

## Expression of interest in collaborating as a partner on Horizon Europe calls

*On behalf of Niels Spierings of the Radboud Social and Cultural Research, we would like to express interest to cooperate as a **partner** in the following areas of Horizon Europe. More information about researcher and institute can be found below. For questions or remarks, please email [collaborate@ru.nl](mailto:collaborate@ru.nl).*

**Cluster:** 2. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

**Horizon Europe calls and topics:**

- [\*HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-04: The interrelation between social, cultural and political identities, as well as the sense of belonging, and democracies\*](#)
- [\*HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-05: Gender-roles in extremist movements and their impact on democracy\*](#)

**Deadline:** February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Brief description of contribution as a partner:**

- *Intersectional analyses of existing survey data regarding political participation and attitudes*
- *Design and coordinate collection of new survey data on political, socio-political identities and related topics*
- *Mixed methods research, combining survey data, qualitative interviews, focus groups, social media data*
- *Deep knowledge of the Dutch, including overview of existing and upcoming data, scientific and societal network*
- *A research group with particular strong expertise on political belonging, participation and gender*
- *Experienced grant proposal writer and project coordinator*

*Work packages on*

- *the intersectional analyses of political belonging and participation, potentially including a big replication of existing work from an intersectional perspective and/or collection new survey data in multiple European countries*
- *identities, minorities and democratic innovation*
- *the complex and contextual role on how identities and belonging translate to participation*
- *the role of gender identities and sexuality in shaping support for radical and extreme right discourse, parties and leaders, as well as segregated Islamic movements*

**Looking to join a Consortium that is already working on either of the topics specified above.**

**Preferences for tasks is described below, but open to discussion.**

*Looking for a consortium that is interested in quantitative and/or mixed methods research, including at least a clear place for a work package on a citizens' perspective, particularly considering intersectionality and multiple identities and important to understanding democratic dynamics.*

*Looking for a consortium that wants to dedicate a proper work package to this in terms of research time and PhD or postdoc researchers and either has room for data collections or is interested in a big 'intersectional meta-analyses/replication of existing non-intersectional studies on the topic.*

## **Relevance of expertise/previous research:**

**Niels Spierings**, main applicant or PI of: NWO veni grant; NWO vidi grant NWO talent grants

- *Co-direction of Dutch Parliamentary Election Study (2021 and 2023) and Dutch Ethnic Minority Election Study (2021 and 2023)*
- *Consultancy and policy advice for/with Dutch ministries of Education, of Social Affairs, and of Home affairs on issues of discrimination, equality and politics; Expertise centres and local governments (SCP, Nijmegen, Arnhem, Gelderland, Limburg) on issues of LGBTIQ+ inequality, islam and ethnicity, and politics; A broad range of societal organisations and NGOs*
- *Participation in various national and European projects, grant application, collectives and networks, including:*
  - Norface project lead by Prof Ayse Guveli*
  - LISS consortium data call on political belonging and democratic innovations*
  - Panel and conference chair, reviewer and keynotes*
  - Editor of Special issues in JEMS, Patterns of Prejudice, Politics & Gender, Acta Politica*
  - Expert panel and European Parliament, European Institute for Gender Equality*

**Niels Spierings:** *Prof. Spierings is full professor in sociology, with a particular focus on processes of inclusion and exclusion. He has a background in political science, gender studies and sociology. His work focusses on LGBTIQ+, ethno-religious minorities and gender in terms of social identities and on political belonging and participation of marginalized groups as well as exclusionary politics (the populist radical right and Islamic extremism) directed at these groups. Methodologically, he is well versed in various methods and a leading expert on intersectionality in quantitative research and mixed methods research.*

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**Radboud Social Cultural Research:** *Radboud Social Cultural Research (RSCR) is a research institute at the Faculty of Social Sciences. We investigate the societal phenomena of social inequality and inclusion. Through our research on changing inequalities, we aim to contribute to more equality in society. We study how people's diversities, e.g. their identities, demographic background and context, affect inequalities in their access to social, cultural, economic and natural resources and in their opportunities for education, employment, personal growth and health. We study how people's engagement in (in)formal organisations and networks changes inequalities and analyse the factors contributing to differences within and between countries. At RSCR Spierings leads a group of academics focussing on processes of inclusion and exclusion, in particular political and societal belonging and identities.*

## Radboud University:

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The Radboud research community is keen to develop collaborative project ideas with European consortia across all Horizon Europe Pillars, as well as other EU-programmes both as experienced coordinators and strong research partners.

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### Cluster: 2. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

#### Horizon Europe topics:

- The role of social economy in addressing social exclusion, providing quality jobs and greater sustainability: HORIZON-CL2-2024-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-09
- Strengthen economic fairness and resilience of active labour market policies and address high unemployment: HORIZON-CL2-2024-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-02
- Effective education and labour market transitions of young people: HORIZON-CL2-2024-TRANSFORMATIONS-01
- Policy recommendations from socio-economic impacts of loneliness in Europe: HORIZON-CL2-2024-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-01
- Minimise costs and maximise benefits of job creation and job destruction: HORIZON-CL2-2024-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-03

**Deadline:** 7 February 2024 17:00 Brussels time

#### Brief description of contribution as a partner:

Although I am open to suggestions based on my expertise and prior research, my contribution as a partner would mostly be twofold:

1) Doing, cooperating in and stimulating research to gain knowledge on the topics of the calls, adding especially a sociological perspective. This may include all stages and aspects of research, from

formulating research questions, collecting data, conducting (quantitative) analyses and writing papers to the supervision of early career researchers (such as PhD candidates), acquiring additional funding and making use of my large international and national network.

2) Translating research findings into policy implications and recommendations.

### **Looking to join a consortium that is already working on any of the topics above.**

I would be more than happy to join consortia that consist of researchers from multiple disciplines or from Social Sciences, including relevant stakeholders. Just to give one example related to addressing high unemployment, stakeholders could be government officials, labour unions, employer representatives, people who work at institutions that facilitate unemployment insurance, etc.

### **Relevance of expertise/previous research:**

Currently I am the Principal Investigator of the project '*Understanding old-age inequality*', funded by Instituut Gak, which brings together researchers from four European countries. The primary goal of this project is to better understand inequality in old age, which might be increasing due to current policies to promote longer working lives. The project examines how work, family and health trajectories before retirement affect (a) people's retirement transition and (b) their post-retirement economic, social and psychological well-being. It also studies how labour market, pension, and welfare policies aggravate or cushion the influence of work, family and health trajectories. Website: <https://www.ru.nl/en/research/research-projects/understanding-old-age-inequality>

I have a lot of experience with preparing and analysing both longitudinal and cross-national data sources (e.g., European Social Survey, Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, Family Survey Dutch Population, Netherlands' Life Course Survey) as well as with supervising research. I am particularly skilled in multilevel regression analysis, sequence analysis, panel analysis, growth curve analysis and event history analysis.

Five selected relevant publications include:

Raiber, K., Visser, M., & Verbakel, E. (2022). The wage penalty for informal caregivers from a life course perspective. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 53(100490), 1-10.

Visser, M., Lössbroek, J., & Van Der Lippe, T. (2021). The use of HR policies and job satisfaction of older workers. *Work, Aging and Retirement*, 7(4), 303-321.

Visser, M., Gesthuizen, M., & Scheepers, P. (2018). The crowding in hypothesis revisited: New insights into the impact of social protection expenditure on informal social capital. *European Societies*, 20(2), 257-280.

Visser, M., Gesthuizen, M., Kraaykamp, G., & Wolbers, M.H.J. (2016). Inequality among older workers in the Netherlands: A life course and social stratification perspective on early retirement. *European Sociological Review*, 32(3), 370-382.

Visser, M., Gesthuizen, M., & Scheepers, P. (2014). The impact of macro-economic circumstances and social protection expenditure on economic deprivation in 25 European countries, 2007-2011. *Social Indicators Research*, 115(3), 1179-1203.

**Mark Visser:** <https://www.ru.nl/en/people/visser-m-mark>

Mark Visser is an Assistant Professor of Sociology, with a broad focus on the labour market and social inequality. His research interests include employment careers, the transition from school to



work, retirement, the causes and consequences of unemployment, the employment consequences of providing informal care for the caregivers, social capital and feelings of loneliness. He studies these topics by taking a life course and/or cross-national perspective.

**Radboud Social Cultural Research:** <https://www.ru.nl/en/rscr>

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