

What is ISCH?

Individuals, Societies, Cultures & Health

ISCH supports the development of knowledge and insights for citizens, democratic debate and decision-making in the public, private and voluntary spheres.

In Detail

The following examples illustrate actual research within this Domain. The scope of the Domain is not restricted to these activities.

- **The development and behaviour of individuals and groups:** mind, cognition and complexity; language development; learning; creativity; socialisation; identities and attitudes; gender; vulnerability and resilience; decision-making and risk-taking, etc.
- **Social, economic, political, cultural, historical and technological structures and processes**, and how these persist and/or change: economic development; governance and citizenship; social cohesion; poverty and inequality; health and wellbeing; public safety and security; human impact on the environment; war and conflict; international and inter-group relations; risk and regulation; institutional and organisational frameworks; management; health systems and policies; families and parenting; inter-generational relations; education and skills development; labour markets; work and leisure; welfare regimes; demographic change and migration etc.
- **Cultural diversity and a common European future:** languages, literatures, music and art; regional/national histories and European history; media and communication; values continuity and change; people and landscapes/cityscapes; location and spatial variation; cultural heritage; cultures of food and drink; philosophies of humans, nature, science and society; everyday cultures, etc.

Inter-disciplinary topics linking social science/humanities perspectives with the natural, medical and engineering sciences are particularly welcomed by this Domain, provided that the social science/humanities aspect is predominant.



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Current COST Actions within the ISCH Domain:

- **IS0701** Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data: Industry Dynamics, Firm Performance, and Worker Outcomes
- **IS0702** The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform
- **IS0703** The European Research Network on Learning to Write Effectively (ERN-LWE)
- **IS0704** An Interoperable Supranational Infrastructure for Digital Editions (Interedition)
- **IS0801** Cyberbullying: Coping with Negative and Enhancing Positive Uses of New Technologies, in Relationships in Educational Settings
- **IS0802** The Transformation of Global Environmental Governance: Risks and Opportunities (TGEg)
- **IS0803** Remaking Eastern Borders in Europe: a Network Exploring Social, Moral and Material Relocations of Europe's Eastern Peripheries
- **IS0804** Language Impairment in a Multilingual Society: Linguistic Patterns and the Road to Assessment
- **IS0805** New Challenges of Peacekeeping and the European Union's Role in Multilateral Crisis Management
- **IS0806** The True European Voter: a Strategy for Analysing the Prospects of European Electoral Democracy that Includes the West, the South and the East of the Continent
- **IS0807** Living in Surveillance Societies (LiSS)
- **IS0901** Women Writers in History: Towards a New Understanding of European Literary Culture
- **IS0902** Systemic Risks, Financial Crises and Credit: the Roots, Dynamics and Consequences of the Subprime Crisis
- **IS0903** Enhancing the Role of Medicine in the Management of European health Systems: Implications for Control, Innovation and User Voice
- **IS0904** European Architecture beyond Europe: Sharing Research and Knowledge on Dissemination Processes, Historical Data and Material Legacy (19th-20th centuries)
- **IS0905** The Emergence of Southern Multinationals and their Impact on Europe
- **IS0906** Transforming Audiences, Transforming Societies
- **IS0907** Childbirth Cultures, Concerns, and Consequences: Creating a Dynamic EU Framework for Optimal Maternity Care
- **IS1001** Bio-objects and their Boundaries: governing matters at the intersection of society, politics, and science
- **IS1002** Modernet - a network for development of new techniques for discovering trends in occupational and work-related diseases and tracing new and emerging risks
- **IS1003** International Law between Constitutionalisation and Fragmentation: the role of law in the post-national constellation
- **IS1004** WEBDATANET: web-based data-collection - methodological challenges, solutions and implementations
- **IS1005** Medieval Europe -Medieval Cultures and Technological Resources
- **IS1006** Unraveling the grammars of European sign languages: pathways to full citizenship of deaf signers and to the protection of their linguistic heritage
- **IS1007** Investigating Cultural Sustainability
- **IS1101** Climate Change and Migration: Knowledge, Law and Policy, and Theory
- **IS1102** SOCIAL SERVICES, WELFARE STATE AND PLACES. The restructuring of social services in Europe and its impacts on social and territorial cohesion and governance
- **IS1103** Adapting European health systems to diversity (ADAPT)
- **TD0902** Submerged Prehistoric Archaeology and Landscapes of the Continental Shelf
- **TD0904** Time In MEntal activiTY: theoretical, behavioral, bioimaging and clinical perspectives (TIMELY)
- **TD 1005** Pain Assessment in Patients with Impaired Cognition, especially Dementia



Success Stories

COST Action IS0602 International Law in Domestic Courts built an interactive web-based database to explain how different jurisdictions handle similar questions of international law.

In the process, it has informed, educated and disseminated domestic applications of international law to a wider audience.

COST Action IS0603 Health and Social Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe (HOME) has linked similar research projects in different countries.

By gaining new insight into the causes of ill-health, this Action is helping Europe cope with the influence of migrants population on current social and healthcare services.

How to join a COST Action

Scientists interested in joining an ongoing COST Action should contact the Action Chair and the COST National Coordinator in their member country (www.cost.eu/cnc).

To propose a new Action, visit: www.cost.eu/opencall. COST assesses new proposals two times a year.



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