

Call title: Science in Society 2013

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- Deadline¹: 16 January 2013 at 17.00, Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget: 51.7 million EUR² from the 2013 budget

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls 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.
- Topics called

Activity/ Area	Topics Called	Funding Schemes and additional eligibility criteria
ACTION LINE 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship		
ACTIVITY 5.1.1 Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S & T) in society (Indicative budget: EUR 10.5 million)		
<i>Area 5.1.1.1 Relationships between science, democracy and law</i>	<i>Topic SiS.2013.1.1.1-1: Production and use of a Training and Dissemination Toolkit on Responsible research and innovation</i>	<i>Coordination and Support actions (Supporting Actions)</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 7 million.</i>
	<i>One proposal is expected to be funded</i>	
	<i>Topic SiS.2013.1.1.1-2: Responsible Research and Innovation in industrial context</i>	<i>Co-ordination and Support actions (Supporting Action).</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1.5 million.</i>
	<i>One proposal is expected to be funded</i>	
	<i>Topic SiS.2013.1.1.1-3: Coordination of Responsible</i>	<i>Co-ordination and Support actions (Coordinating Action).</i>

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

	<p><i>Research and Innovation approaches in industrial contexts</i></p> <p><i>One proposal is expected to be funded</i></p>	<p><i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 million.</i></p>
	<p><i>Topic SiS.2013.1.1.1-6: Tools and instruments for a better societal engagement in "Horizon 2020"</i></p> <p><i>One proposal is expected to be funded</i></p>	<p><i>Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)</i></p> <p><i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 million.</i></p>
<p>ACTIVITY 5.1.2 Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues (Indicative budget: EUR 24 million)</p>		
<p><i>SiS.2013.1.2-1: Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML)</i></p> <p><i>Action Plans: mainstreaming Science in Society actions in research</i></p> <p><i>It is expected to fund six proposals. It is expected to fund at least one proposal from each Specific Challenge</i></p>	<p><i>Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Actions)</i></p> <p><i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 4 million per proposal.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal must clearly indicate which one of the six specific challenges is addressed.</i></p> <p><i>The consortium must consist of at least 10 independent legal entities established in at least 10 different EU Member States or Associated Countries.</i></p> <p><i>The consortium shall comprise at least one of each of the following types of partners: research performing or funding organisations, industry / businesses, policy makers, Civil Society Organisations.</i></p>	
<p>ACTIVITY 5.1.3 Strengthening and improving the European science system (Indicative budget EUR 3.5 million)</p>		
<p><i>Area 5.1.3.3 Encouraging the debate on information</i></p>	<p><i>Topic SiS.2013.1.3.3-1: Upstream support to the</i></p>	<p><i>Co-ordination and Support actions (Coordinating Action).</i></p>

<p>dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications, taking also into account measures to improve access by the public.</p>	<p>definition, development and implementation of open access strategies and policies and to their coordination in the European Research Area</p> <p>One proposal is expected to be funded</p>	<p>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million.</p>
	<p>SiS.2013.1.3.3-2: Downstream training on Open Access in the European Research Area</p> <p>One proposal is expected to be funded</p>	<p>Co-ordination and Support actions (Coordinating Action).</p> <p>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1.5 million.</p>
<p>ACTION LINE 2: Strengthening potential, broadening horizons</p>		
<p>ACTIVITY 5.2.1 Gender and research (indicative budget: EUR 9.2 million)</p>		
<p>Area 5.2.1.1. Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and in scientific decision-making bodies</p>	<p>Topic SiS.2013.2.1.1-1: Supporting changes in the organisation of research institutions to promote Gender Equality</p> <p>Up to 4 proposals are expected to be funded</p>	<p>Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Actions)</p> <p>The requested EU contribution will not exceed EUR 2.3 million per proposal</p> <p>The EU contribution will not exceed 70% of the total estimated budget for each proposal.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 5.2.2 Young people and science (indicative budget: EUR 4.5 million)</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>Topic SiS.2013.2.2.1-1 Raising youth awareness to Responsible Research and Innovation through Inquiry Based Science Education</p> <p>1 proposal is expected to be funded.</p>	<p>Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Action).</p> <p>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2.5 million.</p> <p>For the purposes of this topic, the minimum participation condition for the Co-ordination and support action (supporting) is at least 10 independent legal entities, established in at least 10 different European Union Member States or Associated Countries.</p>

<p><i>Area 5.2.2.3 Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education</i></p>	<p><i>Topic SiS.2013.2.2.3-1: Research on the role of teaching methods and assessment methods in addressing low achievement in the field of mathematics, science and technology (MST)</i></p> <p><i>1 proposal is expected to be funded</i></p>	<p><i>Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)</i></p> <p><i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million.</i></p>
<p>TOTAL: EUR 51.7million</p>		

- **Eligibility criteria**

- 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.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
– Collaborative 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.
– Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	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.
– Coordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity.

- 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.2013.1.1.1-6: Tools and instruments for a better societal engagement in "Horizon 2020";

- SiS.2013.2.2.3-1: Research on the role of teaching methods and assessment methods in addressing low achievement in the field of Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST);

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 electronic Submission Services of the Commission.

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 funded per topic is limited as indicated below.

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. In Activity 5.1.2, Topic SiS.2013.1.2-1 Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans - mainstreaming Science in Society actions in research: the first six places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the six Specific Challenges, provided that the proposal in question is scored above the threshold.

3. Activity 5.1.1- Better understanding of the place of Science and Technology (S & T) in society, contains four topics. A separate ranking list will be produced for each of these four topics.

4. Activity 5.1.3- Strengthening and improving the European science system contains two topics. A separate ranking list will be produced for each of these two topics.

5. Activity 5.2.2- Young people and Science contains two topics. A separate ranking list will be produced for each of these two topics.

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.

8. If funding is available 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

- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluations are expected to be completed in the month of April 2013. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in June 2013.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.
- **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". This applies especially to the following topics of the present Work Programme:
 - SiS.2013.1.2-1: Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans: mainstreaming Science in Society actions in research;
 - SiS.2012.2.2.1-1: Raising youth awareness to Responsible research and Innovation through Inquiry Based Science Education.
- **The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.

The actions proposed under the following topics of this Work Programme:

- SiS.2013.1.2-1: Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans: mainstreaming Science in Society actions in research;
- SiS.2013.2.1.1-1: Supporting changes in the organisation of research institutions to promote Gender Equality;
- SiS.2013.2.2.1-1: Raising youth awareness to Responsible Research and Innovation through Inquiry Based Science Education.

may bring together different stakeholder organisations as partners in a proposal with the objective of exploiting their networking capacities and facilities, such as European networks, groupings, partnerships, etc.

These stakeholder organisations may wish to involve some of their members directly in the planned activities in order to build on the existing cooperation structures and networks and in so doing these members will incur project related costs.

In order to facilitate the participation of such members who are seeking grant support only for their participation in certain project activities, the related expenses could be reimbursed in the form of a lump sum. Therefore, such reimbursements do not require the justification of real costs.

This reimbursement is limited in this work programme to a maximum of EUR 25 000 per member, per grant agreement. The maximum amount to be reimbursed in the form of a lump sum shall not exceed 15% per grant.

It shall cover all eligible expenses mentioned in the description of work related to European networking activities, such as travel and accommodation related to the attendance to certain project activities and/or exchange of good practices, and/or to activities foreseen in the project at national/local level (i.e. promotional activities, awareness campaign, dissemination activities, etc.).

The lump sum is reimbursed according to the upper funding limits described in Article II.16 of the grant agreement. The reimbursement rates apply also to lump sums.

Members of participating stakeholder organisations seeking to avail themselves of this option must be identified in part B of the submitted proposal. During the negotiation, such members will be specified in the grant agreement and its description of work, as well as in the tables of estimated budget breakdowns of the project.

Such members using this lump sum cannot receive any other form of grant support under the project. Funds will be paid proportionally on the basis of the approval of the periodic reports (including the final reports) and deliverables as foreseen in the grant agreement as well as on the basis of the performance of the specific members concerned.

- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates.. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available on the participant portal at: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7> documents under 'Guidance documents/Financial issues/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

The following special clause 40 will therefore be included in the grant agreement of each project selected for funding under topic SiS.2013.2.2.1-1 – Raising youth awareness to Responsible Research and Innovation through Inquiry Based Science Education and topic SiS.2013.2.2.3-1 - Research on the role of teaching methods and assessment methods in addressing low achievement in the field of Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST): "The Commission shall be authorised to publish any foreground disseminated by the consortium in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, in particular via a European level information provider on its behalf. To enhance the accessibility of this foreground for third parties, it may adapt such foreground in any manner, including by making translations thereof. Any third party shall be allowed to utilise this published foreground for free for non-commercial educational purposes. To ensure the above, the consortium, acting through the coordinator, shall upon dissemination of any foreground provide the Commission with an electronic copy thereof and shall ensure that any necessary authorisations have been obtained and that it has not accepted legal obligations which could conflict with this clause".