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EU research in SSH: Facts and opportunities

- **The biggest world R&D programme in SSH (€ 600 M in FP7): Problem-oriented and policy-relevant. Almost 350 projects and 3000 research organisations involved between 2002 and 2010.**
- **In all FP7SSH, 3 % of funding to INCO countries and the share of INCO participation is 6%.**
- **From 2007 to 2010, 13 participants are coming from Latin America (out of 1913).**



EU research in SSH: Objectives

- **Knowing:** Data, statistics, indicators
- **Explaining:** Tools, definitions, methods
- **Understanding:** Context, causes, mechanisms
- **Forward looking:** Modelling, foresight, scenario
- **Recommending:** From knowledge to policy



EU research in SSH: Activities

Eight Activities based on major challenges for the EU:

- 1. Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society**
- 2. Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective**
- 3. Major trends in society and their implications**
- 4. Europe in the world**
- 5. The citizen in the EU**
- 6. Socio-economic and scientific indicators**
- 7. Foresight**
- 8. Horizontal issues**



FP7 SSH 2012 Calls for Proposals realised on 20/07/2011

Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

**New call for proposals published on 20 July 2011 (more
than € 90 Million)**

Large-scale projects

Small-medium projects

Coordination and support actions

ERA-Net

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/funding_en.html

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls/



SSH - What we expect?

- **High scientific quality (excellence)**
- **EU added value (dimension, coverage, comparison)**
- **Different socio-economic and humanity disciplines**
- **Quantitative and qualitative methods**
- **Support to EU policies**
- **Stock-taking (past research)**



SSH - What we expect?

- **Forward looking (foresight and forecast)**
- **International cooperation (globalisation of R&D and innovation)**
- **Exploitation of results (science, policy, social partners, CSO)**
- **Critical mass of actors (stakeholders)**
- **Professional management**
- **Ethics and gender aspects**



Challenges

Large scale integrating projects

- **Education systems in the XXIst century (Activity 1)**
- **Governance of cohesion and diversity in urban contexts (Activity 2)**
- **Making longevity an asset for economic and social development (Activity 3)**
- **Families in transitions (Activity 3)**
- **Human rights in the EU external relations and internal policies (Activity 4)**
- **Exercising EU citizenship: Removing barriers (Activity 5)**



Topics - Activity 1

Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

- **Unveiling creativity for innovation in Europe**
- **Coordinating economic research agendas**
- **The future of macro-economic and monetary integration in Europe**
- **Innovative policies for employment and labour markets**



Topics - Activity 2

Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective

- **Social innovation against inequalities**
- **Social innovation for vulnerable populations**
- **European energy security: Looking ahead to economic, social and political challenges**
- **New forms of offenses in a globalised world: the case of environmental crime**
- **Climate change uncertainties: policymaking for the Pacific front**



Topics - Activity 3

Major trends in society and their implications

- **Understanding disabilities in evolving societies**
- **Social innovation in the public sector**
- **Drug demand and supply reduction (ERA-Net)**



Topics - Activity 4

Europe in the world

- **Towards an Atlantic area?**
- **National and regional integration in South East Asia**
- **Media in conflicts and peace-building**
- **Social changes and political transformations in the Arab world**



Topics - Activity 5

The citizen in the European Union

- **Dealing with diversity and cohesion: The case of the Roma in the European Union**
- **Enlargement and the integration capacity of the EU: Past experience and future prospects**



Topics - Activity 6, 7 and 8

Activity 6 *Socio-economic and scientific indicators*

- **Mapping data opportunities for economic and social research and policy**

Activity 7 *Foresight activities*

- **Forward looking tools and methods for answering major societal challenges**

Activity 8 *Horizontal issues*

- **The future of Social Sciences and Humanities in the context of the ERA**
- **Mobilizing the network of NCP in SSH**



Special interest for Latin America

Notably:

- **Toward an Atlantic area?**
- **Social innovation for vulnerable populations**

Additionally:

- **Making longevity an asset for economic and social development**
- **Human rights in EU external relations and internal policies**
- **Social innovation against inequalities**



SSH.2012.4.1-1.Topic: Toward an Atlantic Area?

Activity 4

- Purpose: to enhance EU's international cooperation in fields ranging from economy to security, research on future trends in relations among different regions across the Atlantic area (North and South) is an important priority for the EU. This includes the development of new forms of inter-regionalism in the broader Atlantic dimension.
- Topic for a Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation.
- Additional eligibility criteria: at least 4 ICPC partners from Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa.
- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000.



SSH.2012.2.1-2. Topic: Social innovation for vulnerable populations Activity 2

- Purpose: Technological solutions to generate alternative scenarios of economic and social development to help vulnerable populations have received attention recently in a number of countries. Social technologies are thus products, techniques and/or re-applicable methodologies, developed in interaction with local communities or social groups experiencing social and/economic difficulties, offering solutions for social transformation. Such a concept of social innovation and its application imply an approach to science and technology which is quite innovative, as these communities or social groups become actively involved in the research process and are no longer mere beneficiaries of technologies developed 'elsewhere'.



SSH.2012.2.1-2. Topic: Social innovation for vulnerable populations Activity 2

- Topic for a Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation.
- Additional eligibility criteria: at least 2 partners from Brazil, other Latin American countries are welcomed, to provide a regional perspective.
- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000.



SSH.2012.3.1-1.Challenge: Making longevity an asset for economic and social development Activity 3

- Purpose: The number of people over 60 will nearly double between 2005 and 2025, from 673 million (10.3 % of world population) to 1201 million (15 % of world population). The EU's population is ageing faster than that in most other world regions, so without activating the potential of seniors, it will not be able to meet the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy nor to start a path towards long-term growth.
- These developments imply many inter-related changes in the nature of demand for consumer goods and social services, as well as in the dynamism and creativity of societies. In making longevity an asset for economic and social development, a new approach is needed, integrating macro-meso-micro perspectives involving active public policies and cultural change in perceptions of older age groups.



SSH.2012.4.2-1. Challenge: Human rights in the EU external relations and internal policies Activity 4

- Purpose: Claiming human rights ranging from freedom of expression and association to protection from torture or other degrading treatment is a prominent feature of democratisation movements. This was the case in Eastern Europe before the fall of the Berlin Wall/Iron Curtain, to cases in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. While human rights may seem, to be taken for granted in the EU and other democratic polities, their widespread violation by authoritarian regimes as well as democracies, indicates that human rights are far from uncontested.
- All of these factors influence how rights are perceived and are protected or violated. We need to build on past and present knowledge, but also to investigate changes and identify ongoing patterns and future trends.



SSH.2012.2.1-1. Topic: Social innovation against inequalities Activity 2

- Purpose: the Europe 2020 Strategy makes explicit reference to promoting 'social innovation for the most vulnerable, in particular by providing innovative education, training and employment opportunities for deprived communities'. Building on this, it will be important to investigate what the role of social innovation could be in tackling inequalities.
- Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project).
- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500000.



Futher information:

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Who's who in EU SSH research?



http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/synopsis-fp7-ssh-projects_en.pdf

