

**CALL FICHE 1 – SCIENCE IN SOCIETY 2011**

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- Indicative budget: EUR 43.00 million<sup>2</sup> from the 2011 budget

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through the call for proposals may vary:

- The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call; and
- Any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

ACTIVITY/ AREA	TOPICS CALLED	Funding Schemes
<b>ACTION LINE 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship</b>		
Topic SiS-2011 1.0-1 Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans on societal challenges		CSA (Supporting) Indicative Budget: EUR 16.40 m
<b>ACTIVITY 5.1.1 Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S &amp; T) in society (Indicative budget: EUR 5.50 million)</b>		
Area 5.1.1.1 Relationships between science, democracy and law	Topic SiS.2011.1.1.1-1 Involvement of civil society organisations in research	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 5.1.1.1 Relationships between science, democracy and law	Topic SiS.2011.1.1.1-3 Regulating emerging scientific and technological developments	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 5.1.1.1 Relationships between science, democracy and law	Topic SiS.2011.1.1.1-4 Integrated assessment methods for measuring societal impacts of emerging scientific and technological developments	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 5.1.1.1 Relationships between science, democracy and law	Topic SiS.2011.1.1.1-5 A Forward Look at new ways of doing and organising research in our knowledge societies	CSA (Supporting)

<sup>1</sup> The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

<b>ACTIVITY 5.1.3 Strengthening and improving the European Science system (Indicative budget: EUR 5.00 million)</b>		
Area 5.1.3.1 Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications, taking also into account measures to improve access by the public.	Topic SIS.2011.1.3.1-1 Reinforcing European strategies on access, dissemination and preservation of scientific information in the digital age	CSA (Supporting)
Area 5.1.3.4 The reciprocal influence of science and culture	Topic SIS.2011.1.3.4-1 Clusters of cities of scientific culture for innovation	CSA (Supporting)
<b>ACTION LINE 2: Strengthening potential, broadening horizons</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY 5.2.1 Gender and Research (indicative budget: EUR 6.00 million)</b>		
Area 5.2.1.1. Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and scientific decision-making bodies	Topic SiS.2011.2.1.1-1 Implementing structural change in research organisations/universities	CSA (Supporting)
<b>ACTIVITY 5.2.2 Young people and science (indicative budget: EUR 8.00 million)</b>		
Area 5.2.2.1 Supporting formal and informal science education in schools as well as through science centres and museums and other relevant means	Topic SiS.2011.2.2.1-1. Supporting and coordinating actions on innovative methods in science education: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe	CSA (Supporting)
Area 5.2.2.3 Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education	Topic SiS.2011.2.2.3-1 Science and mathematics-related activities carried out in pre-school and in the first years of primary school: their link to the development of creative skills.	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>ACTION LINE 3: Science and Society Communicate (indicative budget 1.50 million)</b>		
Area 5.3.0.6 Research aimed at enhancing inter-communication concerning science, both in its methods and its products, to raise mutual understanding between the scientific world, and the wider audience of policy-makers, the media and the general public.	Topic SiS.2011.3.0.6-1 Science-Society interaction in the digital technologies era	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES (indicative budget 0.60 million)</b>		

5.4 Strategic Activities	Topic SiS.2011.4.0.0-2 Supporting specific tasks of the network of Science in Society National Contact Points	CSA (Supporting)
<b>TOTAL : EUR 43.00 million</b>		

### **Eligibility conditions**

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

A summary of the minimum participation requirements for the funding schemes used in this call is given in the following table. These participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of the proposal.

<b>Funding scheme</b>	<b>Minimum conditions</b>
Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	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.

### **The following additional eligibility criteria apply in this call:**

<b>Additional Eligibility Criteria</b>	
<b>For all Co-ordination and Support Actions (supporting action) in this call</b>	<b>At least 1 independent legal entity which is established in a Member State or Associated Country (see additional criterion, below)</b>
SiS.2011.1.0-1 Mobilisation and Mutual Learning actions - CSA (Supporting)	The proposal must clearly indicate which one of the three specific challenges is addressed.  The proposed project must have a minimum duration of 3 years.  The consortium must consist of at least 10 independent legal entities established in at least 10 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.
SiS.2011.1.1.1-1 Involvement of civil society organisations in research	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000
SiS.2011.1.1.1-3 Regulating Emerging Scientific and Technological Developments	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000
SiS.2011.1.1.1-4 Integrated assessment methods for measuring societal impacts of emerging scientific and technological developments	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000

SiS.2011.1.1.1-5 A Forward Look at new ways of doing and organising research in our knowledge societies	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000
SIS.2011.1.3.1-1 Reinforcing European strategies on access, dissemination and preservation of scientific information in the digital age	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 750 000
SIS.2011.1.3.4-1 Clusters of Cities of Scientific culture for innovation	The proposed projects must have a duration of at least 3 years.  The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 000
SIS.2011.2.1.1-1 Implementing structural change in research organisations / universities	The consortium must consist of at least 3 independent legal entities from 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries  The duration of the project must be between 3 and 5 years
SiS.2011.2.2.1-1. Supporting and coordinating actions on innovative methods in science education: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe	The consortium must consist of at least 10 independent legal entities established in at least 10 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.  Each proposal must have a minimum requested EU contribution of EUR 2 000 000  Each proposed project must have a minimum duration of 3 years.
SiS.2011.2.2.3-1 Science and mathematics-related activities carried out in pre-school and in the first years of primary school: their link to the development of creative skills.	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000
SiS.2011.2.2.3-2 European events to bring together young researchers with distinguished scientists as role models.	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 300 000
SiS.2011.3.0.6-1 Science-Society interaction in the digital technologies era	The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000
SiS.2011.4.0.0-2 Supporting specific tasks of the network of Science in Society National Contact Points	Only officially nominated Science in Society National Contact Point (NCP) organisations can apply and be part of the project consortium. The maximum requested EU contribution shall not exceed EUR 600 000

Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

### **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 of the work programme. For Collaborative Projects (Small or Medium Scale focused research projects) under topics:

- SiS.2011.1.1.1-1 Involvement of civil society organisations in research
- SiS.2011.1.1.1-2 Regulating Emerging Scientific and Technological Developments
- SiS.2011.1.1.1-3 Integrated assessment methods for measuring societal impacts of emerging scientific and technological developments
- SiS.2011.2.2.3-1 Science and mathematics-related activities carried out in pre-school and in the first years of primary school: their link to the development of creative skills
- SiS.2011.3.0.6-1 Science-Society interaction in the digital technologies era

the scientific and/or technological excellence evaluation criterion will include the following additional sub-criterion: "*appropriate comparative perspective in relation to the proposed research*".

- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS.

- The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

- The minimum font size is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.

- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below.

**- The number of proposals that can be financed per topic is limited as follows:**

SiS.2011.1.0-1 Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans on societal challenges	It is envisaged that 4 proposals will be financed. It is expected to fund at least one proposal per Specific Challenge, and no more than two proposals from a single Specific Challenge
SiS.2011.1.1.1-1 Involvement of civil society organisations in research	It is envisaged that 1 proposal will be financed
SiS.2011.1.1.1-2 Regulating Emerging Scientific and Technological Developments	It is envisaged that 1 proposal will be financed
SiS.2011.1.1.1-3 Integrated assessment methods for measuring societal impacts of emerging scientific and technological developments	It is envisaged that 1 proposal will be financed
SiS.2011.1.1.1-4 A forward look at new ways of doing and organising research in our knowledge societies	It is envisaged that 1 proposal will be financed
SIS.2011.1.3.1-1 Reinforcing European strategies on access, dissemination and preservation of scientific information in the digital age	It is envisaged that 2 proposals will be financed
SIS.2011.1.3.4-1 Clusters of Cities of Scientific culture	It is envisaged that 2 proposals will be

for innovation	financed
SiS.2011.2.1.1-1 Implementing structural change in research organisations/universities	It is envisaged that 2 proposals will be financed
SiS.2011.2.2.1-1. Supporting and coordinating actions on innovative methods in science education: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe	It is envisaged that 3 proposals will be financed
SiS.2011.2.2.3-1 Science and mathematics-related activities carried out in pre-school and in the first years of primary school: their link to the development of creative skills.	It is envisaged that 1 proposal will be financed
SiS.2011.2.2.3-2 European events to bring together young researchers with distinguished scientists as role models.	Only 1 proposal will be financed
SiS.2011.3.0.6-1 Science-Society interaction in the digital technologies era	It is envisaged that 1 proposal will be financed
SiS.2011.4.0.0-2 Supporting specific tasks of the network of Science in Society National Contact Points	Only 1 proposal will be financed

1. A separate ranking list, based on evaluation scores, will be established for each of the indicative budgets as indicated in the table above. Proposals will be selected within each ranking list according to their ranked order, and provided that the proposal has a score above threshold, until the available budget is committed.

2. **SiS.2011.1.0-1 Mobilisation** and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans on societal challenges: the first three places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the three Specific Challenges, provided that the proposal in question has scored above the threshold. It is envisaged that no more than two proposals will be financed from a single Specific Challenge

3. Activity 5.1.1, *Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S & T) in society*, contains four topics. A single ranking list will be produced for these four topics. The first four places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the topics within Activity 5.1.1, provided that the proposal in question has scored above the threshold.

4. Activity 5.1.3, *Strengthening and improving the European science system*, contains two topics. A single ranking list will be produced for these two topics. The first four places on this list shall be given to the two proposals with the highest scores from each of the two topics within Activity 5.1.3, (provided that the proposals in question have scored above the threshold). It is envisaged that two proposals will be financed under topic SiS.2011.1.3.1-1 and two proposals under topic SiS.2011.1.3.4-1.

5. Activity 5.2.2, *Young People and Science*, contains three topics. A single ranking list will be produced for these three topics. The first three places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the three topics within Activity 5.2.2, (provided that the proposal in question has scored above the threshold). It is envisaged that only one proposal will be financed under Topic SiS.2011.2.2.3-1 *Science and mathematics-related activities carried out in pre-school and in the first years of primary school: their link to the development of creative skills*, and only one proposal will be financed under Topic

SiS.2011.2.2.3-2 *European events to bring together young researchers with distinguished scientists as role models*. The fourth and fifth places on the single ranking list will be given to the two next highest-scoring proposals submitted under topic SiS.2011.2.2.1-1 *Supporting and coordinating actions on innovative methods in science education: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe*.

6. In cases of equal score, the procedure described in Annex 2 will be followed. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to the proposal from the topic with the higher number of proposals submitted and evaluated above threshold.

7. A reserve list will also be established for each Activity ranking list: proposals with evaluation scores above threshold and for which budget is not immediately available (those ranked below the selection list) will be put in this reserve list. Within each reserve list proposals will also be ranked in strict order of score (according to the procedure mentioned in point 4).

8. If money is left over after the selection of proposals for financing from each ranking list, further proposals will be selected across the different reserve lists on the basis of evaluation score obtained. In cases of equal score priority will be given to any proposal which obtained the highest score for that topic but which has not been financed because enough money did not remain under that topic. Following this, the procedure described in Annex 2 will be followed. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to the proposal from the topic with the higher number of proposals submitted and evaluated above threshold. The application of this process as regards the reserve list may mean that the number of financed proposals envisaged for a particular topic may be exceeded in certain cases.

### **Consortia agreements**

Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.

### **Indicative timetable**

Evaluations are expected to be completed in the month of June 2011. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in September 2011.

### **Forms of grants**

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme, with the following exception: SiS.2011.2.1.1-1 *Implementing structural change in research organisations/ universities*: the EU contribution will not exceed 70% of total eligible costs (calculated in relation to the finally-awarded EU contribution).

### **Use of flat rates for subsistence costs:**

In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available at the following

website:[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html) under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.

### **Dissemination**

Grant agreements of projects financed under this call for proposals will include the special clause 39 on the "Open Access Pilot in FP7". Under this clause, beneficiaries are required to make their best efforts to ensure free access to peer-reviewed articles resulting from projects via an institutional or subject-based repository.

### **Large Consortia**

Experience has shown that as the number of partners (beneficiaries indicated in part A of the proposal) in a proposal increases, often exceeding 20, the organisational aspects of the proposed work and strong management capabilities from the coordinating entity become critical factors in the likely success of the project. This aspect will be taken into account in particular under the second evaluation criteria "Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management"

### **Special clause on dissemination (topic SiS.2011.2.2.1-1)**

Grant agreements of projects financed under topic SiS-2011-2.2.1-1 (Supporting and coordinating actions on innovative methods in science education: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe): will include the special clause 40 in order to establish links between financed projects and SCIENTIX - The new web-based Community for Science Education in Europe.