



Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities

The Current Work Programme and Call for Proposals
2nd Deadline (29/11/07 17:00 hrs Brussels time)

Chania, Crete 21/09/07

FP7 Information Day



IMPORTANT WARNING TO PROPOSERS

There are five parts in this presentation covering the SSH work programme. **Most Topics of the 2007-2008 Work Programme are now CLOSED; only few of them remain open for the 2nd Deadline (29/11/07 at 17:00 Brussels time).**

1. Strategic activities, economic and knowledge economy challenges
2. Social challenges, global interactions, indicators
3. Governance and citizenship
4. Cultural interactions, European diversities and commonalities
5. Foresight activities



Setting the scene for Socio-economic and Humanities research

- **Lisbon and Gothenburg** ambitious agendas.
- Need for **economic development** and progress while at the same time achieving **sustainability and improving cohesion**;
- Need to bring about **change** while at the same time **reinforcing core values** and respecting **diversity** in its various manifestations;
- Need to **reinforce EU competitiveness** while at the same time developing **new types of international relations with our partners**

The **Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities Theme** will operate at the interface between these objectives:

- by supporting research and related activities aimed at providing the basis for **policy development** but also **improving insight and understanding of the key underlying trends and the factors driving them**
- Theme 8 will primarily be **at the service of other Community policies**, measuring and assessing impacts and providing inputs to increase their overall consistency and coherence, in addition **to improving our knowledge base in these fields**



Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities in FP7

Main features (1)

- **Collaborative**
 - transnational teams
- **Problem-oriented**
- **Policy-relevant**
- **Comparative**
- **Multidisciplinary**
- Strong emphasis on **dissemination of results**
- Integration of **gender issues**
- A major *new focus* on: **the international /global dimension, humanities, methods of analysis and assessment**



Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities in FP 7

Main features (2)

- Emphasis on **new knowledge generation** – Networks of Excellence will not to be funded under this Call
- **ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus projects** included in the work programme

- this Call is NOT open to ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals for which a Special Joint Call for All Themes will be published soon.

- All topics open to **International Cooperation** BUT no SICA !
- **Indicative budgets** - an average of between 3 and 4 M per topic





Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities in FP 7

Call facts

- Call Identifier: **FP7-SSH-2007-1**
- **Deadline 1:** 10 May 2007 at 17:00 Brussels local time (THIS IS NOW CLOSED)
 - First contracts to be launched towards the end of 2007
- **Deadline 2:** 29 November 2007 at 17:00 Brussels local time
 - First contracts to be launched in Autumn 2008
 - 8 activities are open for the Call, within each of them there are AREAS and TOPICS - **the Call addresses the TOPIC level**
 - **Funding schemes** available are specified **for each TOPIC**
 - **One-stage** proposal submission procedure
 - Proposals must **ONLY** be submitted **electronically** using the Commission's EPSS system (Electronic Proposal Submission System)
 - **Remote evaluation** will be used
 - The **Evaluation Criteria** are specified in Annex 2 of the **Cooperation Work Programme** and in **the Guides for Applicants**



Financial limits for the EC requested contribution, not the total cost/ budget of the proposed project)

- **Collaborative projects:**
 - Small / medium scale focused projects: 0.5 – 1.5 M
(UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED AT TOPIC LEVEL; READ THE WORK PROGRAMME !!!!)
 - Large-scale integrating projects: 1.5 – 4.0 M
- **Research for the benefit of specific groups (CSOs) up to 1 M**
 - **The above limits of the requested EC contribution constitute eligibility criteria and proposals outside the limits will be excluded from the evaluation process !**
- **Coordination and Support Actions: no limits**



Presentation of Activities, Areas and Topics of the 2007-2008 Work Programme

In addition to content, indications are included **in parenthesis in red font** on:

- the **deadline** *(2nd d.)*
- the types of **funding schemes available** *(l-s p. or sm-s p. or csa) (Large Scale Intergating Projects, Small Scale Collaborative Projects, Coordination and Support Actions)*
 - the possibility to involve **civil society organisations** *(cso)*
- the encouragement to associate **third countries** *(ic)*



Work Programme 2008

Activity 8: Strategic Activities

ERA-NET PLUS (10 M in the joint call)

- **In the field of socio-economic sciences and humanities, the Commission intends to support, through the co-ordinated call FP7-ERANET-2008 – RTD, exclusively ERA-NET Plus actions.**

European Research Area Networks (ERA-NET) have proved to be a cost-effective means for coordinating national research programmes. Such coordination is very important in the area of Social sciences and Humanities and it is expected that the ERA-NET scheme will contribute to this objective by bringing together relevant funding agencies and research councils. Support to ERA-NET Plus is expected to leverage important national contributions to European research in the remit of the Socio-economic sciences and humanities.

Funding scheme: Coordination and Support Actions aiming at supporting research activities (ERA-NET Plus). Eligible participants are programme owners or programme managers (as for ERANET). A minimum of 5 participants from 5 different Member or Associated States providing funding is required. Minimum financial budget of joint calls is € 10 million. Each project retained for funding should be trans-national (i.e. with minimum 2 partners from different countries). Coordination experience between national programmes is a necessary prerequisite.



Specific Programme

Activity 1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

“Research will integrate the aspects:

- **The changing role of knowledge throughout the economy...**
- **Economic structures, structural change and productivity issues...**
- **Institutional and policy questions...”**



Work Programme 2007

Activity 1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

Area 1.1: Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy

- **Interactions between knowledge, economic growth and social well being (2nd d.,l-s p.)**

Prospective analysis; future outlook of the knowledge society.



Work Programme 2007

Activity 1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

Area 1.2: Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society

- Globalisation and its interaction with the European economy (2nd d.,l-s p.,ic)

Measure, forecast the effects of globalisation; international specialisation; relocation of production; EU integration and enlargement.



Work Programme 2007

Activity 1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

Area 1.3: Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe

- Macroeconomic policy, its interactions and coordination with other policies
(2nd d., sm-s p.)

European integration; enlargement and Lisbon strategy; modelling tools; macro-micro coordination; policy mix.



Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

- “To support the societal goal of **combining economic, social and environmental** objectives and so improve the basis for sustainable development... two interrelated issues:
- How **European socio-economic models** and those **outside Europe** have fared in combining the three objectives ...
- **Economic and social cohesion** between **regions** and **urban** and regional development in an **enlarged EU**...”



Work Programme 2007

Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

Area 2.1: Socio-economic development trajectories

- Analysing, comparing and evaluating the various societal models in a medium to long-term perspective (2nd d., sm-s p., csa, ic)

Understanding of the different approaches taken across countries, regions or local communities to combine sustainable development objectives.



Work Programme 2007

Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

- **Development and applications of tools for the assessment of policies and socio-economic forecasting (2nd d.,l-s p.)**

Data bases, accounting frameworks (e.g. input/output matrices), models for EU and the world; evaluation of policies and forecast; macro-micro levels; cross-sector issues.

- **Socio-economic factors and actors that shape the « post-carbon » society (2nd d.,sm-p.)**

Energy demand; socio-economic, cultural and political factors; environmentally-friendly concept; expectations and needs of the users.



Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

Area 2.2: Regional, territorial and social cohesion

- Regional development challenges in an evolving international context
(2nd d.,sm-s p.,csa)

Uneven development of regions; regional specialisation; role of knowledge; challenges facing regions e.g. Central Eastern and Southern Europe.



Activity 3: Major trends in society and their implications

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“ Assessment of the **causes and implications** of particular **key_trends in society** that have major consequences for European citizens... three major trends:

- **Demographic change** including ageing, fertility and migration...
- **Changes** in the related aspects of life styles, **families, work, consumption, health, quality of life** (child, youth, disabilities issues)...
- **Cultural interactions** in an international perspective ...”



Specific Programme

Activity 4: Europe in the World

“To understand changing **interactions** and **interdependencies** between world regions... two related tracks:

- **Flows of trade, finance, investment, migration; uneven development, poverty and sustainability; economic and political relations, global governance; cultural interactions.**
- **Conflicts and fostering peace; security and destabilising factors...”**



Activity 4: Europe in the World

Area 4.1: Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications

- Development paths in an historical and comparative perspective and their impact on Europe
(2nd d.,sm-s p.,csa,ic)

Influence of economic, technological, political, and cultural relations on development; paths towards sustainable development.



Specific Programme

Activity 6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators

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“To improve the use of indicators in
policy...,improvements in indicators and methods:

- How **indicators are used...**
- How **evidence based policy** might be **supported by indicators...**
- Use of indicators and related approaches for **evaluation of research programmes**, including **impact assessment.”**



SSH in FP7 and in FP6, Governance and citizenship: continuity and change

- **Consolidate research launched in FP6 or earlier (eg. conflicts, citizenship, governance)**
- **Keep mainstreaming interdisciplinarity, gender dimensions, policy relevance of research**
- **New focus: international dimension, 'Europe in the World'**



Activity 4: Europe in the World

Research involves two related tracks:

- **Flows of trade, migration... economic and political relations; global governance; cultural interactions**
- **Conflicts, causes and resolution; security and destabilising factors; terrorism, causes and consequences; security-related policies, insecurity, civil-military relations.**
- **Horizontal aspects: Europe's role in the world, multilateralism and international law, the promotion of democracy and fundamental rights, Europe as seen from outside will be addressed**



Work Programme 2007

Activity 4: Europe in the World

Area 4.3: Europe's changing role in the World

- **Europe seen from outside (2nd d.,sm-s p.)**

How Europe/EU are seen from people, elites, media, literature outside; influence of historical and other ties/divides; views of immigrants; notions of borders; how views are reported in Europe/considered in policy.

- **Multilateralism and new ext.relations (2nd d.,sm-s p.)**

Notion/practice of multilateralism & relations with other concepts (hegemony, unilateralism..), and bi-lateral relations (eg.transatlantic rel., neighbourhood policy); accountability issues, citizens' perceptions of EU role.



Specific Programme

Activity 5: The Citizen in the European Union

Two main strands:

- **Participation, representation, accountability, legitimacy; European public sphere, media and democracy; governance and policy processes; civil society, citizenship and rights**
- **European diversities and commonalities, their historical evolution and institutions; cultural heritage; visions and perspectives on European integration; identities; multiple coexisting cultures; language, arts and religions; attitudes and values**



Work Programme 2007

Activity 5: The Citizen in the European Union

Area 5.1: Participation and Citizenship in Europe

- Democratic “ownership” and participation (2nd d.,sm-s p., csO)

Role of CSO, social partners, parties etc; factors causing non-participation/instruments for effective participation; political participation of expatriates, migrants, minorities, women, youth; education for citizenship; direct participation and representation; access to politics and expertise.



Specific Programme

Activity 7: Foresight Activities

- Policy oriented, 4 main axes:
 1. Wider socio-economic issues with implications for research policy
 2. Emerging S&T issues
 3. Research actors
 4. Cooperation, mutual learning, open coordination
- Part of Theme 8 Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities but not only dedicated to SSH.
- Focus for 2007
 - Reflects **EU policy priorities**
 - Building-up of activities; ground prepared for wider actions at European level and the preparation of FP8
 - Continuation of FP6 foresight activities
- Top-down and bottom-up:
 - Expert groups; calls for tender; **call for proposals**, support actions



Work Programme 2007

Activity 7: Foresight Activities

- **Blue Sky Research on Emerging Issues Affecting European S&T (2nd d.,sm-s p.)**
 - Relates to three first axes of the specific programme;
 - Identification of emerging issues that could have far-reaching implications for European S&T (including FP8);
 - Situated outside conventional frameworks;
 - Present innovative and new action strands;
 - Demand some risk-taking, original vision, and creative approach;
 - Example of issues: complex dynamics in and between scientific disciplines
 - or within and between industries; developments in energy, demography,
 - global stability, poverty, sustainable development.



"In conclusion"(1)

- The SSH programme offers a **wide spectrum** of challenging and stimulating research areas: a total of 38 topics available for the 2 deadlines of the first Call for proposals (for the two years).
- An **integrated approach** is necessary for most of the topics, even if each area has often its own "driving forces". Both quantitative and qualitative analyses will be necessary (when relevant).
- Research areas are generally related to issues on the top of the EU political agenda: a good reason to be well informed of **EU policies** and to ensure a good **dissemination plan** of the results for their future use.



"In conclusion"(2)

- For many subjects, the EU research does not “start from scratch”. It is recommended to be aware of the **outcome** of the previous programmes and the **nature** of the ongoing projects (6th FP and elsewhere).
- Global issues call for cooperation at the global level; true opportunities to **involve third countries** exist in many topics (12 topics with an explicit request).
- **Equal opportunities** exist for all the European countries participating to the 7th FP. New areas should help to **increase diversity** in the research workforce. A **balanced representation** of women and men in the projects is encouraged.



Budget available for the SSH 2007-2008 WP

Indicative budget allocation between activities and call deadlines in M€ ⁷

	SSH 2007-1 Call Deadline 1	SSH 2007-1 Call Deadline 2	Other activities and ERA-NET	Total
Activity 1	12	11.7		23.7
Activity 2	7.5	13.7		21.2
Activity 3	18			18
Activity 4	11	9.6		20.6
Activity 5	10.5	3.5		14
Activity 6	12			12
Activity 7		3.5	6.7	10.2
Activity 8	12.5		18.65 ⁸	31.15
General activities and evaluation			5.65	5.65
Total	83.5	42	31	156.5



Stay informed !

- **Watch the dedicated CORDIS Website**
 - http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cooperation/socio-economic_en.html
- **Look for a specific Call for this Theme**
 - <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>
- **Find previous projects and activities (useful to locate prospective partners for your proposals):**
 - <http://cordis.europa.eu/citizens/home.html>
- **Get in touch with your National Contact Point for FP7:**
 - http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/get-support_en.html



Thank you for your attention and good luck with your proposal

