



# **The Current Open Calls in the field of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in the context of the 7th FP for Research and Development (2007-2013)**

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# FP7 2007 –2013 Specific Programmes

*Cooperation – Collaborative research*

*Ideas – Frontier Research*

*People – Marie Curie Actions*

*Capacities – Research Capacity*

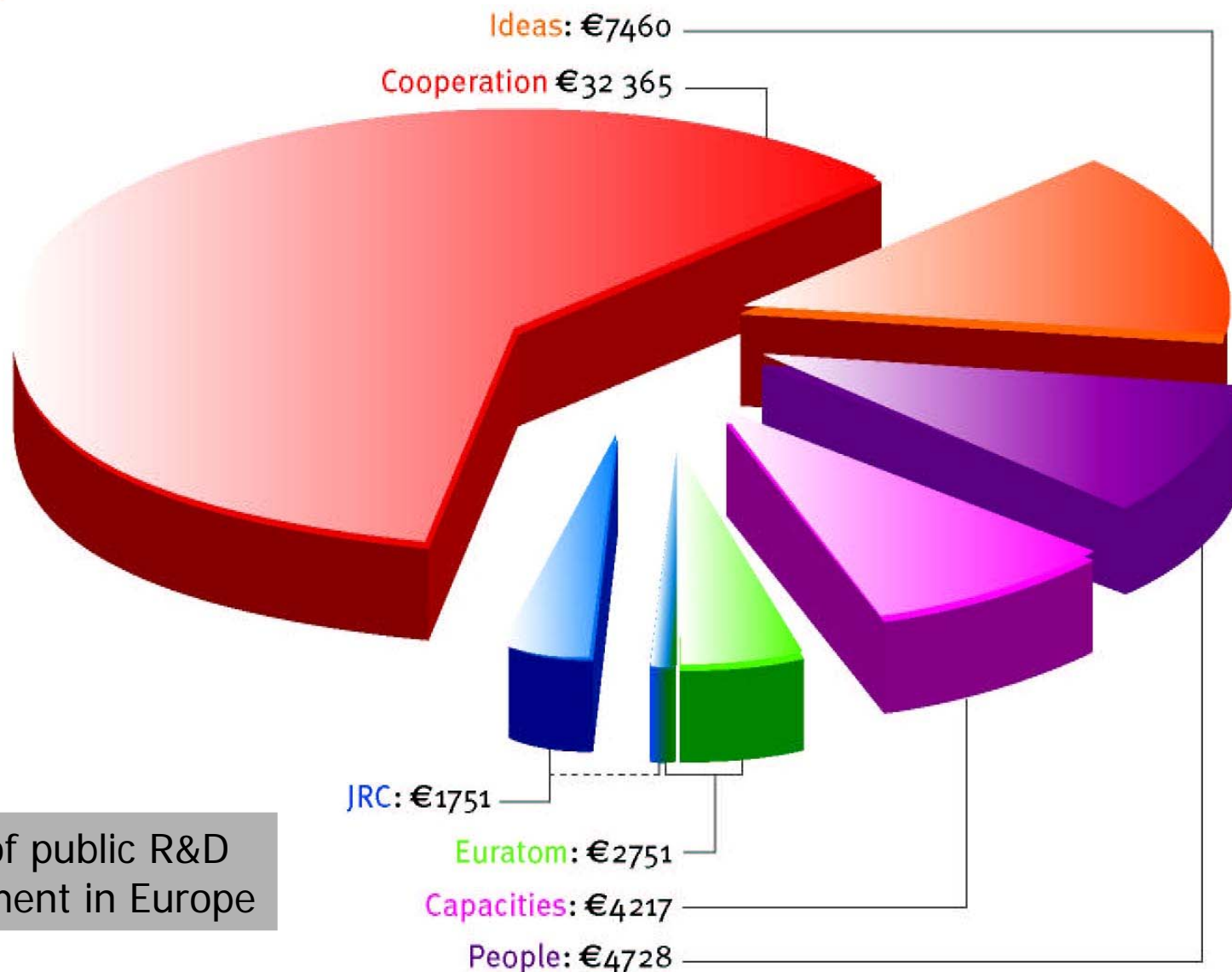


JRC non-nuclear research

*Euratom* direct actions – JRC nuclear research

*Euratom* indirect actions – nuclear fusion and fission research

# FP7 budget (2007-2013): €55 billion



= ~6% of public R&D  
investment in Europe



# Cooperation – Collaborative Research

## Ten themes

1. Health
  2. Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology
  3. Information and communication technologies
  4. Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
  5. Energy
  6. Environment (including climate change)
  7. Transport (including aeronautics)
  8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
  9. Space
  10. Security
- Euratom: Fusion energy research, nuclear fission and radiation protection



# FP7 2007-2013

## 'Cooperation' budget

### I. Cooperation

**Budget**  
(€million,  
current prices)

1. Health	6 100
2. Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology	1 935
3. Information and communication technologies	9 050
4. Nanotechnologies, materials and production	3 475
5. Energy	2 350
6. Environment	1 890
7. Transport	4 160
8. Socioeconomic research	623
9. Space	1 430
10. Security	1 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>32 413</b>

# Setting the scene for Socio-economic and Humanities research

- **Lisbon and Gothenburg** ambitious agendas:
  - **economic development** with **sustainability and social cohesion**;
  - Need to bring about **change** while at the same time **reinforcing core values** and respecting **diversity**;
  - 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** operates across 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**
- **at the service of other Community policies**, measuring and assessing impacts; providing inputs to increase their overall consistency and coherence and **improving our knowledge base in these fields**

# SSH Main features

- **Collaborative research** /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**

# SSH Research Activities

**Five Activities** based on major challenges for the EU:

- Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society (*“Lisbon strategy”*)
- Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective (*“Sustainable development”*)
- Major trends in society and their implications (*“Social trends”*)
- Europe in the world (*“Internationalisation”*)
- The Citizen in the EU (*“Citizenship”*)

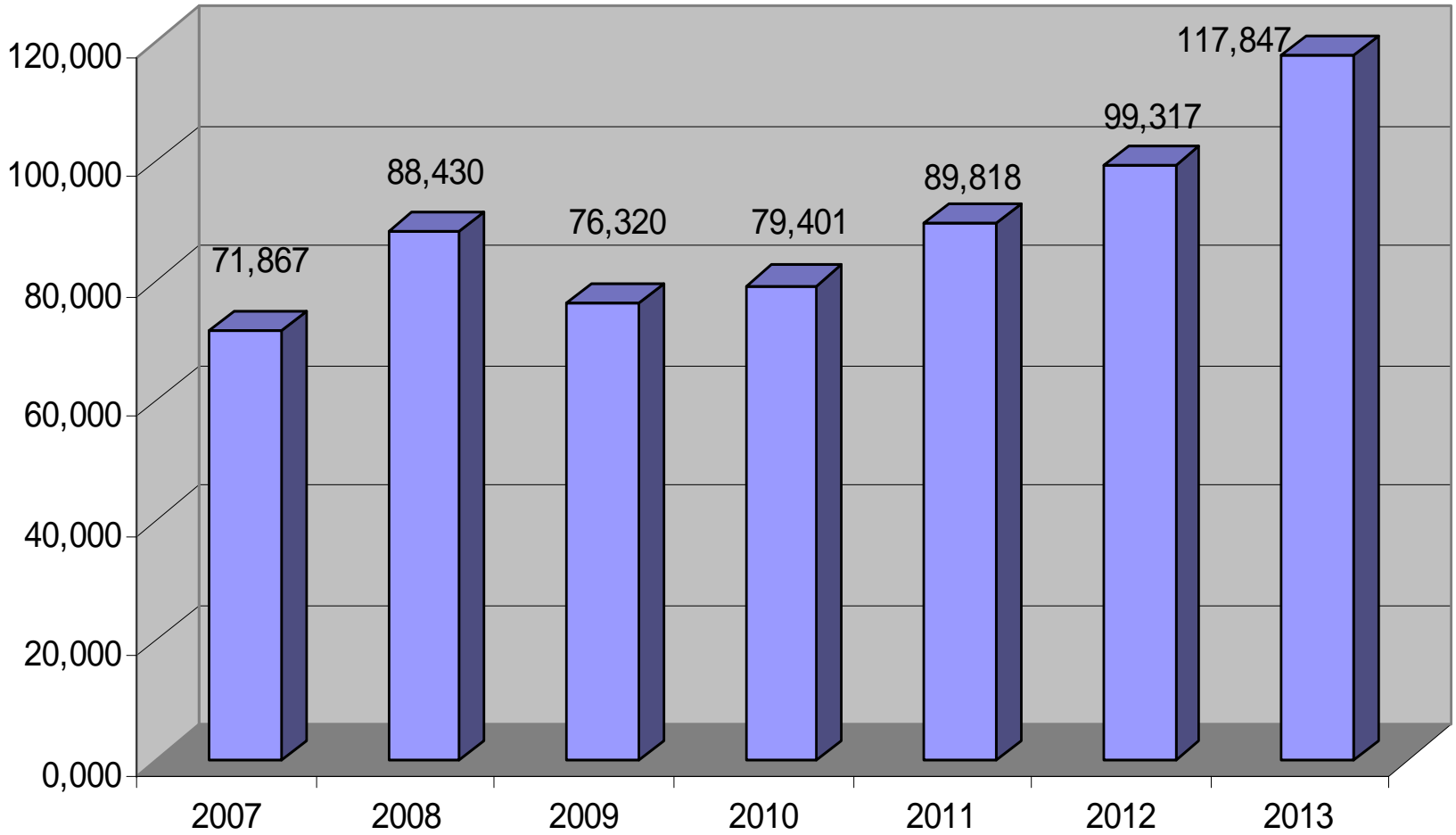
Two “cross-cutting” Activities:

- Socio-economic and scientific indicators
- Foresight activity





### Current budgetary planning for SSH (total budget 623M)



Includes administrative expenses and horizontal taxations; excludes associated country contributions

# New Calls for 2009 just published

- 3 new SSH Calls just published on September 3
- Calls close on January 13, 17:00 Brussels time
- Call A focuses on collaborative projects, Call B on Specific International Cooperation Actions, Call C on Coordination and Support actions

# Main aspects

- Work Programme 2009 is a logic complement of the first Call 2007 – 2008: consistent with the Specific Programme, corresponding to **urgent scientific** and **future policy needs**.
- All the Activities are covered; the challenges are **multidisciplinary** and they request integration of all the disciplines in a balanced way (economic, social, cultural, political); **quantitative** and **qualitative approaches** are requested.
- **Emphasis on:** the international / global dimension, humanities, methods of analysis and assessment, foresight.

# Main aspects

- **Support to EU Policies:** ERA, Lisbon, Sustainable Development, Renewed Social Agenda, Cohesion, Security, Cultural Interactions, European Citizenship...
- **International cooperation** is strengthened.
- **Communication** is subject of intensive efforts.

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

## Key aspects:

- Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy (**different types of knowledge and competences, education, lifelong learning, intangible investment**)
- Economic structures, structural change and productivity issues (**role of the services sector, finance, demographics, demand and the processes of long-term change**)
- Institutional and policy questions (**macroeconomic policy, labour markets, institutional contexts, policy coherence and coordination**)
- New challenges and opportunities from globalisation, emerging economies, relocation, and EU enlargement.

- **Topics called:**

Activity / Area	Topics	Funding Scheme
<b>Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society - the European case (EUR 8.25 million)</b>		
Area 8.1.1. Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy	SSH-2009-1.1.1. Education in a European knowledge society	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.1.2. Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society	SSH-2009-1.2.1. Growth and service industries	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.1.3. Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe	SSH-2009-1.3.1. Public economic policy for growth	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

## **Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective : Paths towards sustainable development**

Two interrelated issues:

- **How socio-economic models have fared in combining the objectives, the conditions under which this occurred including the role of dialogue, social partnership, institutional change**
- **Economic cohesion between regions and regional development in an enlarged EU; Social cohesion as well as its relation to social problems**

**Trade-offs or synergies between the economic, social, environmental objectives in a world context, spatial aspects, long-term sustainability, and issues for developing countries will be addressed within these issues.**

# Activity 2

Area 8.2.1. Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH-2009-2.1.1. New socio-economic concepts, paradigm shift and territorial dynamics in a long term perspective	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-2.1.3. Impacts of corporate social responsibility	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.2.2. Regional, territorial and social cohesion	SSH-2009-2.2.1. Social inequalities, their implications and policy options	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)



## Activity 3: Major trends in society and their implications

Three major trends:

- Demographic change **including ageing, fertility and migration. Broad societal and economic implications, including active ageing and effects on pensions systems**
- Changes in aspects of lifestyles, **families, work, consumption, health and quality of life**
- Cultural interactions in an international perspective **including traditions from different societies, diversity of populations, differing identities, language and religious practices, possible relation to discrimination, racism, xenophobia and intolerance**

**Activity 8.3. Major trends in society and their implications (EUR 11 million)**

Area 8.3.2. Societal trends and lifestyles	SSH-2009-3.2.1. Changes in consumption and consumer markets	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-3.2.3. Quality of work and impact on quality of life and economy	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.3.3. Cultural interactions in an international perspective	SSH-2009-3.3.1. Tolerance and cultural diversity	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-3.3.2. Religion and secularism across Europe	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

# Activity 4: Europe in the world

- **Understand changing interactions and interdependencies** between world regions including emerging and developing regions and their implications for the regions concerned, especially for Europe, and the related issue of **addressing emerging threats and risks in a world context and their connection to human rights, freedoms and well-being.**
  - Flows of trade, finance, investment, migration and their impact; uneven development, poverty and sustainability; economic and political relations, global governance including international institutions. This will explore cultural interactions including media and religions and distinctive non-European approaches.
  - Conflicts, their causes and resolution, and fostering peace; the relation between security and destabilising factors such as poverty, crime, environmental degradation, resource scarcity, uneven development, financial instability and debt; terrorism, its causes and consequences; security-related policies and perceptions of insecurity and civil-military relations.

**Activity 8.4. Europe and the world (EUR 5.5 million)**

<p>Area. 8.4.1. Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications</p>	<p>SSH-2009-4.1.1. Competition and collaboration in access to oil, gas and mineral resources</p>	<p>Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)</p>
<p>Area 8.4.2. Conflicts, peace and human rights</p>	<p>SSH-2009-4.2.2. Perspectives from outside the EU on human rights, democracy and peace</p>	<p>Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)</p>

# Activity 5: The Citizen in the European Union

Two main strands:

- Participation (including of youth), representation, accountability and legitimacy; the European public sphere, media and democracy; various forms of governance in the EU and policy processes; the role of civil society; citizenship and rights; related values of the population.
- European diversities and commonalities, including their historical origins and evolution; differences in institutions; cultural heritage; various visions and perspectives for European integration including the views of the populations; identities; approaches to multiple coexisting cultures; the role of language, the arts and religions; attitudes and values

# Activity 5

<p>Area 8.5.1. Participation and citizenship in Europe</p>	<p>SSH-2009-5.1.1. Independent media and democracy in Europe</p>	<p>Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project); BSG-CSO</p>
<p>Area 8.5.2. Diversities and commonalities in Europe</p>	<p>SSH-2009-5.2.1. Vehicular languages in Europe in an era of globalisation: history, policy, practice</p>	<p>Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)</p>
	<p>SSH-2009-5.2.2. Interrelation between collective representations and uses of history and cultural evolution in an enlarged European Union</p>	<p>Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)</p>
	<p>SSH-2009-5.2.3. Culture in the creation of a European space of communication</p>	<p>Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)</p>



**Activity 8.6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators (EUR 5.5 million)**

Area 8.6.2. Developing better indicators for policy	SSH-2009-6.2.1 Indicators for the European service sector	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.6.3. Provision of underlying official statistics	SSH-2009-6.3.1. Data management for statistics	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

**Activity 8.7. Foresight activities (EUR 5.5 million)**

Area 8.7.1. Wide socio-economic foresight on key challenges	SSH-2009-7.1.1. The world and Europe in 2025	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-7.1.2. Foresight on the long term challenges for the Mediterranean area	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

# Call B – 2009 SICA

Activity / Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
<b>Activity 8.2 Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development</b>		
Area 8.2.1. Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH-2009-2.1.2. Cities and sustainable development	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation
<b>Activity 8.4. Europe and the world</b>		
Area 8.4.2. Conflicts, peace and human rights	SSH-2009-4.2.1. Climate induced changes in water resources in southern Europe and neighbouring countries as a threat to security <i>(Topic coordinated with the Environment work programme topic ENV.2009.1.1.5.2)</i>	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation



# Call C 2009- CA

Activity/Area	Topic	Funding scheme	Budget per topic (EUR)
<b>Activity 8.3. Major trends in society and their implications</b>			
Area 8.3.2. Societal trends and lifestyles	SSH-2009-3.2.2. Social platform on research for families and family policies	Coordination and support action (supporting action)	1 500 000
<b>Activity 8.4. Europe in the world</b>			
Area 8.4.1. Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications	SSH-2009-4.1.2 Geopolitics and the role of Europe in a changing world	Coordination and support actions (coordinating actions)	3 000 000
<b>Activity 8.7. Foresight activities</b>			
Area 8.7.5. Mutual learning and co-operation	SSH-2009-7.5.1 Consolidating the information system for foresight	Coordination and support action (supporting action)	720 000
<b>Activity 8.8. Horizontal actions</b>			
	SSH-2009-8.1 Measures	Coordination and	1 000 000
	to support the dissemination of research results	support actions (supporting actions)	

# Outlook

- SSH future content heavily influenced by the Union's political priorities
  - A renewed Lisbon agenda
  - Prosperity, Solidarity
  - Migration issues
  - Sustainable development
  - Freedom and Security
  - A stronger Europe in a globalised world
  - Putting Citizens First

# Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities in FP7

**‘Cooperation’ Programme:**

***Theme 8: SSH***

***Also SSH & SiS in other themes***

**ERC - ‘Ideas’ Programme:**

**Five SSH Panels**

**‘Capacities’ Programme:**

- **Infrastructures**
- ***Science in Society***

**‘People’ Programme:  
A lot of opportunities**

# 'Ideas' Programme – ERC (European Research Council)

- Proposals and funding areas are curiosity-driven and « bottom-up »; funding support across all areas, including Socio-economic sciences and Humanities
- Budget 2007-2013: 7.5 billion euros (+/- 10-15% for SSH)
- Funding directed to individual teams and projects selected solely on the criteria of excellence
- No pre-defined research agenda but 5 specific ERC panels dealing with SSH themes (1. *Individuals and Organisations*, 2. *Institutions, behaviour, values and beliefs*, 3. *The human mind and its complexity*, 4. *Cultures and cultural diversity*, 5. *The study of the past and of cultural artefacts*)

# 'Capacities' Programme Research Infrastructures

- Under SSH the *Research Infrastructure* concept covers mainly "soft" tools (databases, IT tools and methodologies, data archives etc).
- **6 significant RI projects in SSH in the final ESFRI Roadmap**, adopted on October 19, 2006:
  - *CESSDA (Council of Eur. Social Science Data Archives)*
  - *CLARIN (Common Language Resources and Techno- Infrastr.)*
  - *DARIAH (Digital Research Infrastr. for the Arts and Human.)*
  - *EROHS (Eur. Observatory for the Human and Social Sciences)*
  - *ESS (the European Social Survey)*
  - *SHARE (Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe)*

## People / IRSES

- **Increased researchers' mobility for career development, word-wide**
- **Declared interest by non EU countries to increase exchange of researchers with EU**
- **Problem of "brain drain": traditional fellowships contain a high risk of "no-return" (particularly to less attractive economies)**
- **EU policy to increase international RTD cooperation**
- **Interest to enhance sustainable cooperation between research organisations**

# Remarks on outcome of first 2 rounds

- For each activity, at least one “structuring approach” will be developed around major issues. “Project Clusters” will be managed in a coordinated way in order to get a “critical mass” relevant for policy making /more visibility for results
- Foresight more important than only one “Activity”: all the activities will undertake foresight exercises in particular Activity 2, Activity 1, Activity 3 and Activity 4 as well as “Indicators”.
- Communication and exploitation of results will play a major role and are already a “corner stone” for the grant agreement negotiations.

# Projects selected address broadly major EU Challenges

Examples of EU challenges addressed by the 2007 - 2009 projects/topics:

- **Lisbon agenda**, including the next phase of the strategy (post 2010); knowledge economy and society, evaluation of policies, education.
- **Support to ERA**: economics of innovation systems, entrepreneurship.
- **Globalization**: role of EU; impact on regions, behavior of firms; geopolitics; international trade; human rights; climate social issues.



# Quantitative and qualitative approaches

- **All the disciplines are present in a balanced way:** economic, social, humanities, policy; they are integrated to address multidisciplinary issues.
- **Both quantitative and qualitative approaches / methods are used;** particular emphasis on data bases (mainly social but also industrial and economics); at least 10 data bases will be developed through the first call!
- **Global European, national, regional, local dimensions are treated.**

# Project Clusters (as considered by the Commission services)

- **Cluster 1:** Globalization and knowledge economy, evaluation of EU policies
- **Cluster 2:** Intangible investments, service-oriented economy and macro-economic policies
- **Cluster 3:** Sustainable development and regional development (rural and urban)
- **Cluster 4:** Demographic changes and migrations

# Project Clusters (as considered by the Commission services)

- **Cluster 5:** Social cohesion and youth integration
- **Cluster 6:** Governance, security, conflicts, peace and human rights
- **Cluster 7:** Citizenship, identity and culture
- **Cluster 8:** Emerging and horizontal issues, dissemination and international cooperation

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