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Approach to SSH in FP7

The SSH research agenda:

- Addresses a carefully selected set of socio-economic challenges
- Helps develop a socio-economic and humanities knowledge base → contributes to promoting a shared understanding across Europe and to resolving wider international problems.
- Helps improve the formulation, implementation, impact and assessment of policy and regulatory measures in many Community policy areas.
- Includes a substantial international perspective in order to properly tackle the global dimension to most of the challenges.

SSH Research Activities

Five Activities based on major challenges for the EU:

- Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society
- Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective
- Major trends in society and their implications
- Europe in the world
- The Citizen in the EU

Two “cross-cutting” Activities:

- Socio-economic and scientific indicators
- Foresight activity (likely trends in the next 20-30 yrs)

The 2011 Work Programme: Policy links

The SSH 2011 Work Programme supports the current EU political priorities (e.g. Europe 2020 Strategy)

- Three main priorities of the Europe 2020 strategy:
 - (1) Smart growth: developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation;
 - (2) Sustainable growth: promoting a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy; and
 - (3) Inclusive growth: fostering a high-employment economy delivering social and territorial cohesion.

Policy links: concrete examples (i)

- EU target on promoting social inclusion, in particular through the reduction of poverty, by aiming to lift at least 20 million people out of the risk of poverty and exclusion → **Topic SSH.2011.2.2-1: Addressing cohesion challenges in Central and Eastern Europe in the light of economic and social crises**
- EU target on aiming to raise to 75% the employment rate for women and men aged 20-64, including through the greater participation of young people, older workers and low-skilled workers and the better integration of legal migrants; → **Topic SSH.2011.1.1-1: Lifelong learning in Europe: appropriate skills for sustaining better jobs**
- EU target on improving the conditions for research and development, in particular with the aim of raising combined public and private investment levels in this sector to 3% of GDP; → **Topic SSH.2011.7.1-1: Forward visions on European Research Area**

Policy links: concrete examples (ii)

- Flagship initiative "Youth on the move" (i.e. promote student mobility): --> **Topic SSH.2011.4.2-1: The evolving concept of borders** aims to identify factors that enhance or hamper cross-border cooperation in different fields (e.g. environment protection, justice and home affairs, culture, research).
- Innovation Union Flagship Initiative → **Topic SSH.2011.1.3-1: New Innovation Processes including Social Innovation**
- Ensuring the security of Europeans (Barroso Political Guidelines) → **Topic SSH.2011.5.1-2: Surveillance and the challenges for democracy and an open society**

Structure of the Calls for Proposals for 2011

- The first call (**FP7-SSH-2011-1**) with a total budget of EUR 40 million will support Collaborative projects (large scale integrating projects) and a **Collaborative project (large scale integrating project)** for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation.
- The second call (**FP7-SSH-2011-2**) with a total budget of EUR 29.7 million will support **Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)**, a Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation and a BSG-CSO scheme (Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations)....

Structure of the Calls (...)

- The third call (**FP7-SSH-2011-3**) with a total budget of EUR 6.3 million will support **Coordination and support actions** (supporting actions), a Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) **and a BSG-CSO scheme** (Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations).
- The work programme also includes:
 - ERA-Net Call (horizontal call for all themes of the Cooperation Programme)
 - Public procurement actions
 - Grants to identified beneficiaries

Over 10% increase of the total budget for SSH calls compared to 2010 work programme

Deadlines and timeline

- Common deadline: 2 February 2011
- Application through Electronic Proposal Submission Service
- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: evaluation of proposals in May 2011 and first grant agreements expected to be signed in November 2011.
- *Note:* The ERA-Net call is a horizontal call of the Cooperation programme, with a separate deadline of 22 February 2011). For more information please consult the ERA-Net call fiche in the relevant Annex of the Cooperation Work Programme.

ERA-Net projects are restricted to programme owners/programme managers

The first call (FP7-SSH-2011-1):

Five topics or “challenges” identified for large-scale research:

- Activity 8.1: Europe moving towards a new path of economic growth and social developments
- Activity 8.2: Economic, social and political conditions for satisfying the world food needs
- Activity 8.4:
 - Tackling poverty in a development context (SICA); and
 - The evolving concept of borders
- Activity 8.5: Corruption and resistance to corruption in the private and public sphere;

The first call (FP7-SSH-2011-1)

- Total budget: EUR 40 million
- Funding scheme: Collaborative project (large scale integrating project)
- In addition, one Collaborative project (large scale integrating project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation (SICA)
- The first call furthers the new approach based on addressing societal challenges through large scale collaborative projects (with **minimum EU contribution of EUR 6.5 million**, max budget per “challenge” – EUR 8 Million)
- Eligibility conditions: At least 7 partners from a minimum of 7 countries. At least 7 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC.
Note: special eligibility conditions for SICA – see next slide.
- Only the top ranked proposal per challenge/topic will be selected, on the condition that proposals pass all the required evaluation thresholds

Eligibility conditions for SICCA, topic SSH.2011.4.1- 1: Tackling poverty in a development context

- At least 7 partners from a minimum of 7 countries. At least 7 independent legal entities, 2 of which are established in a MS or AC, and none of which are established in the same MS or AC. From the remaining participants at least 5 other entities must come from International Cooperation Partner Countries and be established in Africa, Asia, and/or Latin America and the Caribbean.
- See Annex 1 of the 'Cooperation' work programme for the list of International Co-operation Partner Countries (ICPC).

Issues to be addressed in first call (FP7-SSH-2011-1): Large-scale research projects

- Consider perspectives from different disciplines to examine the different dimensions of the societal challenge considered;
- Proposals may choose to also address research questions complementary to those mentioned in the work programme so long as these contribute to addressing the challenge in question.
- Building on previous research; stock-taking
- Forward looking/foresight analysis regarding the evolution of the societal challenge, where relevant;
- Deployment of a significant international cooperation dimension in addition to the European dimension;

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Issues to be addressed in first call (FP7-SSH-2011-1): Large-scale research projects

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- Dissemination and exploitation of research results in a variety of contexts (scientific community, policy makers, media, civil society);
- Development of an effective critical mass of actors, involving a wide range of key stakeholders;
- A rigorous professional approach to managing research and day-to-day administrative work.
- The composition and the size of proposed consortia should adequately reflect the proposed research agenda and allow for a convincing and efficient management structure.

The second call (FP7-SSH-2011-2) (i)...

- Total budget: EUR 29.7 million
- **Maximum** EU contribution per project: **EUR 2.7 million**
- Funding scheme: Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
- Eligibility conditions: At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC.

The second call (FP7-SSH-2011-2) (ii)...

- In addition:
 - Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation (SICA) for SSH.2011.4.1-2. Connections between rural areas and cities in sub-Saharan Africa.

Eligibility conditions: At least 5 independent legal entities, 2 of which are established in a MS or AC, and none of which are established in the same MS or AC. From the remaining participants at least 3 other entities must come from International Cooperation Partner Countries and be established in three different sub-Saharan countries.

The second call (FP7-SSH-2011-2) ...(iii)

- And the *option* of using a BSG-CSO scheme (Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations) for topic SSH.2011.2.1-2. Combating poverty in Europe: a key question of human dignity and social cohesion.

Eligibility conditions for BSG-CSO: At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC. At least 1 of the legal entities has to be a civil society organisation (CSO).

The second call (FP7-SSH-2011-2): Topics identified

- Activity 8.1 'Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case' will address the following topics: Lifelong learning in Europe: appropriate skills for sustaining better jobs; New Innovation Processes including Social Innovation.
 - Activity 8.2 'Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective – Paths towards sustainable development' will address the topic on Combating poverty in Europe: a key question of human dignity and social cohesion; Addressing cohesion issues in Central and Eastern Europe.
- Activity 8.3 'Major trends in society and their implications' will address the topic on Criminal behaviour and policy responses in the European Union;

The second call (FP7-SSH-2011-2): Topics identified (cont'd)

- Activity 8.4 'Europe in the world' will address the following topics: Connections between rural areas and cities in Sub-Saharan Africa (SICA); Transatlantic relations in the context of global governance architecture and relationships with other powers.
- Activity 8.5 'The Citizen in the European Union' will address the following topics: Surveillance and the challenges for democracy and an open society; The Anthropology of European Integration; Rule of Law and Justice in a Multilevel Governance System.
- Activity 8.6 'Socio-economic and scientific indicators' will tackle the topic on Impact assessment of EU policies.

The third call (FP7-SSH-2011-3)

- Total budget: EUR 6.3 million
- Funding schemes:
 - Coordination and support action (supporting action)
 - Coordination and support action (coordinating action)
 - Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations
- Only the top ranked proposal per topic will be selected, on the condition that proposals pass all the requisite evaluation thresholds.

The third call (FP7-SSH-2011-3)

Topics called:

- Activity 8.1: Social platform on innovative Social Services (CSA supporting, or the **option** of using BSG-CSO; budget per topic EUR 1 500 000)
- Activity 8.6: Beyond GDP – Measuring economic performance and social progress (CSA – coordinating budget per topic EUR 1 500 000);
- Activity 8.7 'Foresight activities' calls for the topic on Forward Visions on the European Research Area (CSA supporting, budget per topic EUR 1 500 000)
- Activity 8.8: Networking of Dissemination Activities Involving International Transfer Knowledge Institutes (CSA supporting, budget per topic EUR 300 000); ICT-based networking and exploiting of SSH projects and results (CSA supporting, budget per topic EUR 500 000); Career paths and patterns of SSH graduates (CSA supporting, budget per topic EUR 1 000 000).

Evaluation Criteria

There are three evaluation criteria:

- Scientific and/or technological excellence (relevant to the topics addressed by the call)
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management
- Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results

Each given a mark out of 5. Individual pass threshold is 3/5.

Overall threshold is 10/15 (i.e. at least one criteria must score at least 4/5)

- Detailed description of the eligibility and evaluation criteria in Annex 2 of the 'Cooperation' Specific Programme Work Programme and Annex 2 of the relevant Guide for Applicants;

Examples of FP7 funded projects in SSH with Greek Coordinators

Small and Medium scale focused research projects:

- GeMIC - Gender, migration and intercultural interactions in the Mediterranean and South East Europe: an interdisciplinary perspective <http://www.gemic.eu/>
- MIG@NET - Transnational Digital Networks, Migration and Gender <http://www.mignetproject.eu/>
- MEDIADEM - European Media Policies Revisited: Valuing and Reclaiming Free and Independent Media in Contemporary Democratic Systems <http://www.mediadem.eliamep.gr/>

CSA Supporting Action:

- PLATON+ - Progress through Socio-economic research <http://www.platonplus.net>

Support from your National Contact Point for SSH in FP7

Coordinated through the SSH NCP network 'NET4SOCIETY'
to:

- Inform you of relevant documents, events etc
- Assist you in finding appropriate partners
(partners searches, research directory)
- Promote International Cooperation in SSH
- and more....

<http://www.NET4SOCIETY.eu>

Other useful links

- ✓ **EKT:** <http://www.ekt.gr/fp7/cooperation/ssh.htm>
- ✓ **CORDIS:** http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home_en.html
- ✓ **EUROPA:**
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html
- ✓ **SSH in FP6- Projects' Synopses:**
http://www.ekt.gr/fp7/docs/ssh_synopses_callsfp6.pdf

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