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VID Vitenskapelige høgskole takker for muligheten til å komme med tematiske innspill til EUs kommende rammeprogram for forskning og innovasjon. Under er svarene på spørsmålene vi er bedt om å svare på, på engelsk, slik invitasjonen ber om.

1. For VID as a specialized university, it is an important point that the thematic calls in the 10-framework programme for research and innovation within the EU have a broader focus on health, than just medicine, for example through humanistic, health-related research where you can focus on interdisciplinary and interdisciplinarity projects. For VID this is particularly important as a significant part of VID's research areas are within professional education with a short research tradition, often aimed at the field of practice (e.g. nursing, occupational therapy, social work, social care etc.), while a minority have longer research traditions, often characterized as basic research (e.g. theology, religion and cultural studies). At the same time, it is important for VID that the thematic priorities in a new framework program have a stronger spotlight on social sciences, such as migration and inclusive societies, and humanities, it is particularly important that the historical and contemporary relations between Europe and other parts of the world become clearer than they have been until now.

The European added value for expanding the thematic focus will be that it will support greater interdisciplinary research projects, covering also health education and research that

can contribute to improving the health system and the field of practice. It will also help to increase interdisciplinary research that can provide a better understanding of complex health problems, and to develop new approaches and solutions that can have a positive impact on the EU member states' health systems and their citizens. Furthermore, an increase in thematic priorities within the social sciences and humanities, especially in relation to migration and inclusive societies, will help to address important social and political challenges in Europe and strengthen the EU as a global player.

2. Missions: For VID, where most of our research areas are within professional education with a short research tradition, often aimed at the field of practice The European partnerships and missions are important in the following areas:

Health and care services: Partnerships and missions that focus on innovation within health and care services are important for strengthening and improving the health service. This may include projects that develop new methods and technologies to make the health and care sector more efficient, improve the patient experience and increase the sustainability of service delivery.

Elderly care and welfare technology: With an aging population, Norway and Europe, needs to develop effective and sustainable solutions in elderly care. Partnerships and community missions that focus on welfare technology, care models and provision for aging in one's own home can be important in meeting these challenges.

VID is also engaged in **Social Innovation**; Partnerships and missions that stimulate social innovation can be important not only for Norway, but for several European countries, especially for solving complex social problems and strengthening the welfare system. This may include projects that develop new measures and models to promote inclusion and reduction of inequalities.

Sustainable development: With a strong focus on sustainable development, it is important for Norway to participate in partnerships and missions that address climate change, environmental protection and resource management. This can include projects that promote green technology, circular economy and sustainable business models.

Through involvement in the European partnerships and missions in these areas, research environment in Norway and Europe can collaborate with business and the public sector to strengthen the knowledge base and adopt new knowledge, thereby contributing to solving global challenges in health, social sciences as well as having sustainability focus.

3. For VID, it will also be important that the thematic priorities are clear in areas for international cooperation, especially seen in the light of the Norwegian government's Panorama Strategy, while the African context is particularly important for VID. Interaction with Africa is particularly important for VID due to VID's history of interaction with the global south in general and Africa in particular.

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