



# **The 2011 Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) Work Programme**

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# SSH theme of the “Cooperation” Specific Programme (FP7)

## Mission

- **Generating an in-depth, shared understanding of complex and related socio-economic challenges Europe is confronted with**  
(e.g. growth, employment, innovation, social cohesion, cultural and educational challenges in an enlarged EU, sustainability, environmental challenges, demographic change, migration and integration, quality of life, global interdependence, conflict resolution, citizenship, and human rights )
- **in particular with the view of providing an improved knowledge base for policies in the fields concerned**

**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

# 2011: Further consolidation of more focused approach

## *As from 2010 Work Programme*

- A **challenge driven approach**: identification of important Societal Challenges for the EU to address in medium term perspective
- Each of the Challenges addressed by a specific Set of Actions (Funding Scheme: Large Scale Integrating Research Project with minimum €6.5 mio EC contribution) (4-5 years duration)
- The Societal Challenges complemented by more targeted/smaller topics
- An Indicative Strategic Research Roadmap allowing for better planning and coordination within the research community

# The 2011 Work Programme: Policy links

- On 03/30/2010, the European Commission has launched the **Europe 2020 Strategy for the next decade**
  - to get out of the crisis and boost EU economy;
  - to set out a vision for Europe's social market economy.
- The key drivers of the **EU 2020 Growth Strategy** should be **thematic, focused on the following priorities:**
  - SMART Growth: Creating value by basing growth on knowledge
  - INCLUSIVE Growth: Empowering people in inclusive societies
  - SUSTAINABLE Growth: Creating a competitive, connected and greener economy
- The EU2020 Strategy identifies a number of **EU wide headline targets** to be achieved through concrete actions at EU and national levels (“Flagship” approach)

# Structure of the Work Programme

- **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).
- **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 contains also two **ERA-Net projects** that form part of a horizontal ERA-Net Call and public procurement actions and grants to identified beneficiaries

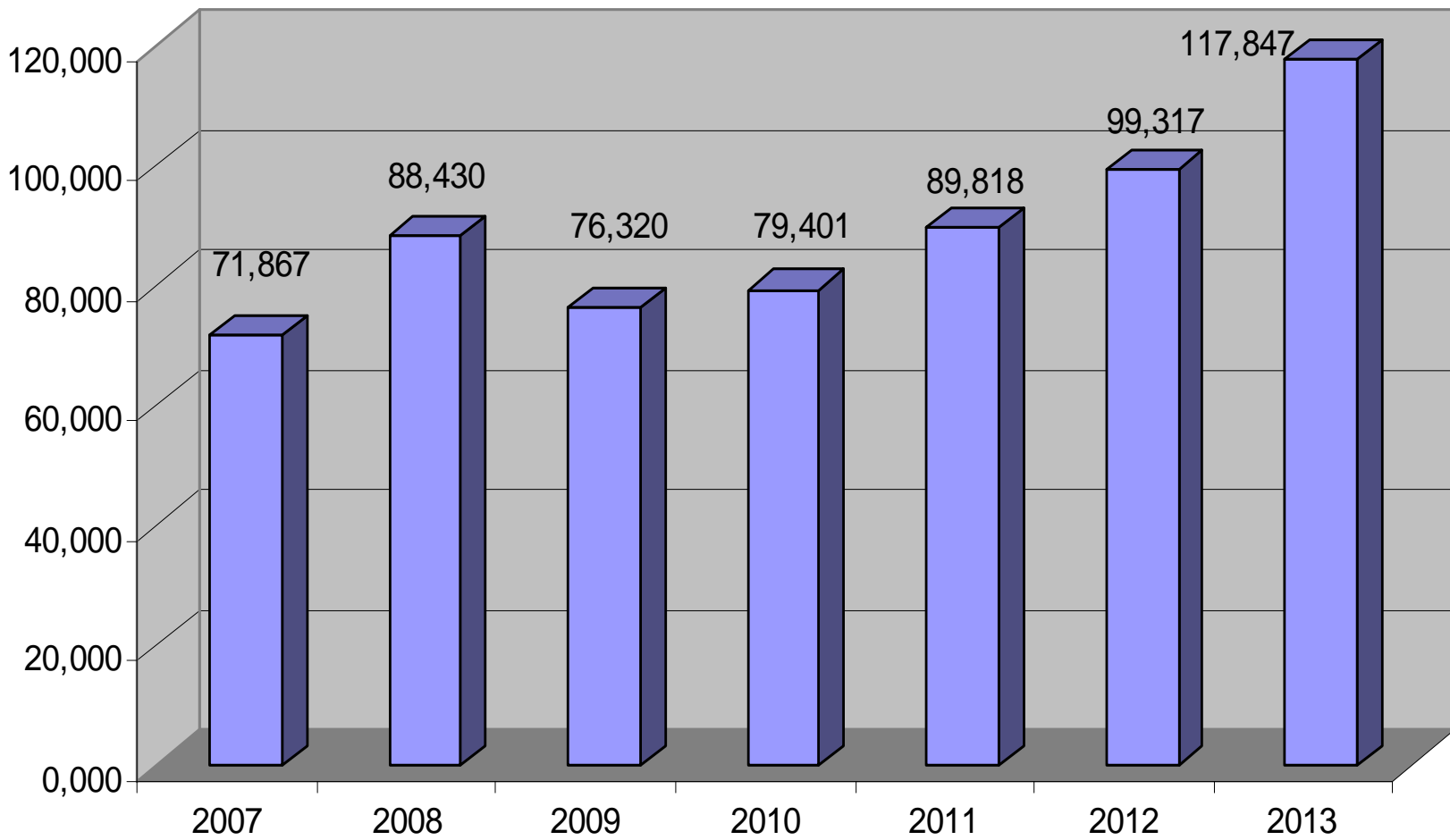
**Over 10% increase of the total budget compared to 2010 work programme**



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## Current budgetary planning for SSH (total budget 623M)



Includes administrative expenses and horizontal taxations; excludes associated country contributions

## Deadlines and timeline

- Common deadline: 2 February 2011
- Application through EPSS
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** evaluation of proposals in May 2011 and first grant agreements expected to be signed in November 2011.
- *Note!* The two ERA-Net projects form part of the horizontal ERA-Net call (Deadline of 22 February 2011). Please consult Annex 2 to the “Cooperation” Work Programme. ERA-Net projects are restricted to programme owners/programme managers



# 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 **further**s the **new approach** based on addressing **societal challenges** through large scale collaborative projects (with minimum of EUR 6.5 million, maximum budget per “challenge” – EUR 8 Million)
- It is expected to fund one proposal per “challenge”

## The first call (FP7-SSH-2011-1): Five “Challenges” identified

- *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 (SIICA); and The evolving concept of borders;*
- *Activity 8.5: Corruption and resistance to corruption in the private and public sphere.*

# Call 1 first challenge

- *Activity 8.1: Europe moving towards a new path of economic growth and social developments*
- *Challenge? « Relative economic and social decline » + « governance and solidarity » + « socio-ecological transition ».*
- *Research dimensions? « structural reforms + deficits » + « governance » + « research, innovation and industrial policies » + « regulation » + « cultural contexts and knowledge ».*

# Call 1 - 2nd challenge

- *Activity 8.2: Economic, social and political conditions for satisfying the world food needs*
- *Challenge? « growth but hunger » + « new policies »*
- *Research dimensions? « Agricultural policies » + « surveillance/monitoring systems » + « consumption trends in rich countries » + « GMOs and IPR » + « trade and agricultural policies »*

# Call 1 – 3rd challenge

- *Activity 8.4: Tackling poverty in a development context (SIKA)*
- *Challenge? « growth but not always development » + « EU 1st donor » + « influence ».*
- *Research dimensions? « Policy space » + « impact of ODA » + « aid architecture » + « exploitation of environment » + « migration » + « technological progress » + « politics of development »*

# Call 1 – 4th challenge

- *Activity 8.4: The evolving concept of borders*
- *Challenge? « globalisation and technology blur borders » + « EU integration and policies ».*
- *Research dimensions? « evolution of borders » + « functions of borders » + « borders and knowledge » + « borders between Europe and the EU » + « borders and policies and cultures »*

# Call 1 – 5th challenge

- *Activity 8.5: Corruption and resistance to corruption in the private and public sphere.*
- *Challenge? « Corruption not so rare » « Economic and legitimacy impacts »*
- *Research dimensions? « definitions in europe » + anti-corruption legislation » + « comparisons world wide » + « sectoral studies » + « public perception » + « gender dimension »*

# The first call (FP7-SSH-2011-1): issues to be addressed in proposals

**Each large project expected to include a number of specific research and non-research activities:**

- A plurality of 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 to the extent that these contribute to addressing the challenge in question.
- Capitalisation of 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;
- Dissemination and exploitation of research results in a variety of contexts (scientific, policy, 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)

- **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.
- 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.
  - And a **possibility** 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*;
- 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 *The 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), or 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.
- **Topics called:**
  - Activity 8.1: **Social platform on innovative Social Services** (CSA supporting or a possibility 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 Looking 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).

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Please consult the relevant documents including the officially published Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities Work Programme 2011, the Call Fiches and the Guides for Applicants for the only legal and binding information - the address for accessing these documents is:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal>

# Important websites:

Participant's portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal>

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](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html)

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