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EP/ITRE Committee

To the attention of Ms. Patrizia Toia  
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Madam,

We are writing in support of the motion by EASSH (The European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities) brought to the attention of EP/ITRE committee that will be discussing the final structure of HORIZON EUROPE this week.

As the world organisation representing nearly 60 national organisations active in the field of Classics, of which 30 from European countries, and 14 international organisations, FIEC raises its voice on behalf of the outline of the future European research programme.

We are of the opinion that a strong cluster focused on European culture and civilization and our common cultural heritage is needed to address the complex challenges of the present and future.

Such a cluster must be appropriately resourced. It works in close relation with other related fields of research: culture and art, culture and identity, democracy, good governance, social and economic transformations. Research and well founded knowledge in these areas form the basis for more applied research and for policymaking. Areas of interventions in all clusters (health, digital, climate, food, mobility, security) need to have a strong humanistic and social research approach. Horizon Europe should ensure better integration of SSH disciplines in intervention areas in all clusters to reflect their complex human and social dimensions. It is now time to redress the unsatisfactory situation in Horizon 2020 as documented in the Reports on SSH integration.

We therefore firmly support the claim by EASSH for a strong cluster including at least the intervention areas mentioned above with equal standing in terms of resourcing.

Yours sincerely,

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