



# Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities

## Educational research in the 7th Framework programme for research and technology

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# EU Research Policy: Overall objectives and means

- to strengthen the scientific and technological bases of the Community industry, supporting competitiveness, citizen welfare and
- To support other EU policies
  - By the implementation of Research and Technological Development Programmes
  - By the promotion of co-operation and co-ordination in the field of Community and Member States research including with third countries and international organisations
  - By the dissemination of the results of Community Research
  - By stimulating the training and mobility of researchers in the EU



# EU Research Policy: the Decision making process

- 1. Allocation of budget to EU Research in the **Financial Perspectives**
- 2. **Framework programme and specific programmes:** definition of research priorities by European Parliament and Council of Ministers
  - EU Commission's proposal
  - Consultation of stakeholders, EU advisory bodies
  - Debate and negotiation
- 3. **Implementation through Annual Work Programmes (and calls for proposals)**
  - Consultation with scientific community and advisory committees
  - Consultation with Member States via Programme Committees
  - Consultations between Commission services



# EU Research Policy: Implementation

- Framework Programme 7 (FP7) is the EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe and it will run from 2007-2013. FP7 is a key tool designed to respond to Europe's employment needs, competitiveness and quality of life.
- One of the main features of FP7 is to ensure “European added value” so to complement and boost the effectiveness of National research programmes.

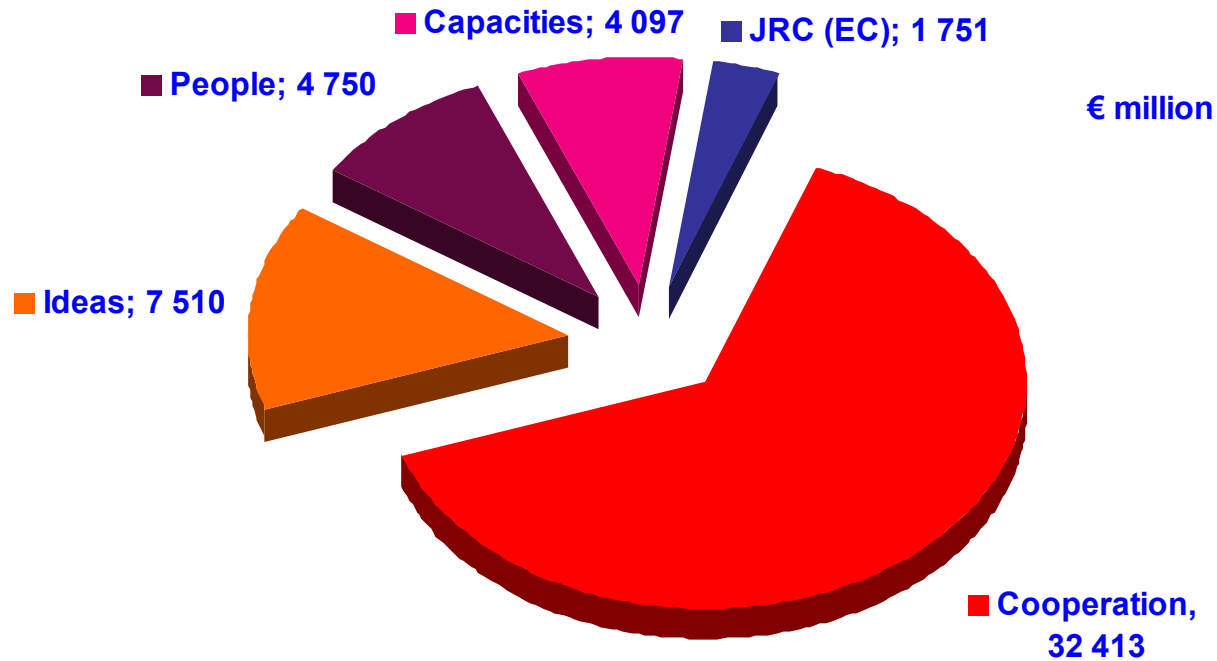


# EU Research Policy: Implementation

- FP7 is organised in 4 specific programmes:
  - **Co-operation** (10 thematic areas including health, industrial technologies, social science, security, information & communication technologies...)
  - Ideas (frontier research)
  - People (training and mobility)
  - Capacities (infrastructures)



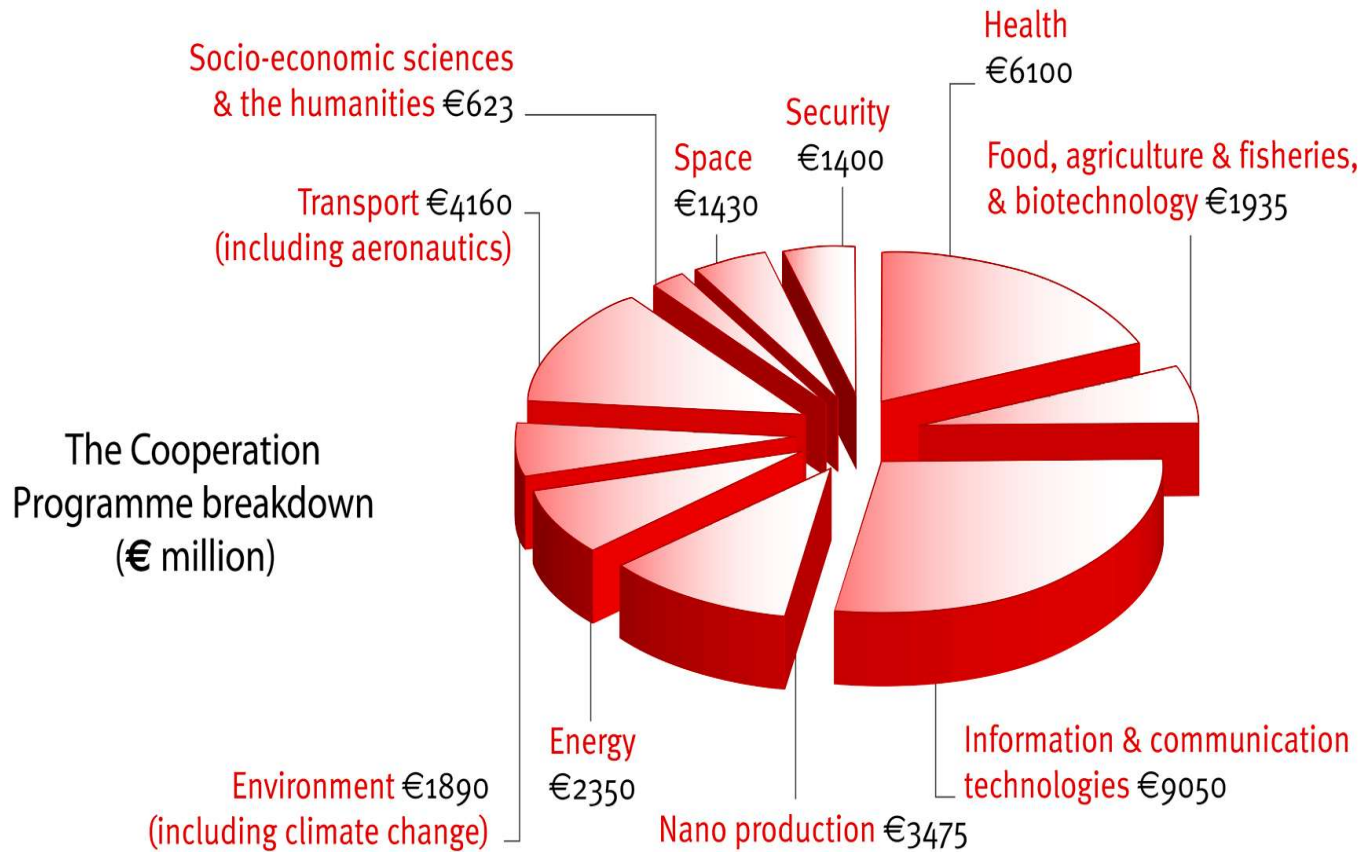
# FP7 budget (€ 50 521 million, current prices)



■ Note: Euratom FP: €2.7 billion over 5 years - not included above



# The Cooperation specific programme—the budget





# Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in FP7

ERC - 'Ideas' Programme:  
Six SSH Panels

'Capacities' Programme:

- Infrastructures
- *Science in Society*

'Cooperation' Programme:

- *Theme 8: SSH*
- SSH in other Themes



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# 'Cooperation' Programme

## Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities:

- In many Cooperation "Themes" like food, agriculture, environment, energy, transport...
- **In Theme 8 : specific programme SSH** with a substantial increase of the budget EUR 623 millions (2007-2013)



# The Cooperation specific programme— Collaborative Research

## Ten themes

1. Health
2. Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology
3. Information and communication technologies
4. Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
5. Energy
6. Environment (including climate change)
7. Transport (including aeronautics)
8. **Socio-economic sciences and the humanities**
9. Space
10. Security  
Euratom: Fusion energy research, nuclear fission and radiation protection



# Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities in FP 7 Structure

- **Addressing major challenges facing EU and the World :**
  - growth, employment, competitiveness, **education, knowledge society.**
  - combining economic, social and environmental objectives: energy, agriculture, rural and urban issues.
  - major trends in Society: demography, quality of life, cultural interactions.
  - global interactions and interdependence; conflicts and peace.
  - participation, democracy, governance; European diversities and commonalities.



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# EU Educational Research: main topics (FP6 and FP7)

- Knowledge and skills (Lisbon strategy)
- Lifelong learning
- Education and employment
- Inclusion and cohesion
- Youth
- Culture and citizenship



# EU Educational Research: Funded Projects (FP7)

## EERQI: European Education Quality Indicators

Collaborative project aiming at

- develop new indicators and methodologies to determine quality of educational research publications,
- propose a prototype framework for establishing such indicators and methodologies,
- make this framework operational on a multilingual basis (starting with English, German, French and Swedish),
- produce a search and query engine for resource harvesting and text analysis,
- test transferability of the EERQI indicators into other fields in social sciences and the humanities,
- develop a sustainability plan for quality assessment of European educational research publications.



# EU Educational Research: Funded Projects (FP7)

## EDUMIGROM: Ethnic Differences in Education and Diverging Prospects for Urban Youth in an enlarged Europe

Collaborative project aiming at studying how ethnic differences in education contribute to the diverging prospects for minority ethnic youth and their peers in urban settings.

Main research question: how far existing educational policies, practices and experiences in welfare regimes of 9 different countries protect minority ethnic youth against marginalisation and eventual social exclusion.



# EU Educational Research: a FP7 project under negotiation

- **Workprogramme 2009: SSH-2009 - 1.1.1.  
Education in a European knowledge society**

## **WORKABLE** (Making Capabilities work):

- The project will provide knowledge on how to enable young people to function as capable citizens in the labour markets of European knowledge societies. It assesses the political and institutional strategies aiming to cope with the high rates of youth unemployment, early school leaving and dropouts from upper secondary education.



# EU Educational Research: a FP7 project under negotiation

## Workprogramme 2009: SSH-2009 - 1.1.1. Education in a European knowledge society

**GOETE:** (Governance of Educational Trajectories in Europe. Access, coping and relevance of education for young people in European knowledge societies in comparative perspective)

- Analysis of the role of school in re-conceptualising education in terms of lifelong learning by combining a life course and a governance perspective.
- Period covered: from transition into lower secondary education to transition into upper secondary education/vocational education and training
- Comparative analysis on the regulation of access to education and support measures for coping with education and securing the relevance of education for social integration and the labour market.
- The project reflects the need for formal education to be embedded in social life worlds, enabled by social support, and complemented by informal and non-formal learning.



# EU Educational Research: The future

## Indicative Strategic Research Roadmap in SSH (2011-2013)

- List and rationale for challenges and topics envisaged for 2011 as well as an outlook for the upcoming years.
- Better planning and coordination within the research community.
- **Legally non-binding for the European Commission. Only serves information purposes.**
- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/roadmap-201>



# EU Educational Research: The future (2)

## Indicative Strategic Research Roadmap: challenges

- 2011:
  - Lifelong learning in Europe: appropriate skills for sustaining better jobs
- Beyond 2011:
  - Adapting evolving educational systems to societal transformation
  - Early childhood care and the cost of education inequities
  - Children and intolerance



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## Additional info at:

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

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

- “European Research on Education and Training - "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities" Programme

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/european-research-on-education-and>

- Education, Policy review series n°4

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/eur22090\\_final\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/eur22090_final_en.pdf)



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