Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends of the Social Research Center,

At the end of the year, we would like to use this newsletter to give you an insight into the diverse projects, events and publications of the recent months.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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Social Innovation Community (SIC) releases the Lisbon Declaration - Social Innovation as a Path to a Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Europe

EU policymakers are negotiating Europe’s next long-term budget. You can sign the Lisbon Declaration (#SIDeclaration) to indicate that Europe benefits from social innovation.

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Social Innovation Transfer Network s_inn – Kick-Off Meeting in Bochum

The Kick-Off meeting of the Social Innovation Transfer Network (s_inn) took place on December 13th in Bochum. Dmitri Domanski, researcher at TU Dortmund University, was invited to join the event as an expert in a moderated conversation about social innovation.

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Potential assessment „Work 4.0“ of the joint project „Praevention 4.0“ opens up worlds of AI

Secretary of state Björn Böhning of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social (BMAS) has presented the potential assessment “Work 4.0”. This is intended to support companies in systematically importing and using 4.0-technologies. The new practice check was developed – amongst others – by the Sozialforschungsstelle Dortmund/Social Research Centre Dortmund (sfs) for the needs of small and medium-sized companies and has already been successfully tested in companies.

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SISCODE: Understanding Co-Creation

SISCODE is a three-year project aiming to understand the co-creation phenomenon that is flourishing in Europe and to look at its context. Co-creation will be analysed in particular in the light of Responsible Research and Innovation and Science, technology and innovation policies. SISCODE is a research project in the European Union’s Horizon 2020 framework and was officially launched in May this year. The project aims to better understand co-creation as a bottom-up and design-driven phenomenon.

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New Pathways to Social Change: Creating Impact through Social Innovation Research

On the Austrian EU Council Presidency (November 28-29 in Vienna), Jürgen Howaldt spoke about the increasing importance of Social Innovation Research in Europe. 350 participants from all over Europe and international partner countries discussed the role of SSH in the European Research Agenda.

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Official kick-off of Athene 4.0
The official starting signal was given for the research project "Athene 4.0: Person-centred digitisation to secure the future of crafts", which was launched in August with a first meeting of the project committee and the official kick-off of all project partners with the promoter. The project will develop a service platform for craft businesses, which will be accompanied by a digital coach and a work organisation concept, in order to digitise communication with customers and other trades as well as internal work processes.

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"Beyond Imagination: a socially innovative Europe": Presentation of the Lisbon Declaration at Social Innovation Community’s Final Event
After three years of works, the international project Social Innovation Community (SIC) discussed its results with participants from all over Europe. While the project is finishing, the final event was the perfect scene for presenting the Lisbon Declaration to the broader public, hence opening a new chapter of social innovation in Europe.

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Guest article about the role of the TU Dortmund University in the field of social innovation
As a result of the project LASIN (Latin American Social Innovation Network), coordinated by the Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), a book was published. The publication mainly revolves around the potential of Higher Education Institutions to engage in the field of social innovation. Dmitri Domanski and Sabrina Janz from the Sozialforschungsstelle Dortmund (sfs) contributed a chapter.

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Creating a Global Network for University – GCU event in Brussels
A meeting, organized by Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), took place on the 6th and 7th of September in Brussels. Thematically, the role of Higher Education Institutions in social innovation projects took center stage at the event. In that context, different projects were introduced. Dmitri Domanski, researcher at TU Dortmund University, presented the projects SI-DRIVE and SIC.

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Social Innovation in Russia: Exchange and collaboration with the Vologda Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Science

From the 9th to the 13th of September 2018 Antonius Schröder visited the Vologda Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (VolRC RAS) in Russia. The exchange of Social Innovation activities included also the new collaboration of the VolRC RAS with the European School of Social Innovation (ESSI). Beside a public lecture of the main results of the SI-DRIVE project within a workshop exemplary social innovation initiatives of Vologda were discussed - considering Social Innovation as a progressive concept for regional development.

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Dortmund’s first inclusive MakerSpace is one year old: Scientists from the TU Dortmund University make 3D printing available for people with disabilities

On 30 August Dortmund’s first inclusive MakerSpace celebrated its first anniversary. Scientists of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences of the TU Dortmund University and Dr. Bastian Pelka from the Social Research Centre, together with the Office for Augmentative and Alternative Communication of the workshops of the AWO at the Leuthardstraße, established a MakerSpace, where people with disabilities can use 3D printers on their own – for instance to create aids. The MakerSpace is also open and free of charge for all other visitors.

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Inclusive SI-Initiatives want to scale – but how?

There is an abundance of examples for effective social innovations, according to empirical research like the SI-DRIVE project. But how can a successful initiative from city A establish itself in city B? “Copy and paste” is not enough, as Dr. Christoph Kaletka (TU Dortmund University, sfs) explained at the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI 2018) conference in Las Vegas. In fact, differentiated knowledge of SI ecosystems and their distinctions are essential.

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„Social Innovation in Urban and Regional Development“: New publication shows a broader understanding of social innovation in urban and regional contexts

The recently published edited volume „Social Innovation in Urban and Regional Development: Perspectives on an emerging field in planning and urban studies“, edited by Yvonne Franz, Hans-Heinrich Blotevogel and Rainer Danielzyk, focuses on the urban and regional development of social innovations. “People are not even aware that they are doing something socially innovative”, is the introductory sentence and among other things the publication gets to the bottom of this statement.

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New article in the magazine EU Research focuses on the results of SI-DRIVE and the drivers and barriers for Social innovation

Jürgen Howaldt, Christoph Kaletka und Antonius Schröder published an article in the EU Research magazine, one of the world leading open access publications for scientific research and dissemination. The article “Getting to the core of social innovation” summarises the main results of the SI-DRIVE project (Social Innovation: Driving Force of Social Change) by underlining the comprehensive concept of Social Innovation and referring to the main drivers and barriers.

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Students 4 Change: Innovation and social entrepreneurship in higher education

Dmitri Domanski and Sabrina Janz joined a meeting that took place within the course of the Erasmus+ project “Students 4 Change” in Porto Alegre, Brazil from the 9th until the 13th of July. The activity was hosted by Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS). The idea behind the meeting was to enable a detailed discourse between project partners and lecturers, in order to create a curriculum that fosters innovation and social entrepreneurship at Latin American universities.

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Social Innovation Community Summer School: Social Innovation in the Public Sector
From the 27th until the 29th of June 2018, around 50 people met at the SIC Summer School in San Sebastián (Spain) to share with participants, learn and explore principles, models and strategies of public innovation. This edition of the Summer School “SUMSIC 2018: Social Innovation in the Public Sector” created a shared learning space between the social and political spheres. The Summer School was the 4th of 5 organised and held by the European Horizon 2020 project team – the Social Innovation Community. 
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SIKE – Social Innovation through Knowledge Exchange: Consortium meeting at Glasgow Caledonian University
The consortium meeting in July 2018 marked the second SIKE function after the kick-off event in February. Sabrina Janz from TU Dortmund University – sfs joined the meeting, which took place at Glasgow Caledonian University, to present first project results. 
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TU Dortmund University became new member of the Eu-SPRI Forum
On the General Assembly of the Eu-SPRI Forum TU Dortmund University was accepted as a new member of the high-level network. The “European Forum for Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation” (Eu-SPRI Forum) aims to strengthen the vibrant but dispersed interdisciplinary community of researchers focusing on interdisciplinary dimensions related to policy and governance in the field of knowledge creation and innovation. The Social Research Centre at the TU Dortmund University will contribute to the ongoing discussion about the next generation of innovation policy by focusing on the increasing role of social innovation in the national and international debate. 
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Eu-SPRI Early Career Research Conference: sfs-researchers provide insights into new practices for societal challenges
What does innovation for and with society mean? How can sustainable innovations be identified and supported? Over 40 PhD candidates from all over Europe used the Eu-SPRI-conference in Valencia to share and discuss their research focussing on these and similar questions. sfs-researcher Katharina Schrot presented insights to the process of “Roadmapping”, a method used to structure participation processes, while Marthe Zirngiebl discussed the first sketches of a typology of social innovation.

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Social Innovation Community Summer School: Regions as Social Innovations Ecosystems
Together with the Middle Black Sea Development Agency (OKA) the European Horizon 2020 project Social Innovation Community (SIC) hosted a Summer School from the 9th to 11th of May 2018 in Samsun, Turkey. The participants explored the topic of “Regions as Social Innovation ecosystems”. The Summer School was an opportunity for conversation and peer learning through three days of practical, hands-on problem solving workshops around local challenges. Dmitri Domanski from TU Dortmund University –sfs held a lecture under the title “The Social Innovation (research) landscape – Moving the field towards an inclusive community”.

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