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Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities

2010 Work Programme and Calls

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Part I

New approach in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities 2010 - 2013



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Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities in FP7 - (2007 - 2013)

Addressing *major EU and world policy issues* :

Activities of the SSH Work Programme:

- 1. Growth, employment, competitiveness, knowledge society
- 2. Combining economic, social and environmental objectives: energy, agriculture, rural and urban issues
- 3. Major trends in society: demography, quality of life, cultural interactions
- 4. Global interactions and interdependence; conflicts and peace
- 5. Participation, democracy, governance; European diversities and commonalities

Horizontal Activities:

- 6. Indicators
- 7. Foresight
- 8. Dissemination



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The SSH Programme for the period 2010 - 2013

« **New Approach** » focusing on a mix of **societal challenges** and topics to be addressed in the SSH activities

- Strengthening « **Forward Looking** » activities
- Promoting « **stock taking** » and **exploitation** of results
« **evidence based policy making** »



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Addressing important societal challenges

Main elements

- A coordinated multi-disciplinary approach combining different perspectives to the different dimensions of the societal challenge considered;
- Capitalisation of previous research; stock-taking and a foresight dimension;
- Where relevant, a significant international cooperation dimension;
- Dissemination and exploitation of research results
- Supporting the development of an effective critical mass of actors, involving a wide range of key stakeholders;
- A rigorous professional approach to the management of research and complementary activities



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A new approach building on Societal Challenges for the EU

Identification of important "**Societal Challenges**" for the EU where each of the Challenges is addressed by a specific large scale set of research actions

- *funding scheme: a large scale integrating research project*
- **minimum** requested EC contribution: 6.5 million euros

Still a continued presence of "**conventional topics**" corresponding to specific aspects of Social Sciences and Humanities

- **maximum** requested EC contribution: 2.7 million euros



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Supporting the new approach of ERA

European Research Area (ERA) Vision 2020 objectives:

- « Grand Societal Challenges » oriented
- better supporting policymaking

Need to create a solid knowledge base on which Europe-wide, visionary, comparative, multidisciplinary research can be built.

Need to avoid fragmentation and to encourage the integration of research.



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New approach

- Need to build a clear programme identity focused on a **policy driven orientation** for EU through the strengthening of the knowledge
- Need for critical mass
- Visibility and added value of EU supported research efforts
- Coherent and complementary research activities



In this new approach will be strengthened:

Forward-looking activities (FLA)

- Foresight, forecast, horizon scanning, technology assessment, impact assessment (ex ante) are examples of methods of Forward-looking activities.
- **ERA Vision 2020** is giving emphasis on FLA for a better definition of “**Grand Challenges**” and Joint Programming.
- The “**Societal Challenges**” of the new approach, Activity 7 on Foresight , Activity 6 on Indicators and Impact assessment are addressing Forward-looking.
- The EU Framework Programme has a long tradition in this area; ERA and FP7 Themes, in particular SSH, are promoting FLA.



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Forward-looking activities

Foresight:

- Large vision of the future through alternative consistent scenarios taking into account all the aspects of an issue; therefore containing different types of variables (social, economic, political, technological,...); participative approach
- Mainly qualitative approach e.g. Delphi survey
- Examples:
 - World in 2025
 - SCAR (AGRICULTURE)



Forward-looking activities

Forecast:

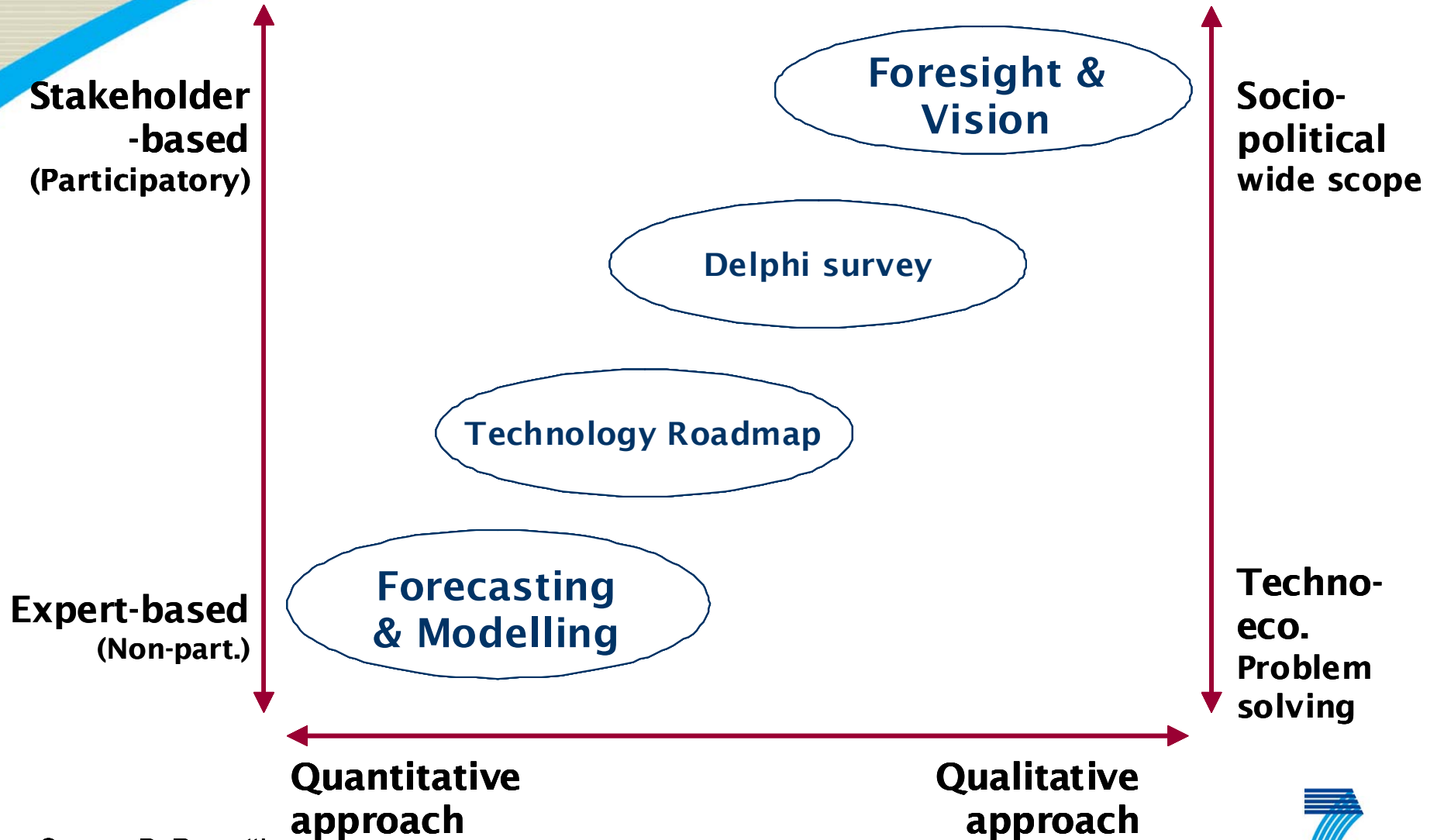
- Projections of macro and sectoral variables according to:
 - Trends regarding the behaviour of such variables in the past
 - Assumptions about evolution of « exogenous » variables
- Mainly quantitative approach (e.g. econometric and optimisation models; Top-down or bottom-up models)
- **Examples:**
 - Research on the cost of non-Europe (Cecchini report)
 - World energy technology outlook (WETO)



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Forward-looking activities



Source: D. Rossetti



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Social Platform

- A new way to build a **research agenda** with the scientists and stakeholders mainly **Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)** including policy makers;
- Already 2 Social Platforms on **Urban & Cohesion** and **Family**;
- Preliminary **Stock tacking** and **Forward looking activities** are expected;
- The topics generated by the Platform are Collaborative projects / **BSG (Benefit of a Specific Group) – Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) type.**



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Part II

Research achievements and outlook for the future



An overview

- Projects have been funded from all of the topics from 2007 to 2009 Work Programmes;
- Even if wide scientific community is involved in terms of disciplines there are still geographical disparities; only about 15 % of the overall number of partners come from new Member States;
- Universities represent 2/3 of the participants; International cooperation is quite high (10% of all participants);
- Leading EU Universities/Institutes are actively participating;
- A high quality of excellence; 14.5/15 needed to be selected in the majority of topics.



Stock-taking of activities

- **The Lisbon strategy** and **the knowledge society** incl. the impacts of globalisation, internationalisation of firms and research systems, new economic structures, service economy, intangible investments, entrepreneurship, efficiency of the public sector and the macroeconomic policies (e.g. GLOBINN, SCIFI-GLOW, PEGGED, AEGIS, EFIGE, IAREG, SERVPPIN, POLHIA, FINNESS, GRASP)
- **Sustainable development** and **cohesion** incl. the regional level (cf. impact of globalisation, inequalities, land use and agriculture, rural and urban development), the historical social models, the paradigm shifts (cf. post carbon society and global changes) and the territorial dynamics (cf. integration of geography, demography, modelling and space observation) (e.g. CONSENSUS, SMILE, CAP-IRE, RUFUS, DERREG, SHRINK SMART, PACT, HI-POD, ICATSEM, CLICO, PASHMINA)



Stock-taking of activities

- **Major societal trends** incl. demography, large-scale migration, health, lifestyle, consumption, work and families; issues like youth integration/exclusion, intergenerational solidarity, transnational mobility of people, linkages between new jobs and conditions of work (e.g. ASPA, DEMHOW, MULTILINKS, REPRO, MAFE, TRANS-NET, GEITONIES, SAMPLE, EUMARGINS, WALQUING)
- **Europe in the world** and globalisation incl. its impact on evolution of the European society and economy, the question of governance, of geopolitics, of migration, of religions, of climate change, of trade, of conflicts, of rule of law and human rights (e.g. CHINESE VIEWS OF EU, EURASIA-NET, EULAKS, CREATING, CHANCE2SUSTAIN)
- **The Citizen in the EU** incl. the feeling of being part of the EU, of being represented by democratic institutions, of having the possibility to give the views on EU policies, of being protected basic rights and civil liberties; electoral participation, populist trends, potential conflicts, role of media and active citizenship (e.g. CIT-PART, EUROPOLIS, PROFACITY, ENACT, ATLAS MERCURY, EUROIDENTITIES, DOMAC, MEDIACT, EUNAMUS)



Stock-taking of activities

Indicators:

- Serve EU policy-making and policy monitoring and *ex ante* policy evaluation; new indicators and surveys deal e.g. with social issues and justice (cf. AMELI, COMPARE, JUSTIS, ASSPRO) and other initiatives concern the ex-ante impact assessment of EU policies (DEMETER) and the accessibility of datasets (CESSDA, ESS); The EU-KLEMS database on Member States economic statistics has been discussed by the ECOFIN ministers

Forward looking activities:

- Define potential scenarios (foresight component); involve the stakeholders in the policy process (participation component); allow to anticipate the policy needs and to evaluate the impact of policies (forecast component); both research projects and expert groups financed.
- The "**World in 2025**" is an emblematic exercise with several EC services:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/the-world-in-2025-report_en.pdf



Evidence based policy-making for society

- **Annual meeting with the policy DGs:** the policy DGs discuss and comment the Topics of the draft Work Programme
- **High-level seminars with EU policy-makers:** results of SSH research are exploited in real time for EU policy-making
- **Social Platforms:** a key instrument to establish a dialogue between the scientific community, the policy-makers and with the civil society organisations
- **Policy briefs and policy project meetings:** included in Technical Annexes of the projects
- **The BSG-CSO instrument:** to promote the participation of CSO
- **The Coordination and Support Actions:** dissemination to other scientific communities and to policy-makers and EU society
- **Science in Society programme:** complements some SSH activities by focusing on areas like science education, public engagement, museums, science events, gender issues, privacy and ethics



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Part III

2010 Work Programme and Calls



Work Programme 2010

4 calls for proposals and one joint call published on 30 July 2009:

Call 1: FP7-SSH-2010-1 – Collaborative projects (large- scale integrating research projects) – **5 Societal Challenges** –
EUR 40 M – *call closure 2 February 2010*

Call 2: FP7-SSH-2010-2 – Collaborative projects (**small or medium-scale** focused research projects and research for the benefit of **specific groups**) – 7 topics – EUR 18.9 M – *call closure 2 February 2010*

Call 3: FP7-SSH-2010-3 – Collaborative projects (**small or medium-scale** focused research projects) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to **international cooperation** – 3 topics – EUR 8.1 M
call closure 2 February 2010



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Work Programme 2010

Call 4: FP7-SSH-2010-4 – Coordination and support actions
(**supporting actions**) – 3 topics – EUR 3.6 M – **call
closure 15 December 2009**

FP7-OCEAN-2010 – “The ocean of tomorrow” –
Collaborative projects (**large-scale integrating
research projects**) – 3 topics – EUR 34 M – **call
closure 14 January 2010**

**21 topics and total EUR 71.6 M (+ EUR 4.72 M for other
actions)**



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Activity 1

Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

Societal Challenge (Call 1):

Changing the role of the financial system to better serve economic, social and environmental objectives

→ The challenge

- The existing role of finance in the economy and what should be its roles in relation to the public interest
- The changing role of private finance and its impact and how it might better serve economic, social and environmental objectives
- What is the outlook for the future?

→ Why it matters for Europe?

- The growth of the real economy, its structure and productivity
- Social cohesion, inequalities, employment, personal risk and environmental challenges
- The public debate on models of society and economy
- The future role of the EU, Member States and international regulation and cooperation efforts



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Activity 1

Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

→ Research dimensions

- The evolving role of finance in the economy and society
- The costs and benefits of restructuring in the real economy
- Regulation and governance of finance in an international and historical perspectives; related public policy issues
- The impact on developing countries; development of international treaties and institutions
- Related challenges for the EU in a context of the crisis



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Activity 1

Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

Topic (Call 2): Demand-driven research and innovation policies for growth, welfare and wellbeing

To rebalance research and innovation policies to include the demand for knowledge; problems and specific requirements of the development of demand-driven research and innovation policies in different good or service sectors; forecast and assessment incl. indicator development

Topic (Call 2): The public sector of the future

The European public sector has undergone major structural changes under the influence of "New Public Management"; impact of "New Public Management" reforms; potential for innovations in the public services



Activity 2

Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

Societal Challenge (Call 1): Creating and adapting jobs in Europe in the context of a socio-ecological transition

→ **The challenge**

- The structure of employment and types of jobs have evolved very slowly and the current crisis will deteriorate the situation
- Environment-related requirements and dependence on raw materials produced abroad push the EU towards new ways of production, consumption, lifestyles, mobility...
- The EU has to step up its efforts to become a leader of the "socio-ecological" transition at world level

→ **Why it matters for Europe?**

- The renewal of the Lisbon strategy for growth and jobs is on the policy agenda and the current economic crisis is likely to have a dire impact on employment in Europe
- This should not divert the policymakers and socio-economic actors from thinking anew and speeding up the socio-ecological transition



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Activity 2

Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

→ **Research dimensions**

- The dynamics of employment creation in the socio-ecological transition
- The design of new employment policies
- Education and training policies for new jobs
- Prospects for more and better jobs for women and older workers in the socio-ecological activities
- The role of social innovation
- Comparisons with new employment practices outside the EU in developed and emerging countries



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Activity 2

Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

Topic (Call 2): Local welfare systems favouring social cohesion

Different patterns of local welfare systems and their effects on social inequalities; role of different providers (public, third sector, not for profit, for profit) and their partnerships; role of public policy and governance; relationships between formal and informal initiatives; inclusion and exclusion effects; urban policy recommendations [*CP-FP - small/medium and BSG-CSO*]

Topic (Call 2): Analysis of the impacts of global changes

Economic and social impacts of likely global changes (access to natural resources, climate change, large risks); development and use of models to estimate costs incl. adaptation; forward-looking analysis of transformations emerging from global changes



Activity 2

Combining economic, social and environmental objectives

Topic (Call 1): EU regions and their interaction with the neighbourhood regions

Many regions in Europe have historical, cultural, political and economic links with neighbourhood regions outside the EU; analysis of potential EU policy options regarding strengthening of the cohesion of EU territories and their wider neighbourhood; long term visions of these regions with particular emphasis on new EU countries; quantitative and qualitative assessments of possible future impacts of policy options

Topic (Call 4): Social platform on sustainable lifestyles

To define a research agenda in the area driven by societal concerns; involvement of societal stakeholders to support the exchange of experiences and development of structures of analysis on current initiatives and practises that aim at new sustainable ways of living, moving, consuming; future perspectives about lifestyles; wide participation incl. CSOs from research and education to industry, services and society at large



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Activity 3

Major trends in society and their implications

Societal Challenge (call 1): Addictions and lifestyles in contemporary Europe

→ The challenge

- Addictions have become a pervasive feature of contemporary societies and bring concern
- The problem of various substance addictions but also new addictions (gambling, eating disorders, internet...)
- High cost of treatment but also the cost of prevention and crime
- Need to build balanced anti-addiction policies that enable both social integration and individual freedom

→ Why it matters for Europe?

- EU countries must exchange their understanding and experiences of addictions in order to alleviate worst impacts
- Addictions constitute a global problem and demand systems of international cooperation
- Need to combine existing scientific knowledge



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Activity 3

Major trends in society and their implications

→ Research dimensions

- Social, economic and individual determinants of addiction and behavioural disorders
- Comparative definitions of addictions and development of quantitative data across Europe
- Comparative legal and regulatory frameworks for various new substances
- Trade and profits around addiction development in case of licit drugs or products
- Who defines addiction and addictive behaviour?



Activity 4

Europe in the world

Societal Challenge (Call 1): Europe facing a rising multi-polar world

→ The challenge

- The EU takes part in creation of a multi-polar world (rise of China, India) which follows the duo-polar world (USA, Russia)
- The multi-polar world will be more economically and strategically interdependent but will this lead to more prosperity and stability?
- How will the key issues that call for collective action at world level be dealt with?
- Will global governance and multilateralism be strengthened or weakened by multipolarism?

→ Why it matters for Europe?

- The EU is challenged: its prosperity and stability will in the future be much more determined by outside forces



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Activity 4

Europe in the world

→ Research dimensions

- The future evolution of global governance and the place of Europe
- Monitoring and analysis of critical/emerging areas (potential conflicts over resources, areas of influence or values)
- Post or new 'hegemony' with regard to the role of the US, the changes in the EU 'civil power'...
- The process by which certain values come to be contested or shared; their influence on international cooperation and multilateral institutions



Activity 4

Europe in the world

Topic (Call 3): Collective challenges for Latin American and Caribbean Countries (LACC)

Common geopolitical challenges; social and economic uses of the environment; role, visions and interdependencies of political, economic and social elites in institutional development; interdisciplinary (incl. humanities); foresight methods and a multi-stakeholder approach whenever necessary; comparisons, conceptual and policy models to improve cooperation between SSH and policy communities within LACC and with Europe

Topic (Call 3): Understanding urbanisation trends and processes in contemporary China

Metropolisation/urbanisation in China in last 30 years and potential for new internal developments; historical and forward-looking incl. historical and current experience of large cities in Europe; at least 3 cities from different regions in China



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Activity 4

Europe in the world

Topic (call 3): Cultures of governance and conflict resolution in Europe and India

The EU and India face some similar challenges in making a democratic political entity function in a context of internal diversity; examination how such diverse polities and societies may deal with the common challenge of fostering 'unity in diversity'; roles of the EU, India and other actors in global governance; reciprocal knowledge on political cultures and institutions, relations between democracy and economic development or linguistic policy in multicultural societies; roots and influence of different cultures of governance; recognition of minority rights; conflict resolution



The Citizen in the European Union

Societal Challenge (call 1): Democracy and the shadows of totalitarianism and populism: the European experience

→ **The challenge**

- How to overcome the heritage of the "divided continent" where the experience and memories of recent totalitarianism differ from one group of Member States to the other?
- Addressing populism and its implications for national and European governance

→ **Why it matters for Europe?**

- The legitimacy, effectiveness and very existence of the EU rest on the voluntary cooperation and pooling of sovereignty
- The capacity to accommodate diversity, reciprocal adjustments and understanding between older and newer democracies is at the core of current and future EU developments



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Activity 5

The Citizen in the European Union

→ Research dimensions

- History and historical memory as objects and channels of EU politics and policies within Europe and in relation to other areas of the world
- The democratic development of the EU and the rise of populism in both older and newer democracies
- The circulation of different experiences, historical narratives, political, legal and administrative cultures, political organisations in the European political space and influence in shaping decision-making in the EU



The Citizen in the European Union

Topic (call 2): European identities: inner and outer perceptions of Europe and the EU

How official identity symbols and personal experiences with the EU are present in citizen's life and how they are perceived and how these interact with common national cultures; a perception of Europe and the EU from outside; incl. age, gender, social and cultural differences both among EU and non EU citizens

Topic (call 2): Re-interpreting Europe's cultural heritage: towards the 21st century library and museum?

New role for national museums and libraries that allows them to reflect past trends and processes; impact of museums, galleries and libraries (incl. virtual) on identities and values; application of research in social sciences and humanities in re-evaluation and re-interpretation of collections and archives; role of ICT and scenarios for organisation of post-national museums



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Activity 8

Horizontal activities

Topic (call 4): Mobilising the network of NCPs for specific tasks

Transnational events to support the new SSH approach

Topic (call 4): Support to the preparation of ERANET/ ERANET Plus projects

Capitalisation on work of and lessons from recent ERA-NETs; development of thematic initiatives



«The ocean of tomorrow» Call

Topic: Quantification of climate change impacts on economic sectors in the Arctic

To assess and quantify climate change impacts on both macro and meso-economic level for key sectors and how these sectors could affect the Arctic environment, incl. climate feedbacks

Topic: Vectors of changes in marine life, impact on economic sectors

To better understand and assess the interaction between changes in marine life and European marine and maritime economic sectors; formulation of feasible adaptive management strategies for the EU

Topic: Sub-seabed carbon storage and the marine environment

Potential impact of sub-seabed CO₂ storage on marine ecosystems; modelling, fieldwork, best practices



2010 Work Programme - Participants in funding schemes

Eligibility criteria of participants (minimum):

CP (large-scale): 7 MS or AC

– For the call “The ocean of tomorrow”: 3 MS or AC

CP (small/medium-scale): 3 MS or AC

BSG–CSO: 3 MS or AC, at least one CSO

CSA–SA: 1 MS or AC

CP–SICA: conditions differ by a topic chosen (see the call fiche (Part III) in the Work Programme)

CP: Collaborative project (large-scale integrating / small or medium-scale focused research project)

BSG-CSO: Research for Benefit of Specific Groups – Civil Society Organisations

CSA-SA: Coordination and Support Action – supporting action

CP-SICA: Collaborative project – Specific International Cooperation Action



2010 Work Programme - Financial thresholds

Eligibility criteria – minimum or maximum requested EC contribution:

- **Call 1: CP – large-scale** minimum EUR 6.5 M
- **Call 2: CP – small/medium-scale and BSG–CSO** maximum EUR 2.7 M
- **Call 3: CP – SICA** maximum EUR 2.7 M
- **Call 4: CSA – SA** no financial limits defined

For the call “The ocean of tomorrow”: **CP – large-scale** requested EC contribution shall not exceed the indicative budget for the topic chosen (see the Call fiche (Part III) in the Work Programme)

Proposals outside these financial limits will be considered ineligible and excluded from the evaluation process.



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2010 Work Programme - Eligibility and evaluation criteria

Detailed description of the eligibility and evaluation criteria in Annex 2 of the 'Cooperation' Specific Programme Work Programme and Annex 2 of Guides for Applicants.

NOTE:

For calls 1, 2, 3 and 4 the scientific and/or technological excellence evaluation criterion will include the following additional sub-criterion:
'appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible European coverage in relation to the subject of research'.



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Important websites:

FP7 call info:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?
fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage)

SSH home page:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-
sciences/index_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html)

Cordis home page:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

**Thank you
for your attention!
Good luck for your application!**

