

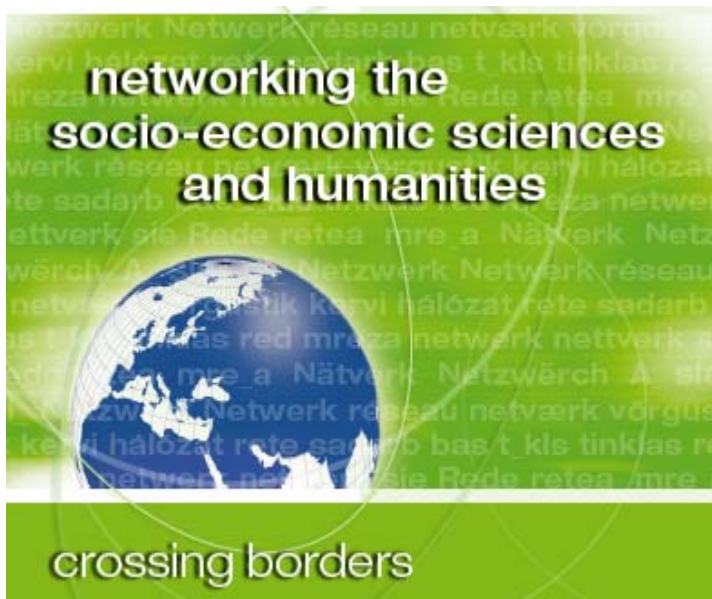
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SSH - NCP Network

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“crossing borders”

net4society is a network of National Contact Points for Socio – economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in the European Commission’s 7th Framework Programme



net4society is a learning network – by reaching out across borders, each SSH NCP will gain full and easy access to all the essential tools of the trade: information sources, training, workshops and good practice

Activities

PROJECT MANAGEMENT



NETWORKING



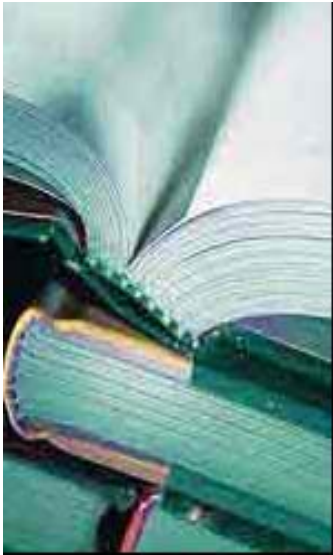
CAPACITY BUILDING



PROMOTION & PARTNER SEARCH



Best Practice Handbook



The objective of the SSH NCP Best Practice Handbook is to give all SSH NCPs a tool to help improve the quality of their work procedures in regard to NCP support services and information activities, as laid out in the FP7 "NCP Guiding Principles."

The handbook will give concrete, easy-to-follow best practice examples, in order to facilitate the adaptation into actual NCP working procedures, a detailed description of best practice in the areas of information and awareness raising as well as consulting, assistance and training.

Best Practice Handbook includes:

- ✓ Organisation and structure of information meetings & training activities for applicants
- ✓ Quality, variety and number of NCP publications
- ✓ Partner search activities

The first draft is available!

Networking

Workshops

*Face-to-face exchange,
to learn from each other,
to push the network forward*



Topics covered:

- *Quality improvement: Definition, roadmap, visions/goals*
- *Best practice presentation*
- *Online-tools training: internal web-site, partner search, research directory, brokerage planning*
- *Targeted issues: Clarification of difficult, but frequently asked questions*
- *Policy Context / Work programme: Background on the context of a call*
- *Networking the networks*
- *Bottom-up: arising needs*

Networking the networks

- Cooperation and synergy with other networks and EU-projects:



- ✓ **Thematic NCP networks:**

*Science in Society, HEALTH, FOOD, Environment, Energy and Security
ICPC: INCO, INCO-NETs, NIPs,
and FP7- Representatives in ICPC*

- Two-pronged approach:

- *“Think wider” - inform SSH NCPs on the other thematic areas of relevance to SSH (“Opportunities”)*
- *“Think deeper” – meet with other thematic NCP networks to promote SSH research participation in other projects and assess areas of future practical cooperation (joint trainings, brokerage events, partner search tools)*

3rd Countries Task Force

Contact and cooperation with different regions:
Africa, Asia, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS),
Middle-East, North- and South America



- Contact with regional and transnational organisations
- Identifying potential contact points in ICPC and 3rd countries
- A closer contact with 3rd countries experts
- Research directory open to ICPC countries

Assessment of good practice and training needs

➤ Provides net4society with a solid information base on :

- *Good practice identification*
- *Best practice Handbook*
- *Content elaboration and fine-tuning of the net4society trainings*
- *Identification of the on-the-job training needs*
- *Selection of trainees and mentees*

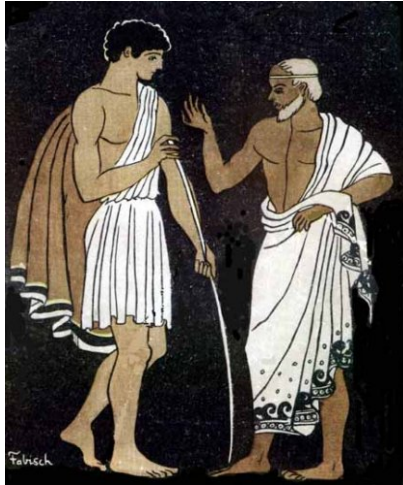


Trainings

Custom-made learning on:

- *Financial, administrative & legal issues*
- *Proposal preparation: ethical issues and proposal submission*
- *Tools for dissemination activities for FP7 promotion*
- *Event organisation: trainings, seminars, workshops and*
- *brokerage events*
- *Influencing WP preparation and decision making*
- *Consortium building and SMEs*
- *Train-the-trainers: state-of-the-art training methodology*





On-the-job training / mentoring visits

- **Mentor – Mentee** – Relationship = **Mentorship**
- **Mentorship** refers to a developmental relationship between a more experienced mentor offering guidance to a less experienced partner (mentee).
- In Net4Society each participant brings in different experiences and knowledge, therefore the lines between mentor and mentee are often blurred. Nevertheless each Mentor in this project has several years relevant work experience.
- 18 Mentoring Visits will be organised in NET4SOCIETY, each lasting for 3 days.
- The first 6 mentoring visits organized in 2008, were regarded very highly by both the mentees and the mentors

Promotion & Partner Search



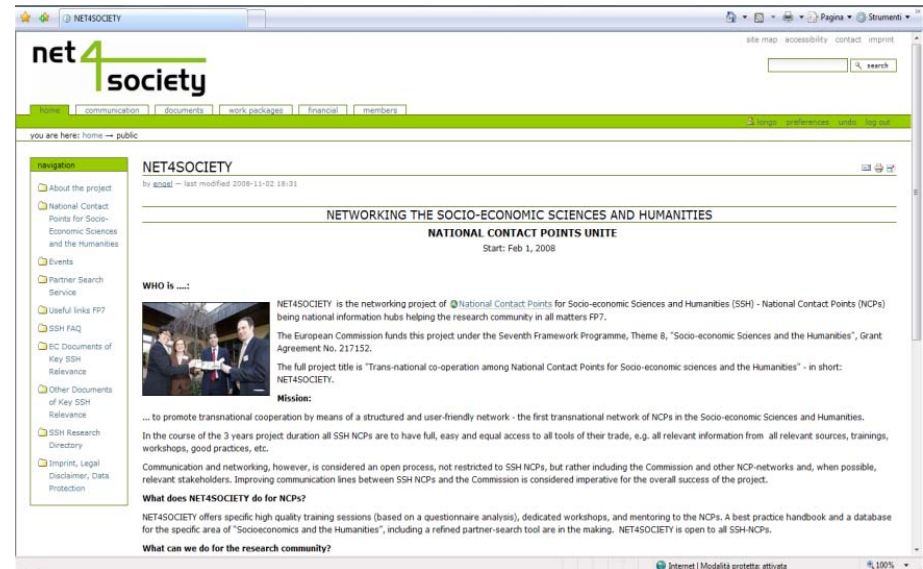
Website

www.NET4SOCIETY.eu

A web platform dedicated to communication, discussion and documentation on SSH:


Contains:

- net4society general information
- net4society documents & events information
- Links to the national SSH NCPs
- Links to Commission services: SSH thematic pages, calls, events
- European Commission documents of key SSH relevance
- SSH Frequently Asked Questions
- Partner search support service and a link to CORDIS database
- SSH Research directory: On-line searchable directory of SSH research organisations




Promotion & Partner Search

net4society





networking the socio-economic sciences and humanities



crossing borders

net4society is the network of the National Contact Points for the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities. Each country's NCP will advise you on all questions of FP7, net4society will help you cross the borders into other thematic and geographical networks and projects.

We join forces to help you find the right partner for your consortium, the missing expertise for your project, the funding opportunity for your idea - in 41 countries.

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Where and who we are:

ALBANIA Ministry of Education and Science (MES)	GERMANY Ministry of Science (BMBF)
AUSTRIA Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)	GREECE Ministry of Education and Science (MES)
BELGIUM Belgian Research Foundation (NRS)	HUNGARY Hungarian Research Foundation (OTKA)
BULGARIA Bulgarian Science Foundation (BSF)	IRELAND Irish Research Council (IRC)
CANADA Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	ITALY Italian Ministry of University and Scientific Research (MUR)
CYPRUS Cyprus Research Foundation (CRF)	NETHERLANDS Dutch Research Council (Vernieuwingsimpuls)
CZE REPUBLIC Czech Science Foundation (GAC)	NORWAY Research Council of Norway (RCN)
DENMARK Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (STU)	POLAND Polish Science Foundation (PCRF)
ESTONIA Estonian Research Foundation (ERF)	PORTUGAL Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
FINLAND Finnish Research Council (FRC)	ROMANIA Romanian Research Foundation (FRF)
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national contact points crossing borders

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net4society is the network of National Contact Points for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in the 7th Framework Programme. National Contact Points (NCPs) are set up to guide researchers in their quest for funding EU funding.

net4society is a leading network: by working out across borders and through the effective use of existing resources, we will get it all and add to it all the essential tools of the trade - information sources, training workshops and good practice. Thus each NCP will have state-of-the-art know-how to support SSH researchers in the FP7 proposal preparation process, and ultimately to strengthen the role of SSH research in the Framework Programmes.

net4society is financed by the European Commission. We are a Network of National Contact Points from European and non-European countries - working a lot from outside to South Africa and Mexico to Peru.

What can we do for you?

- one-stop source for SSH information: find documents, events and EU FP7 in our web-based website
- find out who is active in your field of research in other countries in our research directory
- find partners for your project via the network of SSH NCPs to get your project to take off in 41 countries with the help of our 41 national search lines
- meet potential partners face-to-face in networking workshops
- voice your opinion on the themes and funding schemes which constitute the Framework of FP7 in our 41-specific add-on sessions of SSH in FP7
- get inspired by research opportunities in other disciplines with "OpenHorizons", our magazine of Open Horizons in Disposition, People, Ideas, Capital

Inside net4society - NCPs at homebase
 AIM: achieve a constant level of SSH-NCP support services

MEANS / TOOLS / SERVICES

- website - platform without time & space restraints for communication, discussion, documentation
- workshops - face-to-face exchange, to learn from each other to push forward and extend
- best practice handbook - inspiration, easy-to-use best practices for new, growing and established enterprises and other key players
- 2nd level best practice handbook - advice for the not yet and beyond the European Research Area, international networking, much more in 41 countries
- training - custom-made learning
- financial, administrative & legal issues
- proposal preparation: virtual issues and proposal submission
- basis for dissemination activities for FP7 promotion
- event organisation: training, workshops, workshops and networking events
- influencing FP7 preparation and decision-making
- consensus building and DMAs
- train the trainers: 2004-6 the art training methodology
- mentoring - person-to-person transfer of knowledge

Networking the network: crossing the borders into other networks
 AIM: make use of existing knowledge and create new links

MEANS / TOOLS / SERVICES

- other research networks in FP7 - Health, Food, Environment, Energy, Security, Science in Society
- existing specific FP7 networks - national support
- international cooperation - NCPs
- other 41 specific - to improve on existing research and training
- European Commission - Chartered Partners - Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities

Reaching out to the greater SSH research community
 AIM: improve visibility of socio-economic and humanities research and activate the proposal process

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Partner Search Support

Find partners for your project via the network of SSH NCPs or post your project in one or all 41 countries

- **net4society** offers you a Partner Search Form (to be found on our website) to facilitate the search for SSH project partners.
- **net4society** aims to establish an efficient, high-quality online Partner Search tool, where you can post and look for project ideas.
- The necessary specifications have been elaborated, an implementation plan will follow in the near future

Brokerage events

Facilitates the networking and international research collaborations



- First-hand information from the FP7 experts on work programmes and calls
- Meet other European colleagues to exchange project ideas and initiate new project consortia
- Meet with key players and project coordinators of running FP projects
- Share experiences with experts: experienced coordinators, evaluators, researchers with project ideas
- Learn further about FP7 proposal preparation and evaluation criteria

Research Directory

Online directory for SSH research organisations is focused on:

- A common online catalogue of organisations interested in participating in SSH research
- Quality check procedures will assure high standards of profiles
- Promotion the catalogue in all participating countries
- One-stop-shop for coordinators looking for experienced and interested partners
- Research directory open to ICPC: ICPC countries/NCPs are invited to include information

What can we offer researchers?

- Brokerage events
- Partner search service
- Database of SSH organisations
- “Opportunities” – funding opportunities in other thematic areas
- Website - the researchers can find relevant links to SSH services, key SSH documents, the NCPs of all partner countries
- AND: a functional network



What can we offer to the stakeholders?

- Opportunities of networking
- Promote national SSH communities through the research directory
- Help researchers to collaborate at an international level, and to find international partners through the partner search service and brokerage events



Who are the stakeholders?

- Ministry departments
- Policy actors
- Union trade representatives
- Industry associations

Partner Countries

Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V.	DLR (DE)	DE	Germany
Ministry of Education and Science	MASH	AL	Albania
Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft mbH	FFG	AT	Austria
Service d'information scientifique et technique/ SPT	STIS/ BELSPO	BE	Belgium
Politique scientifique - Dienst voor Wetenschappelijke en Technische Informatie/ POC Wetenschappelijk en Technisch Informatie	AED	BG	Bulgaria
Association Economy and Democracy	BSU	BY	Belarus
Belarusian State University	Euresearch	CH	Switzerland
Verein Euresearch	RPF	CY	Cyprus
Research Promotion Foundation	DASTI	DK	Denmark
Forsknings- og Innovationsstyrelsen, Ministeriet for Videnskab, Teknologi og Udvikling (Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation) Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation	ARCHIMEDES	EE	Estonia
Archimedes Foundation	CDTI	ES	Spain
Centro Para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial	CNRS	FR	France
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	EKT NHRF	EL	Greece
National Hellenic Research Foundation	HIT	HR	Croatia
Croatian Institute of Technology	NKTH	HU	Hungary
National Office for Research and Technology	IRCHSS	IE	Ireland
Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences	MATIMOP-ISERD	IL	Israel
MATIMOP-ISERD	RANNIS	IS	Iceland
The Icelandic Centre for Research	APRE	IT	Italy
Agencia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea	AISTOP	LT	Lithuania
Tarptautinių mokslų ir technologijų plėtros programų agentūra (Agency for International Science and Technology Development Programmes)	LUXINNOVATION	LU	Luxembourg
Luxinnovation GIE	SPIE	LV	Latvia
Sarpiaudis Lielās Optikas Biedrība (The International Society for Optical Engineering)	ZAMTES	ME	Montenegro
Agency for International Scientific, Educational, Cultural and Technical Cooperation	MCST	MT	Malta
Malta Council for Science and Technology	UNAM	MX	Mexico
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	Senter	NL	Netherlands
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Instytut Podstawowych Problemów Techniki Polskiej Akademii Nauk	ADI	PT	Portugal
Agência de Inovação - Inovação Empresarial e Transferência de Tecnologia, S.A.	ANCS	RO	Romania
Autoritatea Națională pentru Cercetare Științifică (National Authority for Scientific Research)	MSCI	RS	Rep. of Serbia
Ministry of Science of the Republic of Serbia	CSRS	RU	Russian Fed.
Centre for Science Research and Statistics	VINNOVA	SE	Sweden
Verket för Innovationssystem	TUBITAK	TR	Turkey
Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu	HSRC	ZA	South Africa
Human Sciences Research Council	Gransking	FO	Faroe Islands
The Faroese Research Council (Granskingaráðið)	MHEST	SI	Slovenia
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology			

Other Regions

Mexico
South Africa



Network – 41 Partners



The **net4society** Network is
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