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
**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* (2nd d., l-s p.)
  – *Intangible investments and innovation in Europe* 1st d., sm-s p.)
  – *Impact of internationalisation on Europe’s research and innovation systems* (1st d., sm-s p.)

• Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society
  – *Globalisation and its interaction with the European economy* (2nd d., l-s p.)
  – *The implications of developments in the service economy* (1st d., sm-s p.)
  – *The role of finance in growth, employment and competitiveness in Europe* (1st d., sm-s p.)

• Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe
  – *Macroeconomic policy, its interactions and coordination with other policies* (2nd d., sm-s p.)
“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 (2nd 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 (2nd d., l-s p.)
  - Socio-economic factors and actors that shape the « post-carbon » society (2nd d., sm-p.)

• **Regional, territorial and social cohesion**
  - Regional development challenges in an evolving international context (2nd 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.)
“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 (2nd 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.”
6.1: Current use of and emerging needs for indicators in policy
       \((1^{st} d., \text{sm-s p.})\)
       Appropriate use of indicators for policy (from macro to micro).

6.2: Developing better indicators for policy \((1^{st} d., \text{sm-s p.})\)
       New Indicators for policy. Impact assessment of EU policies: indicators and methods.

6.3: Specific statistical issues \((1^{st} d, \text{sm-s p., csa})\)

6.4: Ex post and ex ante impact analysis of research policies and programmes \((1^{st} d, \text{sm-s p})\)
       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.
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)**
• FP7 sites:

• A centralized enquiry service:
Thank you for your attention