

FCT

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Social Sciences in Portugal. Deepening Transnational Cooperation

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THE PROFILE OF FCT MAIN FUNCTIONS

- **Funding R&D projects**
- **Supporting R&D Research Centres (following international evaluation)**
- **Promoting intensive Advanced Training (PhDs and pos-doct)**
- **International Cooperation (EU, Bilateral and Multilateral)**

FUNDING R&D PROJECTS

- **Open to a large range of fields of S&T**
- **Number of projects being funded > 4 000**

SUPPORTING R&D CENTRES

(Following International Evaluation)

- **> 300 R&D Centres**
- **> 5 900 PhDs**
- **> 14 500 Researchers**

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

EU

- **Technical Support to EU S&T Bodies**
- **Participation in INCO-NET projects (3)**
- **Participation in coordination activities across national R&D programmes (ERA-NETs) (23)**
- **Support to the Portuguese participation in FP7**

FCT and ERA-Nets

- **Participation in a significant number of joint calls**
- **Strategic value of the involvement in ERA-NETs**

COMPLEMENTARITIES OF NORFACE - 1

Vis-à-vis activities in FCT and in Portugal

- **New mechanism for strategic cooperation between agencies**
- **New opportunities – new modes of cooperation for researchers**
- **Transnational calls have shown good potential to mobilize researchers in the country**

COMPLEMENTARITIES OF NORFACE - 2

Vis-à-vis European Funding Activities

- **Creation of a dynamics of transnational cooperation**
- **Flexibility in the modes of building proposals**

THE CHALLENGES OF NORFACE - 1

- **Mutual learning**
- **Learning by (with) differences**
- **Different national approaches**
- **Different national practices**

THE CHALLENGES OF NORFACE - 2

- **The design of new transnational funding instruments
(Deliverable produced by FCT)**
- **Positioning of NORFACE in the funding landscape**
- **A European Space in Social Sciences?**
- **Which role for NORFACE?**

CONTRIBUTION OF NORFACE TO EUROPEAN COLLABORATION - 1

- **Enabling transnational funding**
- **Creating a dynamics of joint initiatives across funding agencies**
- **Enhanced insertion of researchers in European networking**
- **Linking research entities not connected before**

CONTRIBUTION OF NORFACE TO EUROPEAN COLABORATION - 2

- **Diversity of research systems**
- **Relevance for smaller countries**
- **Room to go beyond Europe?**

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