

FP7 Capacities Work Programme: Part 5 – Science in Society

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- Closure date: Wednesday 23 May, at 17.00, Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget: €21,798 million EUR from 2007 budget¹
- Topics called:

ACTIVITY/AREA	TOPICS CALLED	Funding Schemes	Indicative Budget(€m)
ACTIVITY 5.1.1 Better understanding of the place of science and technology in society			
Area 5.1.1.1. Research on relationships between science, democracy and law			
5.1.1.1.	SiS-2007-1.1.1.1 Interaction between science and politics	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)	1,5
Area 5.1.1.2 Research on ethics in science and technology			
5.1.1.2.	SiS-2007-1.1.2.1 Ethical frameworks of new technologies	Collaborative research Projects (small or medium-scale focused projects)	2,0
	SiS-2007-1.1.2.2 Research underpinning policy support related to ethics precaution, and sustainable development	Collaborative research Projects (small or medium-scale focused projects)	
Area 5.1.1.3 Research on the reciprocal influence of science and culture			
5.1.1.3.	SiS-2007-1.1.3.1 Science and Culture Research Community	CSA (Coordinating)	0,8
ACTIVITY 5.1.2 Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues			
Area 5.1.2.1. Developing governance on science-related questions			
5.1.2.1.	SiS-2007-1.2.1.1 CSO Capacity-building in Research	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)	4,0

¹ Under condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2007 is adopted without modification by the budget authority.

	SiS-2007-1.2.1.2 Cooperative research processes	Collaborative research Projects (small or medium-scale focused projects), CSA Coordinating and CSA Supporting	
Area 5.1.2.2. Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science			
5.1.2.2.	SiS-2007-1.2.2.1 European Ethics Documentation Centre	CSA (Coordinating)	2,5
	SiS-2007-1.2.2.2 Forum of National Ethics Councils	CSA (Coordinating)	
	SiS-2007-1.2.2.3 Ethics and Security Research	CSA (Coordinating)	
	SiS-2007-1.2.2.4 Capacity Building on ethics in developing countries	CSA (Coordinating)	
Area 5.1.2.3. Cross Thematic Activities			
5.1.2.3	SiS-2007-1.2.3.1-CT Sustainable consumption and production	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)	0,4
	SiS-2007-1.2.3.2-CT Nanoscience and Nanotechnology	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)	1,1
ACTIVITY 5.2.1 Gender and research			
Area 5.2.1.1 Strengthening the role of women in scientific research			
5.2.1.1	SiS-2007-2.1.1.1 Survey of positive action schemes in the area of Research Decision-making	CSA (Coordinating)	1,0
ACTIVITY 5.2.2 Young People and Science			
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			
5.2.2.1.	SiS-2007-2.2.1.1 Links between science education and research	CSA (Coordinating)	1,0
	SiS-2007-2.2.1.2 Teaching Methods	CSA (Coordinating)	1,0
Area 5.2.2.2 Reinforcing links between science education and science careers			
5.2.2.2.	SiS-2007-2.2.2.1 Images of science	CSA (Coordinating)	2,0
Area 5.3.0.3 Encouraging a European dimension at science events targeting the public			
5.3.0.3.	SiS-2007-3.0.3.1 Science museums, science centres and organisers of science events	CSA (Coordinating)	2,798
Area 5.3.0.6. Research aimed at enhancing science communication in its methods and its products			

5.3.0.6.	SiS-2007-3.0.6.1 Research in cultural differences in public understanding	Collaborative research Projects (small or medium-scale focused projects)	0,5
ACTIVITY 5.4.1 Trans-national cooperation among National Contact Points (NCPs) for Science in Society			
5.4.0.1	SiS-2007-4.0.1.1 National Contact Points transnational cooperation	CSA (Coordinating)	1,2
SUBTOTAL			21.798

Evaluation procedure:

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely
- The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month of July 2007. It is expected that the contract negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in September 2007.

Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation

The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation². A summary of the minimum participation requirements for the instruments used in this call is given in the following table. These participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of the proposal.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative project	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC.
Co-ordination and support action (co-ordinating)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC.
Co-ordination and support action (supporting)	At least 1 independent legal entity*

*For the purposes of this Call for Proposals, the minimum participation condition for a Co-ordination and support action (supporting) is 'at least one independent legal entity which is

² MS = Member States of the EU; AC = Associated country. Where the minimum conditions for an indirect action are satisfied by a number of legal entities, which together form one legal entity, the latter may be the sole participant, provided that it is established in a Member State or Associated country

established in a Member State or in an Associated Country". This is also an eligibility criterion.

The following participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of proposals under the specific topics indicated:

For **SiS 2007 1.2.2.4 Capacity building on ethics in developing countries**, the following rules apply for Co-ordination and support actions (co-ordinating):

- (a) at least four legal entities must participate;
- (b) at least **one** of the legal entities referred to in point (a) must be established in an international cooperation partner country, in particular the target regions of Africa (ACP) Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), or Asia (in particular India or China)
- (c) at least **three** of the legal entities referred to in point (a) must be established in Member States or Associated countries
- (d) all four legal entities referred to in point (a) must be independent of each other

For **SiS 2007 2.1.1.1 Survey of positive action schemes**, the following rules apply for Co-ordination and support actions (co-ordinating):

- (a) at least four legal entities must participate;
- (b) at least **one** of the legal entities referred to in point (a) **must be established in the United States, Canada or Australia**
- (c) at least **three** of the legal entities referred to in point (a) must be established in Member States or Associated country
- (d) all four legal entities referred to in point (a) must be independent of each other

Under this 2007 Science in Society Work Programme, "*Collaborative research projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)*" are those which request a maximum EC contribution of €800.000. This financial limit constitutes an eligibility criterion and proposals for "*Collaborative research projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)*" outside the limit will be excluded from the evaluation process. Please note, also, those topics where the indicative budget amount may be close to or less than €800.000.

The forms of grant which will be offered and the maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.