



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

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# SSH, theme 8, of the “Cooperation” Specific Programme (FP7)

## Approach

The SSH research agenda:

- Addresses a carefully selected set of socio-economic challenges
- Helps develop a socio-economic and humanities knowledge base → contributes to promoting shared understanding across Europe and to the resolution of wider international problems; supports development of quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Helps improve the formulation, implementation, assessment of policy and regulatory measures in many Community policy areas.
- Includes a substantial international perspective in order to properly tackle the global dimension of most of the challenges.

## SSH Research Activities

**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

**Plus a few horizontal supporting activities**

## Administrative 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 in the total budget compared to 2010 Work Programme

## Deadlines and timeline

- Calls 1, 2 and 3
  - ▶ **Common deadline: 2nd February 2011**
- Electronic Proposal submission 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 22nd 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 furthers 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)
- Eligibility conditions: At least 7 partners from a minimum of 7 countries (MS or AC). At least 7 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. **Note:** special eligibility conditions for SICA - see below.
- 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 (SICA);***
- ***Activity 8.4: The evolving concept of borders;***
- ***Activity 8.5: Corruption and resistance to corruption in the private and public sphere.***

## SSH.2011.4.1-1. Tackling poverty in a development context (SICA): eligibility conditions

- Eligibility conditions:
  - ▶ **At least 7 partners from a minimum of 7 countries. At least 7 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 5 other entities must come from International Cooperation Partner Countries and be established in Africa, South-East Asia, and/or Latin America and the Caribbean.**
- Please see Annex 1 of the 'Cooperation' work programme for the list of International Co-operation Partner Countries (ICPC).

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

Each large project is 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)

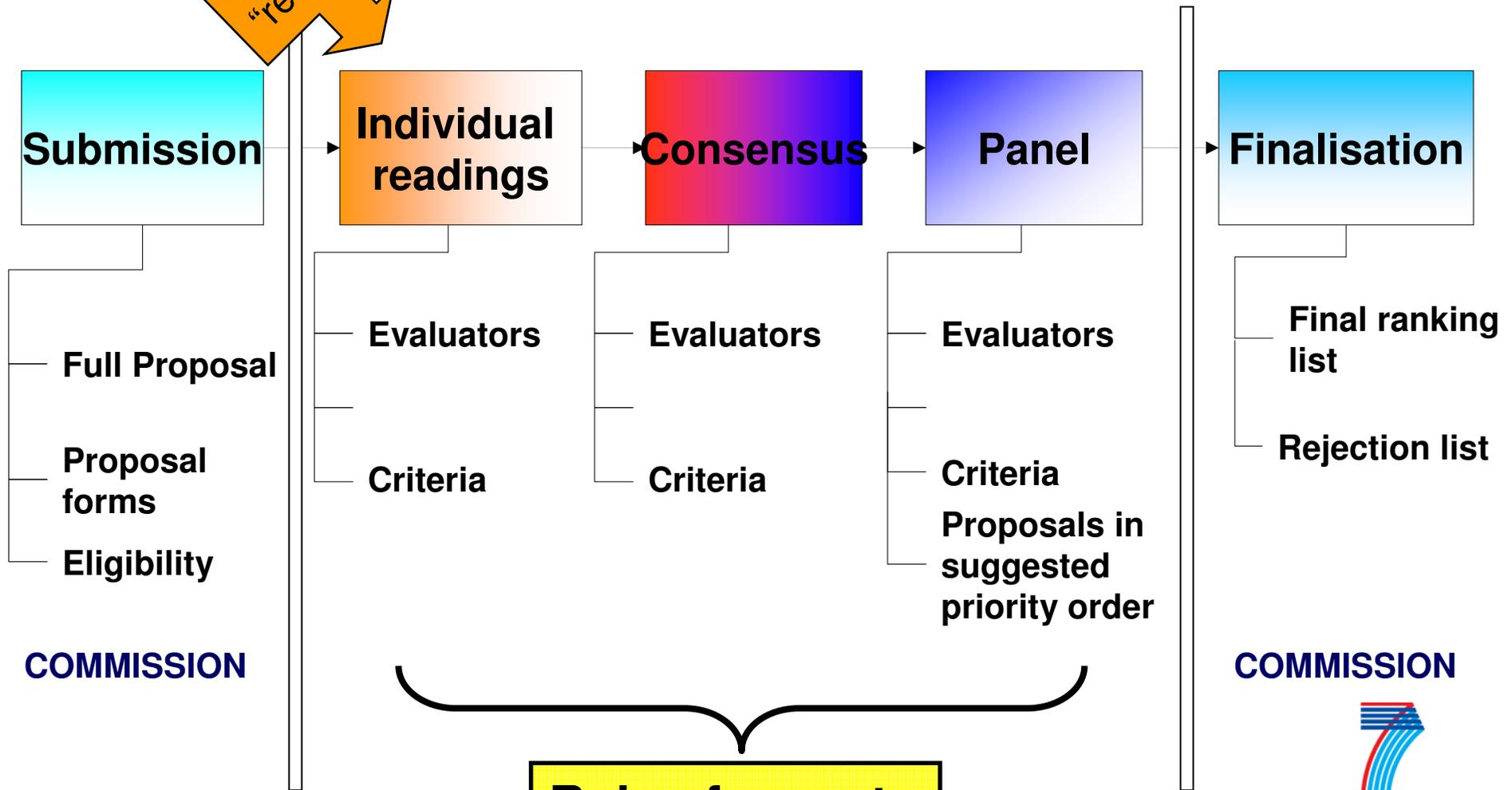
▶ **Total budget:** EUR 6.3 million

- 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 (BSG-CSO)**
- **Only the highest ranked proposal per topic will be selected, on the condition that proposals pass all the requisite evaluation thresholds.**
- Topics identified:
  - 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).



# Evaluation process

May be "remote"



# The Work Programme, topic by topic

## **Activity 8.1 Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case**

- **SSH.2011.1.1-1 Lifelong learning in Europe: appropriate skills for sustaining better jobs  
maximum 2.7 M€**
- **SSH.2011.1.2-1. Europe moving towards a new path of economic growth and social development  
minimum budget 6.5 M€**

## **Activity 8.1 Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case**

- **SSH.2011.1.2-2 Social platform on innovative social services**  
**maximum 1.5 M€ (support action)**
- **SSH.2011.1.3-1 New innovation processes including Social innovation**  
**maximum 2.7 M€**

## **Activity 8.2 Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective**

- **SSH.2011.2.1-1. Economic, social and political conditions for satisfying the world food needs a minimum budget of 6.5 M€**
- **SSH.2011.2.1-2. Combating poverty in Europe: a key question of human dignity and social cohesion maximum 2.7 M€**
- **SSH.2011.2.2-1. Addressing cohesion challenges in Central and Eastern Europe maximum 2.7 M€**

## **Activity 8.3 Major Trends in society and their implications**

- **SSH.2011.3.2-1. Criminal behaviour and policy responses in the European Union  
maximum 2.7 M€**
- **SSH.2011.3.2-2. Drug demand and supply reduction  
ERA-Net indicative budget 2 M€**
- **SSH.2011.3.3.1 Cultural encounters  
ERA-Net Plus indicative budget 6 M€**

## Activity 8.4 Europe in the world

- **SSH.2011.4.1-1. Tackling poverty in a development context**  
**minimum 6.5 M€**
- **SSH.2011.4.1-2. Connections between rural areas and cities in Sub-Saharan Africa**  
**maximum 2.7 M€**
  - ▶ **Additional eligibility criteria: targeted ICPC countries from sub-Saharan Africa.**

## Activity 8.4 Europe in the world (continued)

- **SSH.2011.4.2-1. The evolving concept of borders  
minimum 6.5 M€**
- **SSH.2011.4.3-1. Transatlantic relations in the  
context of global governance architecture and  
relationships with other powers  
maximum 2.7 M€**

## Activity 8.5 The citizen in the European Union

- **SSH.2011.5.1-1. Corruption and resistance to corruption in the private and public sphere  
minimum budget of 6.5 M€**
- **SSH.2011.5.1-2. Surveillance and the challenges for democracy and an open society (coordinated with FP7-SEC-2011.6.1-5)  
maximum 2.7 M€**

## Activity 8.5 The citizen in the European Union (continued)

- **SSH.2011.5.2-1 The anthropology of European integration**  
**maximum 2.7 M€**
- **SSH.2011.5.2-2. Rule of law and justice in a multilevel governance system**  
**maximum 2.7 M€**

## **Activity 8.6 Socio-economic and scientific indicators**

- **SSH.2011.6.2-1 Beyond GDP – Measuring economic performance and social progress  
indicative budget 1.5 M€ coordinating action**
- **SSH.2011.6.4-1 Impact assessment of EU policies  
maximum 2.7 M€**

## Activity 8.7 Foresight activities

- **SSH.2011.7.1-1 Forward visions on the European Research Area**  
**indicative budget 1.5 M€ supporting action**

## Networking, communication and SSH careers

- **SSH.2011.8.8-1. Networking of dissemination activities involving international transfer knowledge institutes**  
**indicative budget 0.3 M€ supporting action**
- **SSH.2011.8.8-2. ICT-based networking and exploiting of SSH projects and results**  
**indicative budget 0.5 M€ supporting action**
- **SSH.2011.8.8-3 Career paths and patterns of SSH graduates**  
**indicative budget 1 M€ supporting action**



# 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)

**Thank you  
for your attention and  
good luck with your proposals**



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