Countries (ACs)
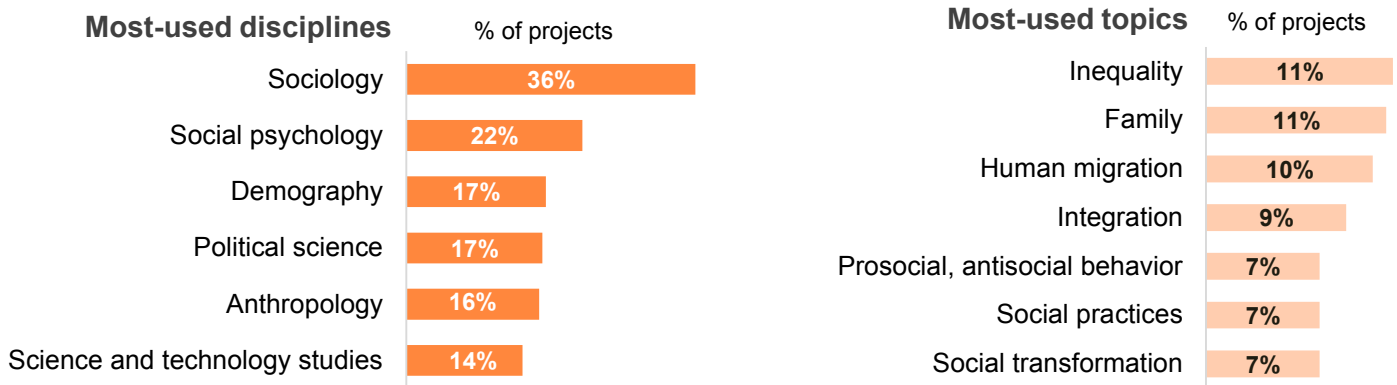

Legend:
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Host institutions with ≥6 funded projects

Institution	Number of projects
University of Amsterdam (NL)	13
University of Oxford (UK)	13
University College London (UK)	9
Utrecht University (NL)	7
Free University and Medical Center Amsterdam (NL)	6
University of Oslo (NO)	6

Country of origin of grantees other than EU or ACs (≤3 grouped together)

	Number of projects
9 other non-EU/ACs	11
United States	13

Data as of December 2021

The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3)

Scientific landscape of ERC-funded projects in this panel

Most-used disciplines
% of projects

Discipline	%
Sociology	36%
Social psychology	22%
Demography	17%
Political science	17%
Anthropology	16%
Science and technology studies	14%

Most-used topics
% of projects

Topic	%
Inequality	11%
Family	11%
Human migration	10%
Integration	9%
Prosocial, antisocial behavior	7%
Social practices	7%
Social transformation	7%

- *Social psychology, Anthropology,* and *Knowledge and belief* grew in use from 2014 to 2020
- *Science and technology studies* was used more in StG projects compared to those funded in AdG and CoG schemes, while *Family* and *Human migration* were used more in CoG projects and *Sociology* and *Integration* were used more in AdG projects
- Around 1/5 of projects in this panel generate methodological developments. *Digital participatory methods* and *Statistical methods* are the main ones

Connections between disciplines and topics in this panel

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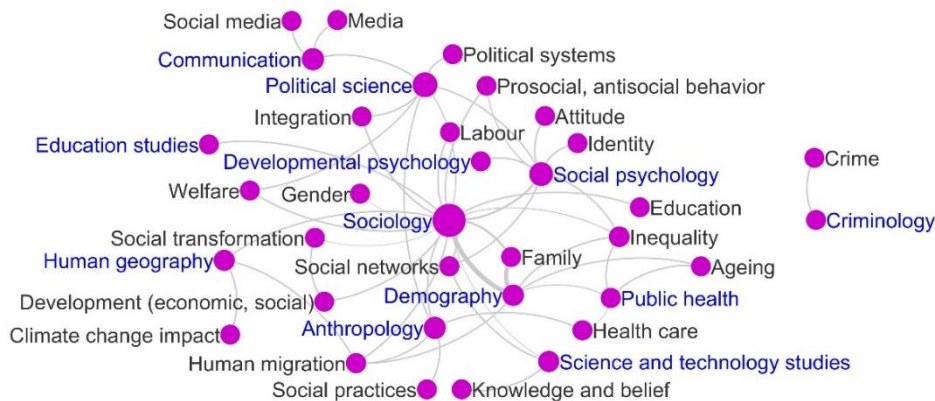
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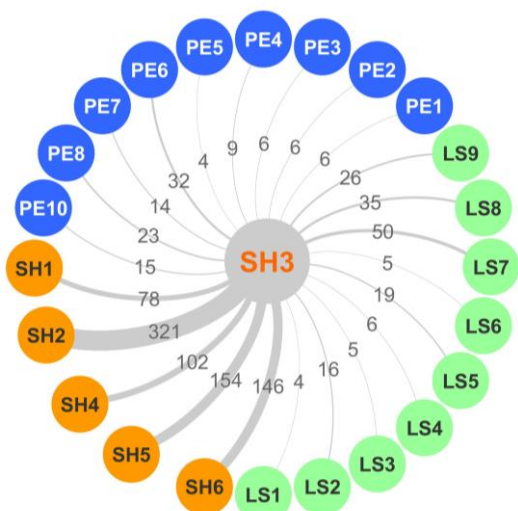
- **SH domain**: the main interactions are with Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2), Cultures and Cultural Production (SH5), and The Study of the Human Past (SH6) panels through the disciplines *Political science, Sociology* and *Anthropology*
- **PE domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there is some connection with the Computer Science and Informatics (PE6) panel
- **LS domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there is some connection with the Applied Medical Technologies, Diagnostics, Therapies and Public Health (LS7) panel through the discipline *Public health*

The Human Mind and Its Complexity (SH4)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the projects funded in the 'The Human Mind and Its Complexity' panel in the Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) domain (see ERC panel structure). The projects were funded under the Starting Grant (StG), Consolidator Grant (CoG) and Advanced Grant (AdG) calls launched in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)*

2583 applications
(4.8% of total)

299 projects funded
(4.5% of total)

StG **139** projects
(€208M)

CoG **95** projects
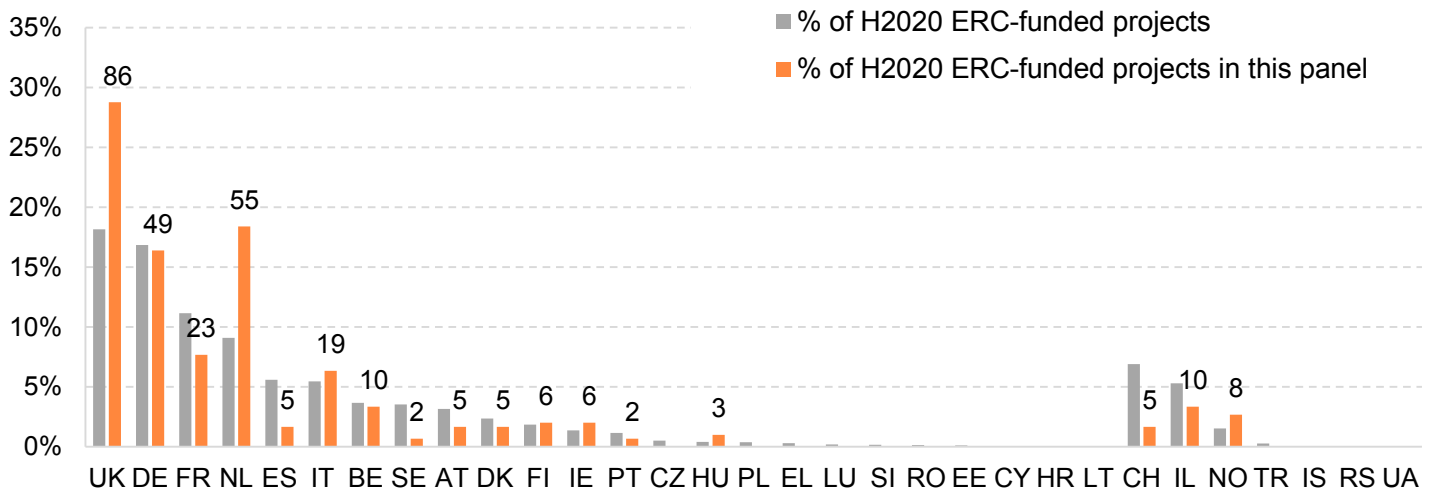(€185M)

AdG **65** projects
(€153M)

109 female grantees
(36% of grantees in this panel)

€546 million budget

Distribution of ERC-funded projects in EU Member States and Associated Countries in H2020
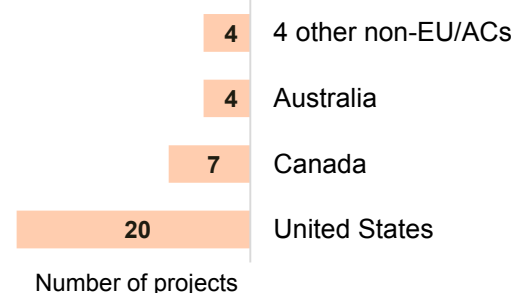
The 299 funded projects (numbers in the graph) are in 14 EU Member States and 3 Associated Countries (ACs)
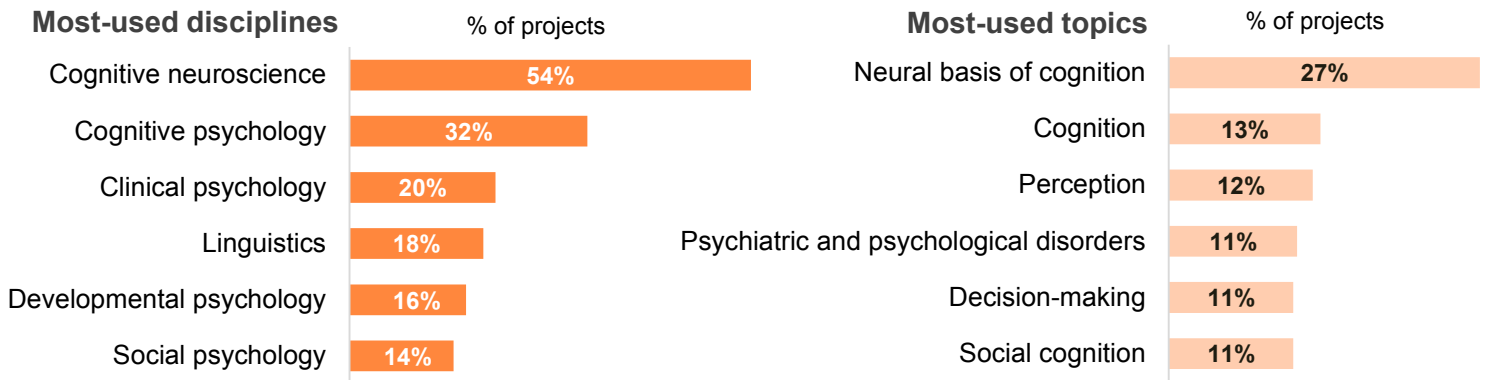
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Bar chart values (this panel): UK 86, DE 49, FR 23, NL 55, IT 19, BE 10, SE 2, AT 5, DK 5, FI 6, IE 6, PT 2, HU 3, CH 5, IL 10, NO 8. Countries on x-axis: UK DE FR NL ES IT BE SE AT DK FI IE PT CZ HU PL EL LU SI RO EE CY HR LT CH IL NO TR IS RS UA

Host institutions with ≥7 funded projects

Institution	Number of projects
Free University and Medical Center Amsterdam (NL)	15
National Centre for Scientific Research (FR)	14
University of Amsterdam (NL)	12
Radboud University Nijmegen (NL)	10
Max Planck Society (DE)	8
University College London (UK)	7
University of Bristol (UK)	7

Number of projects

Country of origin of grantees other than EU or ACs (≤3 grouped together)

Country	Number of projects
4 other non-EU/ACs	4
Australia	4
Canada	7
United States	20

Number of projects

*Data as of December 2021

Scientific landscape of ERC-funded projects in this panel

Most-used disciplines

% of projects

Cognitive neuroscience	54%
Cognitive psychology	32%
Clinical psychology	20%
Linguistics	18%
Developmental psychology	16%
Social psychology	14%

Most-used topics

% of projects

Neural basis of cognition	27%
Cognition	13%
Perception	12%
Psychiatric and psychological disorders	11%
Decision-making	11%
Social cognition	11%

- *Cognitive neuroscience, Cognitive psychology* and *Cognition* grew in use from 2014 to 2020
- *Cognitive psychology*, *Clinical psychology, Perception* and *Decision-making* were used more in StG and CoG projects compared to those funded in AdG scheme, while *Linguistics* was used more in AdG projects
- Around 1/4 of the projects in this panel generate methodological developments. *Computational modelling, simulations,* and *Experimental methods in behavior and psychology* are the main ones

Connections between disciplines and topics in this panel

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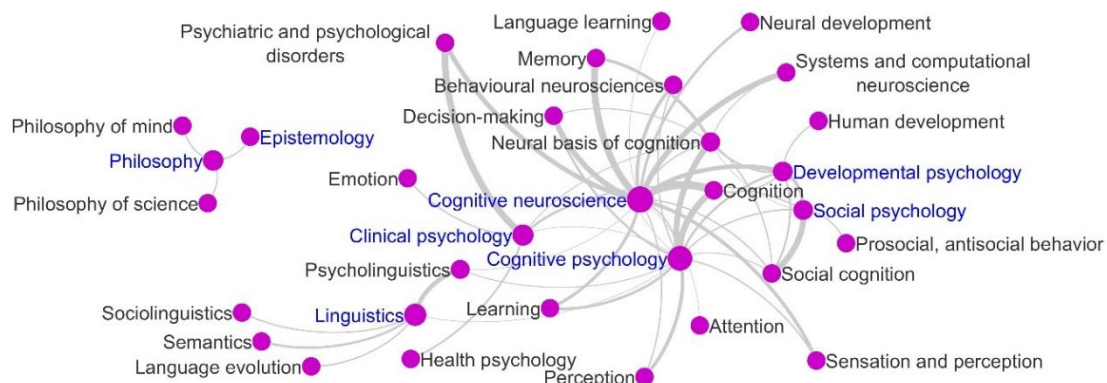
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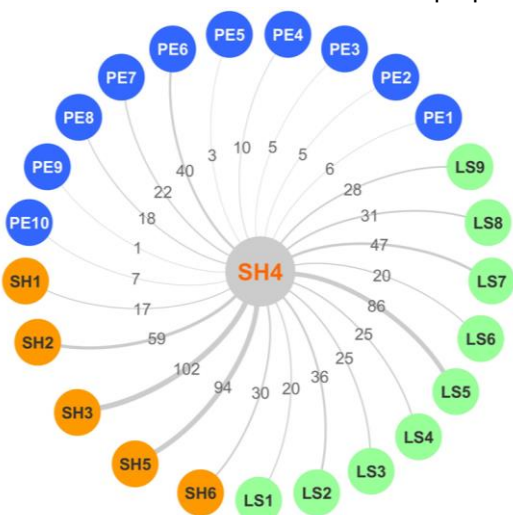
- **SH domain**: the main interactions are with The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3), and Cultures and Cultural Production (SH5) panels, and to a lesser extent with the Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2) panel through the disciplines *Social psychology, Philosophy* and *Linguistics*

- **PE domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there is some connection with the Computer Science and Informatics (PE6) panel

- **LS domain**: the main interaction is with the Neuroscience and Neural Disorders (LS5) panel through the discipline *Cognitive neuroscience*

Cultures and Cultural Production (SH5)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the projects funded in the 'Cultures and Cultural Production' panel in the Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) domain (see ERC panel structure). The projects were funded under the Starting Grant (StG), Consolidator Grant (CoG) and Advanced Grant (AdG) calls launched in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)*

2421 applications
(4.5% of total)

274 projects funded
(4.1% of total)

StG **109** projects
(€153M)

CoG **97** projects
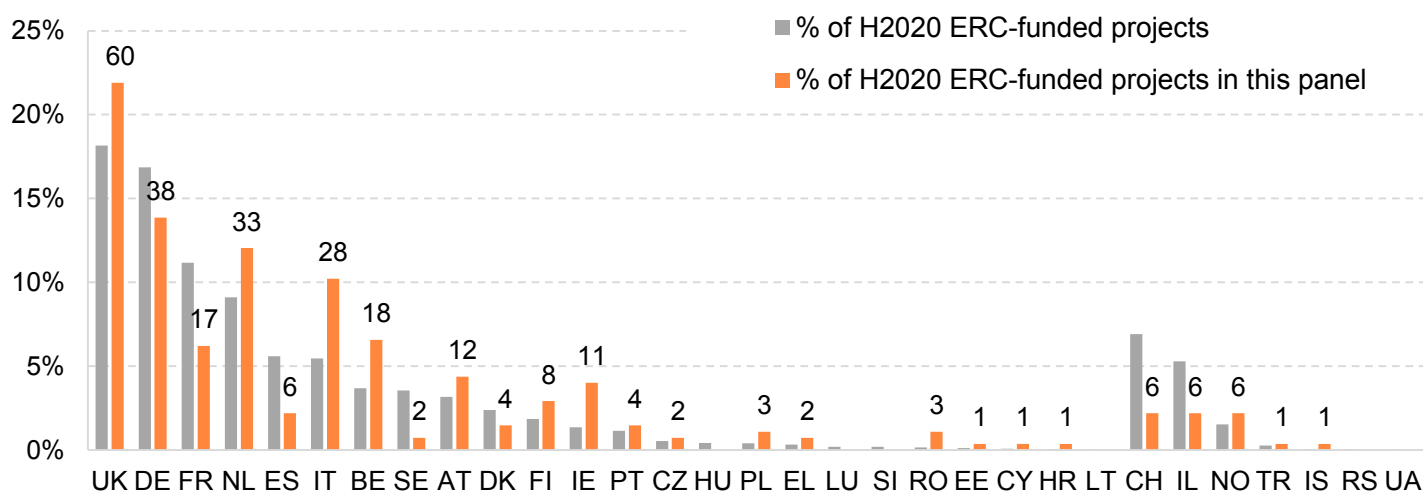(€185M)

AdG **68** projects
(€157M)

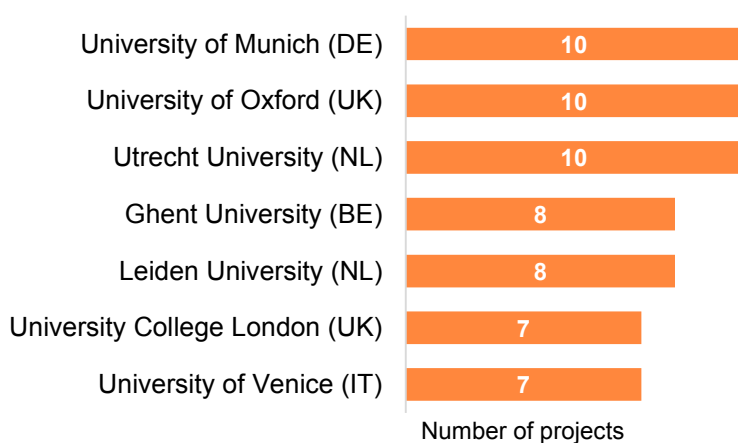**140** female grantees
(51% of grantees in this panel)

€495 million budget

Distribution of ERC-funded projects in EU Member States and Associated Countries in H2020
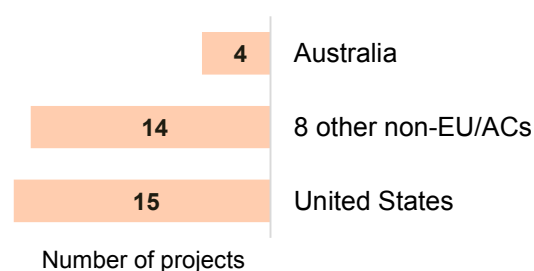
The 274 funded projects (numbers in the graph) are in 20 EU Member States and 5 Associated Countries (ACs)
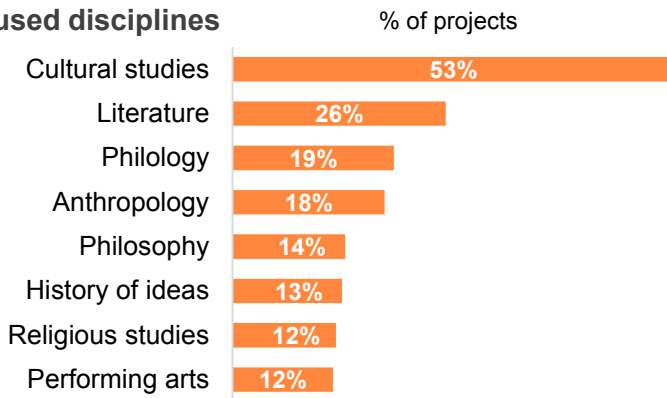
- % of H2020 ERC-funded projects
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Graph values (orange bars, number of projects): UK 60, DE 38, FR 17, NL 33, ES 6, IT 28, BE 18, SE 2, AT 12, DK 4, FI 8, IE 11, PT 4, CZ 2, HU, PL 3, EL 2, LU, SI, RO 3, EE 1, CY 1, HR 1, LT, CH 6, IL 6, NO 6, TR 1, IS 1, RS, UA

Host institutions with ≥7 funded projects

Institution	Number of projects
University of Munich (DE)	10
University of Oxford (UK)	10
Utrecht University (NL)	10
Ghent University (BE)	8
Leiden University (NL)	8
University College London (UK)	7
University of Venice (IT)	7

Number of projects

Country of origin of grantees other than EU or ACs (≤3 grouped together)

Country	Number of projects
Australia	4
8 other non-EU/ACs	14
United States	15

Number of projects

*Data as of December 2021

Scientific landscape of ERC-funded projects in this panel

Most-used disciplines   % of projects

Cultural studies	53%
Literature	26%
Philology	19%
Anthropology	18%
Philosophy	14%
History of ideas	13%
Religious studies	12%
Performing arts	12%

Most-used topics   % of projects

|	
Cultural heritage	30%
Identity	11%
Culture	10%
Period-specific studies	9%
Music	9%
Medieval history	8%
Social practices	8%
Media	8%
Modern history	8%

- *Cultural studies* and *Codicology* grew in use from 2014 to 2020

- *Cultural studies* was used more in StG projects compared to those funded in CoG and AdG schemes, while *Culture* was used more in CoG projects and *Philosophy* and *Identity* were used more in AdG projects

- Around 1/3 of the projects in this panel generate methodological developments. *Digital humanities* and *Comparative methods* are the main ones

Connections between disciplines and topics in this panel

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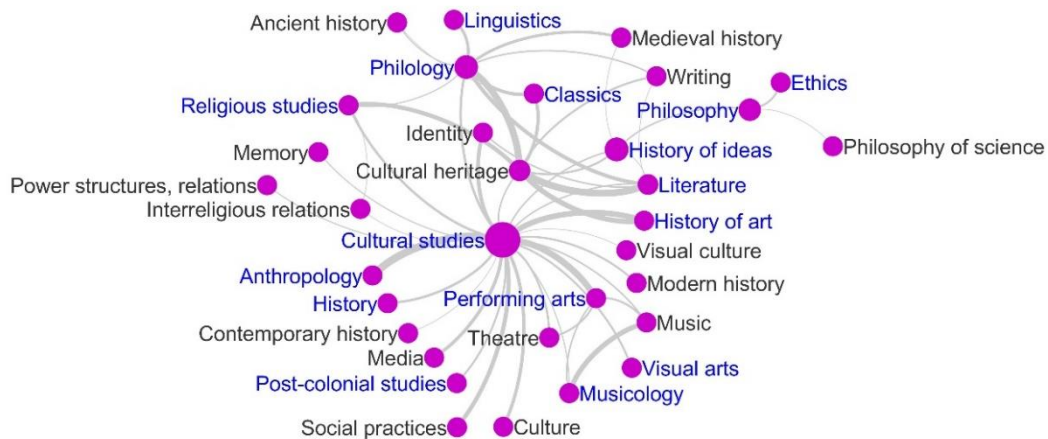
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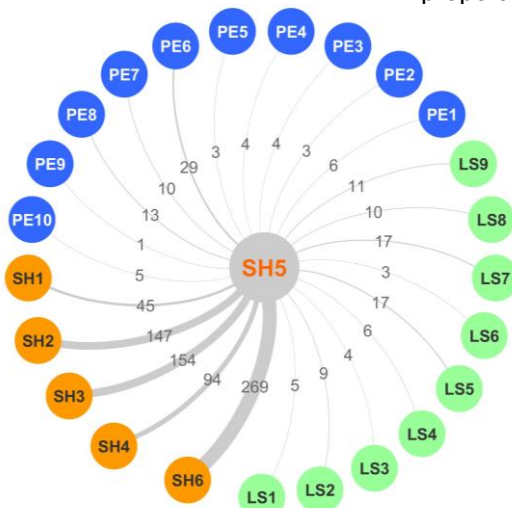
- **SH domain**: the main interactions are with The Study of the Human Past (SH6), The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3), and Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2) panels through the disciplines *Anthropology*, *History of ideas* and *Cultural studies*

- **PE domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there is some connection with the Computer Science and Informatics (PE6) panel

- **LS domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there are some connections with the Neuroscience and Neural Disorders (LS5), and Applied Medical Technologies, Diagnostics, Therapies and Public Health (LS7) panels

The Study of the Human Past (SH6)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the projects funded in the 'The Study of the Human Past' panel in the Social Sciences & Humanities (SH) domain (see ERC panel structure). The projects were funded under the Starting Grant (StG), Consolidator Grant (CoG) and Advanced Grant (AdG) calls launched in the H2020 Framework Programme (2014–2020)*

2383 applications
(4.4% of total)

273 projects funded
(4.1% of total)

StG **107** projects
(€155M)

CoG **94** projects
(€181M)

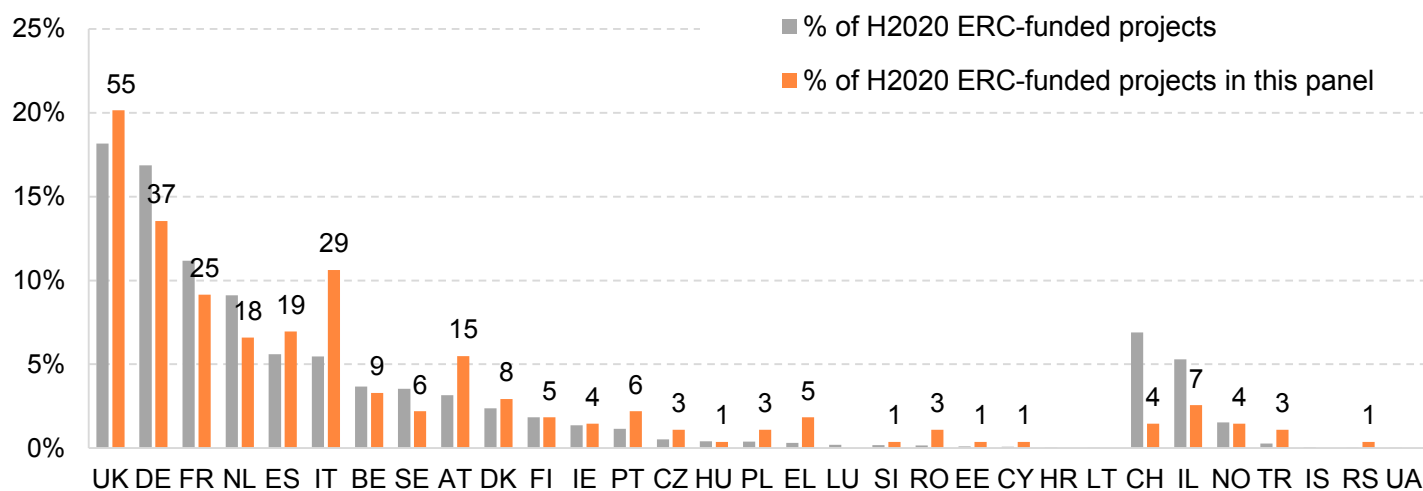**AdG** **72** projects
(€172M)

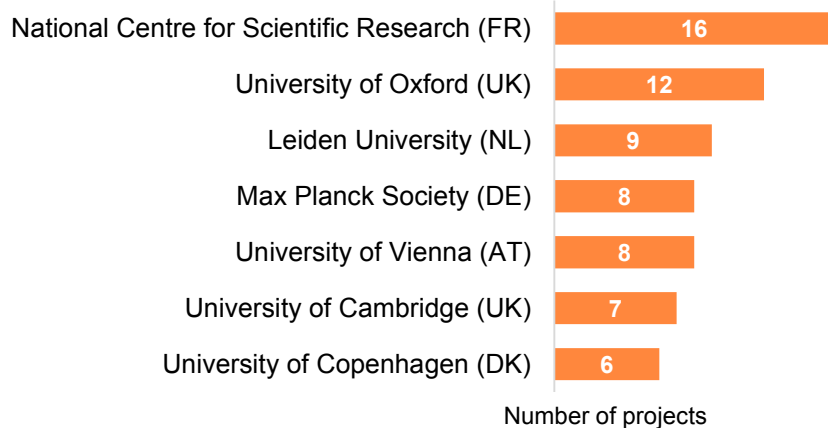**126** female grantees
(46% of grantees in this panel)

€508 million budget

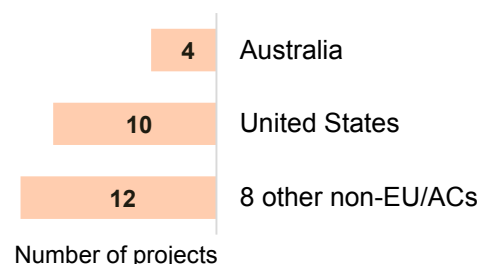## Distribution of ERC-funded projects in EU Member States and Associated Countries in H2020

The 273 funded projects (numbers in the graph) are in 21 EU Member States and 5 Associated Countries (ACs)

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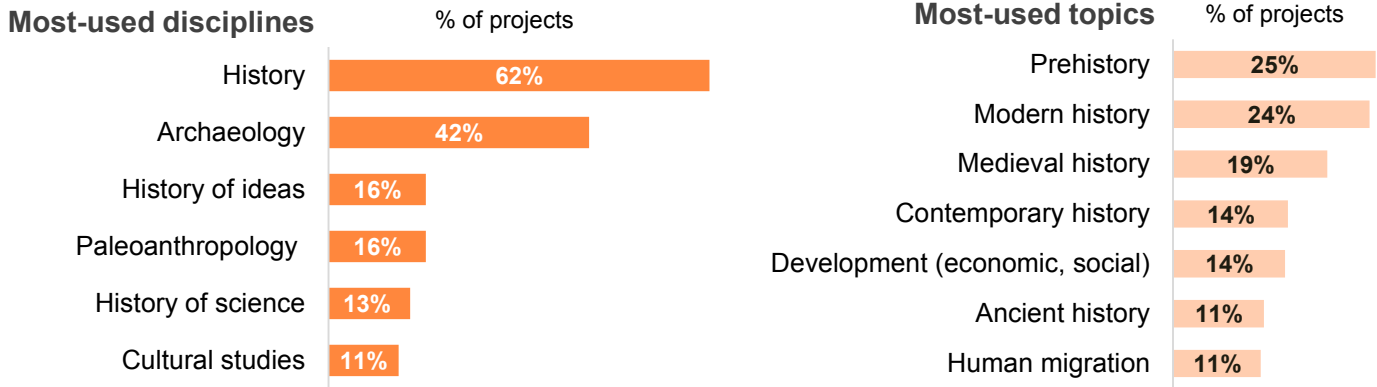- ■ % of H2020 ERC-funded projects
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Host institutions with ≥6 funded projects

Institution	Number of projects
National Centre for Scientific Research (FR)	16
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Leiden University (NL)	9
Max Planck Society (DE)	8
University of Vienna (AT)	8
University of Cambridge (UK)	7
University of Copenhagen (DK)	6

Country of origin of grantees other than EU or ACs (≤3 grouped together)

Country	Number of projects
Australia	4
United States	10
8 other non-EU/ACs	12

*Data as of December 2021

Scientific landscape of ERC-funded projects in this panel

Most-used disciplines
% of projects

Discipline	%
History	62%
Archaeology	42%
History of ideas	16%
Paleoanthropology	16%
History of science	13%
Cultural studies	11%

Most-used topics
% of projects

Topic	%
Prehistory	25%
Modern history	24%
Medieval history	19%
Contemporary history	14%
Development (economic, social)	14%
Ancient history	11%
Human migration	11%

- *Paleoanthropology, History of science* and *Landscape archaeology* grew in use from 2014 to 2020

- *Paleoanthropology*, *Prehistory*, *Modern history* and *Contemporary history* were used more in StG projects compared to those funded in CoG and AdG schemes, while *History of science* was used more in AdG projects

- Around 1/3 of the projects in this panel generate methodological developments. *Archival research* and *Archaeological material analysis* are the main ones

Connections between disciplines and topics in this panel

The strength of the connection between disciplines (blue) and topics (grey) is represented by the thickness of the arcs, which is proportional to the number of times they appear together
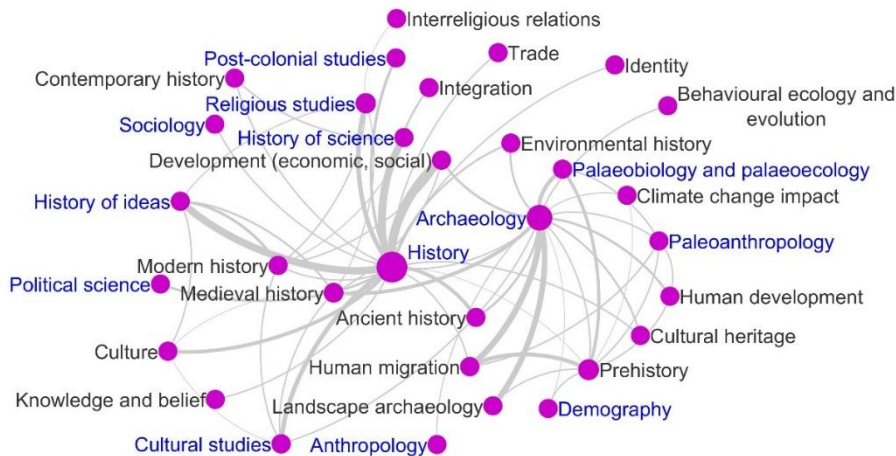
Synergies with other panels and domains

The strength of the connections is represented by the thickness of the arcs and the numbers indicated, which are proportional to the number of shared disciplines
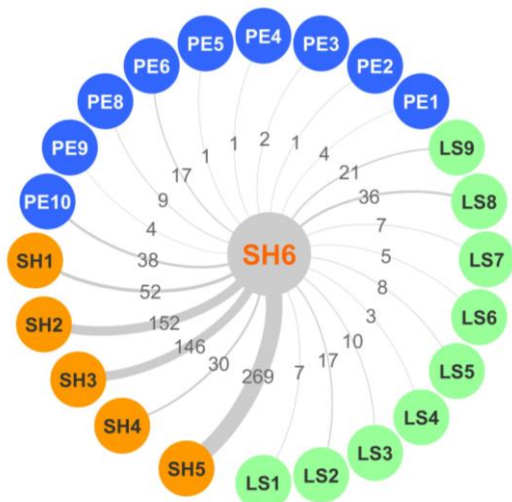
- **SH domain**: the main interactions are with the Cultures and Cultural Production (SH5), Institutions, Values, Environment and Space (SH2), and The Social World, Diversity, Population (SH3) panels through the disciplines *History of ideas, Cultural studies* and *Religious studies*

- **PE domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there is some connection with the Earth System Science (PE10) panel through the discipline *Palaeobiology and palaeoecology*

- **LS domain**: the interaction is not very strong, but there is some connection with the Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology (LS8) panel through the discipline *Palaeobiology and palaeoecology*