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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 SIICA, topic SSH.2011.4.1-1

## 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](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home_en.html)
- ✓ **EUROPA:**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index\\_en.html](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](http://www.ekt.gr/fp7/docs/ssh_synopses_callsfp6.pdf)

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