



**SHAPE ENERGY**

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES FOR  
ADVANCING POLICY IN EUROPEAN ENERGY



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# How can SHAPE ENERGY help create better energy efficiency policies

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## What is SHAPE ENERGY?

# Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) for Advancing Policy in European Energy

- ✓ 2017-2019
- ✓ H2020 Platform on using and applying energy-SSH
- ✓ Feeding into the EC Innovation and Research Agenda
- ✓ Contributing to the workprogramme of HorizonEurope



## What can SSH do for energy efficiency policies?

- ✓ SSH: people at heart of the questions asked & problems defined
- ✓ Lessons how to alter human behaviour/practices to 'desirable' ends
- ✓ Discuss fairness and trade-offs of processes and impact on acceptance
- ✓ Embrace complexity and work with it
- ✓ Identify different relevant knowledges
- ✓ Integrate insights on acceptability into planning
- ✓ Explanations for performance gap
- ✓ Develop better expectations of how energy efficiency measures change people's everyday lives
- ✓ Develop more holistic policy
- ✓ Help assess policy
- ✓ Deliver tools to monitor transitions
- ✓ Optimise policy approach to get the most out of their instruments



## What SHAPE ENERGY needs from policy-recommendations Research and Innovation Agenda

- ✓ SSH needs more explicit inclusion in funding opportunities
- ✓ Calls should consider which SSH disciplines to include
- ✓ Integration of critical SSH issues – e.g. political, ethical, historical, cultural, institutional –into technical energy projects
- ✓ SSH concepts should feature in energy projects
- ✓ Energy-SSH tasks need SSH experts
- ✓ Energy-SSH expertise representation in evaluations
- ✓ Inclusion of qualitative indicators and disciplinary reflections in monitoring and evaluation of integration of SSH in energy projects



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