

FP7 Capacities Work Programme: Part 5 – Science in Society

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- Closure date: Tuesday 17 July 2007, at 17.00, Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget: €1,675 million EUR from 2007 budget
- Topics called:

ACTIVITY/AREA	TOPICS CALLED	Funding Schemes	Indicative Budget(€m)
– Area 5.3.0.5 Promotion of excellent trans-national research and science communication by the means of popular prizes			
5.3.0.5	SiS-2007-3.0.5.1 Descartes prizes for transnational collaborative research	CSA (Supporting)	1,480
	SiS-2007-3.0.5.2 Prizes for science communication	CSA (Supporting)	0,195
SUBTOTAL			1.675

Indicative amounts of Awards:

SiS-2007-3.0.5.1 Descartes prizes for transnational collaborative research:

Total indicative amount available: 1.480.000 EUR

Up to 1.360.000 EUR for the laureates

120.000 EUR for up to four finalists (30.000 EUR each).

SiS-2007-3.0.5.2 Prizes for science Communication:

Total indicative amount available: 195.000 EUR

180.000 EUR for up to three laureates (60.000 EUR each)

15.000 EUR for up to three finalists (5.000 EUR each)

Evaluation procedure:

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed
- 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 below.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable

To be determined on the basis of the publication date and closure date for this call for proposals.

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 Participation¹. 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, and may be elaborated in more detail at the time of the call.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Co-ordination and support action (supporting)	At least 1 independent legal entity

The following participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of proposals under this call:

- SiS-2007-3.0.5.1 Descartes prizes for transnational collaborative research: Proposals are to be submitted by a consortium of teams comprising a minimum of two mutually independent legal entities (organisations or individuals) of which one must be from a MS, and the other one from any other country (MS, AC, rest of the world).

- SiS-2007-3.0.5.2 Prizes for Science Communication: Proposals are to be submitted by a legal entity (organisations or individuals) from a MS or AC that is awarding science communication prizes on a national and/or international level ("prize organisers"). The candidates proposed (for whom there are no restrictions as to their nationality) must be winners of a science communication award of such a "prize organiser".

Specific Evaluation Criteria

SiS-2007-3.0.5.1 Descartes prize for transnational collaborative research

1. Excellence and quality of the proposal (threshold score 4 out of 5; weighting = 3)
 - quality and novelty of the results achieved;
 - contribution to addressing key scientific and technological issues.
2. European added value (threshold score 4 out of 5; weighting = 1)

¹ 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

- The extent to which the results of the research can only be achieved if carried out at European level and beyond;

Overall threshold score after application of the weightings: 17 out of 20.

SiS-2007-3.0.5.2 Prizes for Science Communication

1. Excellence and quality of the proposal (threshold score 4 out of 5):

- Adequacy, competence and innovativeness of the technical means invested in the communication,
- Accuracy, appropriateness and soundness of the scientific content

2. Relevance and impact (threshold score 3 out of 5):

- Effectiveness of the communication activity in raising the profile of science, engineering or technology, seen through the eyes of the intended public
- Capability of the science communication action to address the main concerns and/or expectations of the European society

3. European added value (threshold score 3 out of 5); weighting 2:

- Capability of the communication activity, or of the professional engaged in communication, to offer a model for its transposition into different cultural backgrounds
- Capability of the communication activity or of the professional engaged in communication, to open new lines of thoughts and trigger subsequent initiatives in a wider context.

Overall threshold score: 16 out of 20 (after the application of the weighting)