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A briefing paper highlighting the priorities for EU-South Asia cooperation in research and innovation to address societal challenges has just been published as part of the CASCADE (Collaborative Action towards Societal Challenges through Awareness, Development, and Education) project led by GDRC's Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga.

This paper examines the policy and interests of seven countries in South Asia with respect to the seven thematic societal challenges identified under the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme: Health, demographic change and wellbeing; Food security, sustainable agricultures, marine and maritime research and the bio-based economy; Clean and efficient energy; Smart, green and integrated transport; Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials; A changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies; and, Secure societies - protecting freedom and security of the country and its citizens.

Other key points include the need for EU linkages with Asian countries given the region's rapidly growing research and innovation capacities; urgency to address major concerns shared by citizens in Europe, South Asia and elsewhere; and eleven priorities identified for cooperation in research and innovation to address societal challenges.

The briefing paper can be downloaded here (/media/universityofhuddersfield/content2013/schools/artdesignandarchitecture/images/research/gdrc/news/BriefingPaper.pdf)

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