



# Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities

First Call for proposals

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**Coordination and Horizontal Aspects**





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## *Nature and scale of activities*

- **Approach:**

- Emphasis on knowledge generation (no NoEs / Smaller networking schemes in specific topics)
- ERA-NETs are included
- All topics open to international cooperation

- **Projects should:**

- Sufficiently broad European and comparative perspective
- Cooperation between disciplines to the degree required by the topics
- Involve users and stakeholders as appropriate



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## *Budget / calendar*

- **Budget:** about 137M (pending the decision for the 2008 budget)
- **Indicative budgets:** an average of between 3 and 4 M per topic
- **Two call deadlines:** (specific topics each)
  - 10 May (first contracts to be launched towards the end of 2007)
  - 29 November (Contracts to be launched in Autumn 2008)



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## *Funding schemes*

- **Collaborative projects:**
  - Small / medium scale: 0.5 – 1.5 M
  - Large-scale: 1.5 – 4 M
  - minimum 3 partners from 3 MS or AC
- **Research for the benefit of specific groups (CSOs) up to 1 M**
  - minimum 3 CSOs from 3 countries (or 1 association of CSOs) + 2 research performers
- **Coordination and Support Actions:**
  - CSA-coordinating
    - minimum 3 partners from 3 MS or AC
  - CSA-supporting
    - minimum 1 contractor
- **Each topic uses specific scheme(s)!**
- Each topic-slide includes info on call deadline and funding schemes used!



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## *Proposal submission and evaluation*

- Electronic submission only
  - EPSS to be available in March(?)
  - Please submit before the deadline!
- Evaluation stages:
  - Individual evaluation (remote)
    - at least 3 evaluators
  - Consensus meeting
  - Panel meeting



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## *Evaluation criteria and thresholds*

- Criteria
  1. scientific and/or technological excellence;
  2. potential impact
  3. implementation and management;
    - relevance to the objectives (incorporated into “excellence” and “potential impact”)
- Criteria elaborated somewhat differently for the different funding schemes (see annex 2!)
- Marking: 0 to 5
- Threshold: 3 in each criterion and 10 overall



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## *The structure of "content"*

- Activities
  - Areas
  - objectives and expected impacts
    - topics
    - research objectives and research agendas
- Proposals need to address a topic (centre of gravity) in the context of the "objectives" and "expected impacts" at the level of the area.





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## *The set of "activities"*

- Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society
- Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development
- Major trends in society and their implications
- Europe in the world
- The citizen in the European Union
- Socio-economic and scientific indicators
- Foresight activities
- Strategic activities



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## 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...”



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

- The changing role of knowledge throughout the economy
  - *Interactions between knowledge, economic growth and social well being (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,l-s p.)*
  - *Intangible investments and innovation in Europe (1<sup>st</sup> d.,sm-s p.)*
  - *Impact of internationalisation on Europe's research and innovation systems (1<sup>st</sup> d.,sm-s p.)*
- Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society
  - *Globalisation and its interaction with the European economy (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,l-s p.)*
  - *The implications of developments in the service economy (1<sup>st</sup> d.,sm-s p.)*
  - *The role of finance in growth, employment and competitiveness in Europe (1<sup>st</sup> d.,sm-s p.)*
- Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe
  - *Macroeconomic policy, its interactions and coordination with other policies (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,sm-s p.)*



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## Activity 2: Paths towards sustainable development

“To support the societal goal of **combining economic, social and environmental** objectives... 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**...”



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## Activity 2: Paths towards sustainable development

### • Socio-economic development trajectories

- *Analysing, comparing and evaluating the various societal models in a medium to long-term perspective (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,sm-s p.,csa,rbsg)*
- *Trade-offs and synergies between the different aspects of sustainable development (1st d.,sm-s p.,csa)*
- *Development and applications of tools for the assessment of policies and socio-economic forecasting (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,l-s p.)*
- *Socio-economic factors and actors that shape the « post-carbon » society (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,sm-p.)*

### • Regional, territorial and social cohesion

- *Regional development challenges in an evolving international context (2<sup>nd</sup> d.,sm-s p.,csa)*
- *The impact of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reforms on Europe's rural economies(1st p.,sm-p.)*
- *Social platform on cities and social cohesion (1st d., csa)*



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## Activity 3: Major trends in society

“ 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 ...”



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

- **Demographic changes**
  - *The impact of demographic changes in Europe (1st d.,sm-s p.,csa)*
  - *Determinants of birth rates across the European Union (1st d.,sm-s p.,csa)*
  - *Migration (1st d.,sm-s p.)*
- **Societal trends and lifestyles**
  - *Youth and social exclusion (1st d.,sm-s p.,csa)*
- **Cultural interactions in an international perspective**
  - *Cultural interactions and multiculturalism in European societies (1st d.,sm-s p.)*



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## 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...”**





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## Activity 4: Europe in the World

- **Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications**
  - *Europe's role in global economic governance (1st d., l-s p)*
  - *Development paths in an historical and comparative perspective and their impact on Europe (2<sup>nd</sup> d., sm-s p., csa,)*
- **Conflicts, peace and human rights**
  - *Conflicts and peace (1st d., sm-s p. rbsg)*
  - *Rule of law and human rights (1st d., sm-s p. rbsg)*
- **Europe's changing role in the World**
  - *Europe seen from outside (2nd d., sm-s p.)*
  - *Multilateralism and new ext. relations (2nd d., sm-s p.)*



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## **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**



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## Activity 5: The Citizen in the European Union

- **Participation and Citizenship in Europe**
  - *Democratic "ownership" and participation (2nd d.,sm-s p., rbsg)*
  - *Citizenship within the European Union (1st d.,sm-s p.)*
- **Diversities and commonalities in Europe**
  - *Histories and Identities – articulating national and European identities (1st d.,sm-s p.)*
  - *Creativity, Culture and Democracy (1st d.,sm-s p.)*



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## Activity 6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators

“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.**”



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## Activity 6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators

### 6.1: Current use of and emerging needs for indicators in policy

**(1<sup>st</sup>d., sm-s p.)**

*Appropriate use of indicators for policy (from macro to micro).*

### 6.2: Developing better indicators for policy (1<sup>st</sup>d., sm-s p.)

*New Indicators for policy. Impact assessment of EU policies: indicators and methods.*

### 6.3: Specific statistical issues (1<sup>st</sup>d,sm-s p.,csa)

*Availability, quality and relevance of statistics for use in policy.  
"Gaps" in statistics.*

### 6.4: Ex post and ex ante impact analysis of research policies and programmes(1<sup>st</sup>d,sm-s p)

*Evaluation (ex post, ex ante) of research activities.  
Tools; impact assessment; short to long term estimates.*



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## Activity 7: Foresight Activities

- Policy oriented,
  - 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; support actions
- Call topic: *Blue Sky Research on Emerging Issues Affecting European S&T (2nd d.,sm-s p.)*
  - *Identification of emerging issues that could have far-reaching implications for European S&T; innovative thinking; original vision, and creative approach; e.g. complex dynamics in and between scientific disciplines or within and between industries; developments in energy, demography, global stability, poverty, sustainable development.*



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## Activity 8: Strategic Activities

- 1 . **Emerging needs (1st d.,sm-s p.)**  
*Highly –innovative , collaborative research projects.*
- 2 . **Horizontal measures to support international cooperation(1st d.,csa.)**  
*Actions for the development of partnerships between communities.*
- 3 . **Measures to support dissemination of research (1st d.,csa.)**  
*Specific dissemination actions.*
- 4 . **Trans-national co-operation among National Contact Points (NCPs) for Socio-economic sciences and the Humanities. (1st d.,csa.)**
- 5 . ***ERA-NETs (+) (5 M in the joint call)***



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## *Information @*

- FP7 sites:

- [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html)
- [http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/home\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/home_en.html)

- A centralized enquiry service:

- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries>





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