Transformations to Sustainability (T2S)

Final meeting 15 – 17 November 2022

Reflection with T2S funders
17 November – 9:30-10:30 CET
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Transformations to Sustainability (T2S):
- Funded by NORFACE, the Belmont Forum, and the European Commission
- H2020 ERA-NET Cofund research programme
- Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action
13 Funders

**Americas:**
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

**Asia:**
- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

**Europe:**
- Academy of Finland (AKA)
- French National Research Agency (ANR)
- Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- Dutch Research Council (NWO)
- Research Council of Norway (RCN)
- Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
- Swedish Research Council (VR)
- UK Research and Innovation – Economic and Social Research Council UKRI-ESRC)

**Worldwide:**
- International Science Council (ISC): funds researchers from low- and lower-middle income countries, with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
Programme objectives

1) To **develop understanding of and promote research on transformations to sustainability** which are of significant social, economic and policy concern worldwide and of **relevance to academics and stakeholders**

2) To **build capacity, overcome fragmentation and have a lasting impact** on society and the research landscape by cultivating **durable research collaboration** across multiple borders, disciplinary boundaries and with practitioners and societal partners
T2S Research Topics

1. Governance of societal transformations to sustainability

2. Economy and finance of societal transformations to sustainability

3. Well-being, quality of life, identity, and social and cultural values in relation to societal transformations to sustainability

+ Cross cutting issues:
  - Conceptual aspects of transformations
  - Methodological innovation
Funded research projects

• Two-stage joint assessment procedure in 2017-2018

• Pre-proposals
  • Number of pre-proposals 274 (155 eligible)
  • Number of applicants at pre-proposal stage: 1,308
  • Number of pre-proposals asked to submit a full-proposal: 35

• 12 transnational research projects were selected for funding, with combined funding of €11.5 million

• Projects started at the end of 2018 with an initial lifetime of 36 months – due to Covid extensions were possible
Final report statistics

Data analysis setting

Final reports received Monday 24 October; data analysis submitted to the final evaluation panel Monday 31 October

12 projects reported altogether

| 1290 outputs in 115 categories | 97 outcomes in 7 categories | Data on personnel, stakeholders etc. |
Final report statistics

Personnel: Gender balance

Gender of Consortium Leaders

Gender of Personnel

- Male: 149
- Female: 125
- Other: 1
- Not specified: 40
Final report statistics

**Personnel: Geographical distribution of personnel**

![Bar chart showing personnel distribution across different regions: Africa, Asia, Latin America, Global North, and Global South.](chart_image)

- **Africa**: 35 personnel
- **Asia**: 58 personnel
- **Latin America**: 44 personnel
- **Global North**: 177 personnel
- **Global South**: 137 personnel

*Global South: Africa, Asia, Latin America*
Final report statistics

Capacity-building

Number of students participating in T2S

- Postdoc: 45
- Grad: 124
- Undergrad: 115
- Primary/Secondary: 571

Theses

- Bachelor’s Thesis: 1
- Master’s Thesis: 20
- Doctoral Thesis: 9
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Production of Knowledge: Research advances

- Models: 5; 23%
- Methodology: 8; 36%
- Software: 3; 14%
- Dataset: 2; 9%
- Framework: 4; 18%
Final report statistics

Production of Knowledge: publications

Academic Publications by Type (n=235)

- Review: 2
- Journal Special: 3
- Scholarly Edition: 3
- Edited Book: 4
- Authored Book: 6
- Book Chapter: 56
- Journal Article: 161
Final report statistics

Written non-academic outputs

- Guidelines & Policy Recommendations: 13
- Internet Publications: 128
- Internal Reports: 3
- Newspaper Articles: 66
- Roundtable Reports: 13
- Technical Reports: 11
- Working Papers: 18
- Other: 17
Final report statistics

Outcomes
3 Reflection questions

**Hindsight:** What do you wish you had known before the start of the project about working within this specific funding structure?

**Insight:** How did the programme design enable or hinder learning within your consortium and the wider programme?

**Foresight:** What are your recommendations for future programme design and funding based on your experience with T2S?