

HORIZON EUROPE 2025/2026 CALLS

CLUSTER 2 – CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

AAU Fundraising & Project Management Office



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INTRODUCTION

AAU HORIZON EUROPE COMPENDIUM

Interested in finding academic partners for the upcoming Horizon Europe calls? At AAU, we have collected, mapped, and showcased AAU researchers' interest in collaborating on specific topics within the six clusters of Pillar 2 (including EU Missions & Cross-cutting activities). Each compendium displays our showcased researcher's relevant expertise within each identified topic, which makes it easy to locate AAU researchers who are interested in collaborating and providing their expertise in your next Horizon Europe proposal.

ABOUT AAU

AAU has campuses in Aalborg, Copenhagen, and Esbjerg, as well as an EU office in Brussels. We have 3.700 staff, 18.000 students and an annual turnover of DKK 3 billion.

AAU is a comprehensive university covering <u>four faculties and 18 departments</u>, such as Sustainability and Planning, Energy, Health Science and Technology, Computer Science, Built Environment, Politics and Society, Culture and Learning.

With problem-based learning at the heart of educational programs, AAU researchers and students are well-equipped to take on current and future societal, environmental and economic challenges.

OUR PROFILE AND DNA - WHY SHOULD YOU PARTNER WITH US?

Collaboration is heavily embedded in the DNA of AAU. We have a strong and natural collaboration with industry and the surrounding society – thus our current strategy is labeled "Knowledge for the World 2.0".

We are a mission-oriented university, with three identified **AAU Missions**:

- 1. A Sustainable Danish Energy System
- 2. Improved Wellbeing Among Children and Youth in Denmark
- 3. Improving Health Through Coherence and Individualisation

As the second best ranked engineering university in Europe, and being no. 16 globally <u>(ranking from the U.S. News & World Report)</u>, as well as being in top 5 of universities pursuing the UN sustainable development goals (<u>THE University Impact Rating</u>), we are a very capable partner and collaborator.

AAU has contributed as coordinator or partner in close to 200 projects in the EU Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. For Horizon Europe we have — so far — contributed to more than 150 projects. We are setting even more ambitious targets for Horizon Europe in 2025 and going forward.

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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

Research lead Human-Centred Computing (Department of Computer Science)

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Human-Centred AI Trustworthy AI Human-Computer Interaction Decision support Wellbeing

Expertise in the design of digital systems, particular focus on collaborative and intelligent decision support systems.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Algorithmic Explainability for Everyday Citizens.

Carlsberg Foundation: Semper Ardens Accelerate

HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-13: GOVERNMENT IN TRANSITION - HOW GOVERNMENTS CHANGE THE WAY THEY WORK AND PREPARE THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE FUTURE (RIA)



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MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS

Extensive international network in economic sociology and political economy.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Fields: Economic sociology and political economy, STS/ANT

https://vbn.aau.dk/da/persons/troelsmk Themes: EU competition regulation (finance, energy, AI, treaties), DK, French, and EU energy markets and policy, entrepreneurial/green state, politics of expertise, economic discourse and bureaucratic knowledge

> Methods: Quant and qual, elite interviewing, discourse analysis, survey methodology, text mining

Green/Entrepreneurial state Political and bureaucratic history (DK)

DESTINATION 2

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH ON THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE AND THE CULTURAN AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

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HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-01: CO-FUNDED EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR RESILIENT CULTURAL HERITAGE (COFUND)



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RECAST - Research in sociocultural aspects of sustainability and green transitions Tourism Research Unit

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Regional Studies Association, fellow Board member, CTR, Bornholm

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Tourism destination development Tourism policy Regional economic development Regional policy Cluster policies

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Coordinator/PI CROCUS 2024-2027 https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101132454

HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-02: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR SOCIETAL RESILIENCE (RIA)



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MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS

EU CostAction RethinkBlue

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Coastal communities Coastal gentrification Blue economy **Transitions** EU marine governance Sociocultural connections to the sea Fisheries management and policy Marine ecosystem restoration Coastal & maritime cultural heritage Intangible cultural heritage Climate change adaptation Social science methods

and approaches

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Coastal & maritime cultural heritage work and publications (Ounanian et al. 2021, Flannery et al. 2022, Ounanian & Howells 2022)

Relevant previous projects: PERICLES, Stories of the Sea



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HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-04: LEVERAGING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR CREATIVITY-DRIVEN INNOVATION (RIA)



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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Algorithms for
Personalization
User Modeling,
Recommender Systems
Al tools for Human
Assistance
Personalization
User Modeling
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RELEVANT PROJECTS

EU project - idSpace: Tooling of and training for collaborative, distributed product innovation



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HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-06: EUROPE AS A GLOBAL POWERHOUSE OF DESIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVENESS (RIA)



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

Research Group of International Business; Member of Sustainability Lab; Member of Green Society

MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS

Member of European International Business Academy

RELEVANT LINKS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Connections with Innovation Center Denmark (ICDK), Shanghai; Port of Aalborg (Denmark) and other big ports in China; ESG consulting companies (China and Denmark); Textile industry associations and relevant companies, China; Retail industry contacts in China; big Chinese banks; cross-border M&A consulting companies

AREA OF EXPERTISE

My expertise and research intersect the disciplines of International Business and Corporate Finance, employing both quantitative methods and qualitative case study approaches. Specifically, my work focuses on: Companies' international business strategies and collaboration, including strategic alliances and cross-border mergers and acquisitions CSR/ESG, green transition and investment, sustainable business model Cross-cultural management in global business contexts
Organizational change management Corporate governance

ESG integration
Circular business model
Green transition
Knowledge of both Nordic countries and
emerging economies

HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-07: CULTURAL TOURISM FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH, WELLBEING AND JOB CREATION (CSA)



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RELEVANT PROJECTS

Coastal tourism related to cultural heritage and previous publications

Relevant previous projects: PERICLES, Stories of the Sea, EmpowerUs



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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Cultural tourism
Sustainable tourism
Tourism innovation
Tourism policy
Regional development

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HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-02: HISTORICAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSES OF INDUSTRIAL TRANSITIONS AND THEIR LESSONS FOR ENSURING A FAIR GREEN TRANSITION (RIA)



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RELEVANT PROJECTS

Green Market Making project (PI) studies Danish and French energy transitions under changing EU regulation for competition and green transition.
Work on the history of energy statistics in Europe



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Labour market studies Industrial relations Sociology of work Regulation of work Political economy Regulation politics

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RELEVANT PROJECTS

Transition mechanisms work in EmpowerUs project

HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-03: WORKING TIME REDUCTION: BARRIERS, CHALLENGES, BENEFITS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS (RIA)



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HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-05: IMPROVING FAIRNESS IN THE ECONOMY THROUGH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF UNDECLARED AND UNDERDECLARED WORK (RIA)



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HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-07: IMPACT OF THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND THE USE OF DIGITAL TOOLS IN EVERYDAY LIFE ON KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT (RIA)



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

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MEMBERSHIP OF EU PARTNERSHIPS Team — STRATEGIES

AREA OF EXPERTISE

User Evaluations
Technology evaluations
Serious Games
Game-Based Learning
Qualitative Methods

HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-11: MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE: BUILDING RESILIENCE AND ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY (RIA)



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HIGHLIGHTED AAU RESEARCH GROUPS

I am head of the new research group RECAST (Research in sociocultural aspects of sustainability and green transitions). This interdisciplinary group provides new knowledge and understandings of sociocultural aspects of sustainability and green transitions. The current sustainability crises are co-constituted through human and social activities and therefore need to be explored through humanities and social science perspectives.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

My interdisciplinary profile spans from studies in Danish grammar to studies of governmentality and mobilities studies. Theoretically and methodologically my research is grounded in discourse approaches to communication. Topically, it has developed around the question of a green, equitable transition of everyday transport practices, and my current projects all concern public transport. I have recently closed a research project on the governing of appropriate 'travelling together', particularly in relation to the risk of contagion, and I am currently in the start-up phase of an Inge Lehmann-project that concerns identities and rationalities in public transport, and in August 2025 I will start one more DFF-project that concerns communicative accessibility in public transport for people with various invisible disabilities.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Accordingly, I think I can contribute to all calls with my SSH profile, more specifically with my knowledge of the role of language, communication, interaction and practice in societal change. Furthermore, I have particular knowledge of normative barriers for change, and of public transport as a public space.

I have experience as a research group leader and as project PI, so I would have the appropriate experience for taking on the role as a work-package leader.