



## Recommendations (1)

- National academic structures and their approach to interdisciplinarity are very heterogeneous – the EU must therefore take on a leadership role if interdisciplinarity is to be advanced so far as to address the objectives and goals of Horizon 2020 and the EU 2020 Strategy
- Interdisciplinarity is a tool and not an end in itself
- Multilevel integration of all disciplines and stakeholders in all stages of programme planning is crucial
- Programme governance structures and bodies must reflect and promote interdisciplinarity



## Recommendations (2)

- Interdisciplinary approaches must be explicit where they are to be promoted
- Interdisciplinary projects are not typical EU projects, the novelty of these projects must be recognized and addressed
- Given the avantgarde nature of genuinely interdisciplinary projects, ensure that quality and not the quantity of the projects in the respective pillars be the initial objective



## Recommendations (3)

- New project designs and greater flexibility are necessary to accommodate the complexity of the projects
- Interdisciplinary projects should be allotted more time and funding to be successfully implemented
- Implementation and dissemination must be part of the initial project design and require adequate funding
- Evaluation processes are more complex – evaluators must be selected accordingly
- Monitoring of interdisciplinary projects is necessary for further advancement of interdisciplinary research



## Recommendations (4)

- Good News – good practice examples are available and should be showcased
- Lessons learned from these projects should be reviewed and where appropriate be taken up
- **Advancing interdisciplinary research is a process**
- **A new mindset must be cultivated**



## Barriers

- Instrumentalization of SSH
- Mindsets
- Career advancements
- Monodisciplinary Journals
- Finding a common understanding
- Institutional Cultures
- Perspection of SSH as subservient disciplines or add-on
- Fish tanking
- Linguistic „terrorism“
- The small picture versus the big picture
- Trust
- Fear