

# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Over the period 2013-2015, the European Commission will support the development of many CAPS (Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation) projects of diverse nature and focus, selected through the FP7 ICT Call 10. The CAPS topic will be given even greater importance in the first Calls of Horizon 2020.

In this context of emergence and diversity of CAPS, and in order to reach a strong momentum that Horizon 2020 will amplify, it is important that an annual international conference focusing on CAPS can be organized, providing all CAPS projects with an opportunity to increase their visibility and impact in Europe and beyond, and to liaise with other interested stakeholders, including organizations developing similar projects in other regions of the world.

These annual events will be key milestones in the present CAPS booming period, allowing to address issues of common interest, develop synergies between initiatives, and discuss the CAPS research roadmap for Horizon 2020.

The organization of these events is the main objective of the CAPS2020 project. Two events - in 2014 and 2015 - will be organized in Brussels, so that a large participation from EC officials and other key institutions based in Brussels can be foreseen.

These events will be organized in continuity with the "1st Dialogue on platforms for collective awareness and action" held in Brussels in September 2011 and organized with the support of the PARADISO2 FP7 project (paradiso-fp7.eu), which Sigma Orionis has coordinated over the period 2010-2011.

Close liaison with the CAPS Unit and all CAPS projects selected at Call 10 will be implemented by CAPS2020 to ensure the greatest success of these events. Reaching the event self-sustainability beyond 2015, i.e. after the end of the CAPS2020 project, will be sought.

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