

# **Dutch Kick-off**

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**Sustainable Urbanisation Global Initiative**  
(JPI Urban Europe / SURF / Belmont Forum)

**&**

**Transformations to Sustainability**  
(NORFACE / Belmont Forum)



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# Today's programme

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09.00 Welcome with coffee

09.30 Plenary opening with:

- Jeanet Bruil (Head Strategic Partnerships and Policy NWO Domain Social Sciences and Humanities; NORFACE Network Coordinator)
- Pieter Hooimeijer (Chairman Scientific Advisory Board JPI Urban Europe; Scientific Director VerDuS)
- Dick van der Kroef (Director of the Netherlands Polar Program; NWO representative Belmont Forum)

10.00 Joint poster session with SUGI researchers and T2S researchers

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 Kick-offs SUGI and T2S in two separate rooms

12.00 Plenary closure

12.15 Lunch



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# NWO Social Sciences and Humanities

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- Sustainable Urbanisation Global Initiative (SUGI) and Transformations to Sustainability (T2S) financed by NWO domain Social Sciences and Humanities (NWO SSH)
- Department Strategic Partnerships & Policy focuses on innovative impact-driven research based on societal needs and demands
- Strong collaboration with external partners and stakeholders, including on international level
- International cooperation important to facilitate research collaboration across borders, which contributes to innovative research
- Participation in international networks such as Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) and NORFACE



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# NORFACE

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**NORFACE**  
NETWORK

- New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe
- Partnership of 20 national research funding agencies in Europe dedicated to leading and developing opportunities for scientists in the area of social and behavioural sciences
- Launch in 2004
- Five programmes so far:
  1. 2007-2010: Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe?
  2. 2009-2014: Migration in Europe - Social, Economic, Cultural and Policy Dynamics (supported by European Commission)
  3. 2014-2019: Welfare State Futures (supported by European Commission)
  4. 2016-2021: Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-course (supported by European Commission)
  5. 2017-2022: Transformations to Sustainability, in cooperation with Belmont Forum (supported by European Commission)

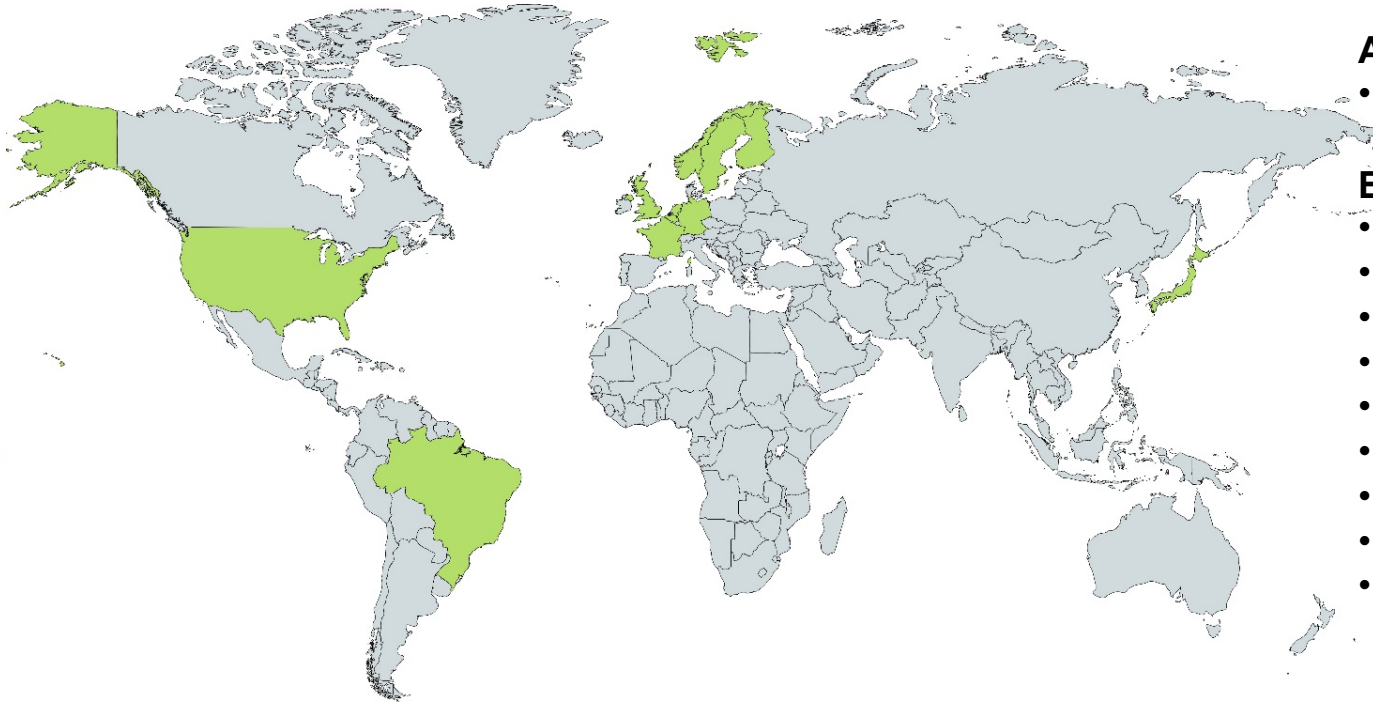


# Transformations to Sustainability (T2S)

- T2S is a follow-up to the pioneering Transformations to Sustainability research programme launched by the International Social Science Council in 2014
- SSH at the heart of this interdisciplinary programme, to make a step change in scale and scope for research programming on sustainability
- 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*
- Two-stage assessment procedure in 2017-2018, after which 12 projects were selected for funding. The research projects launched/will launch between July and December 2018 and will each run for 36 months



# 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)
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (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)