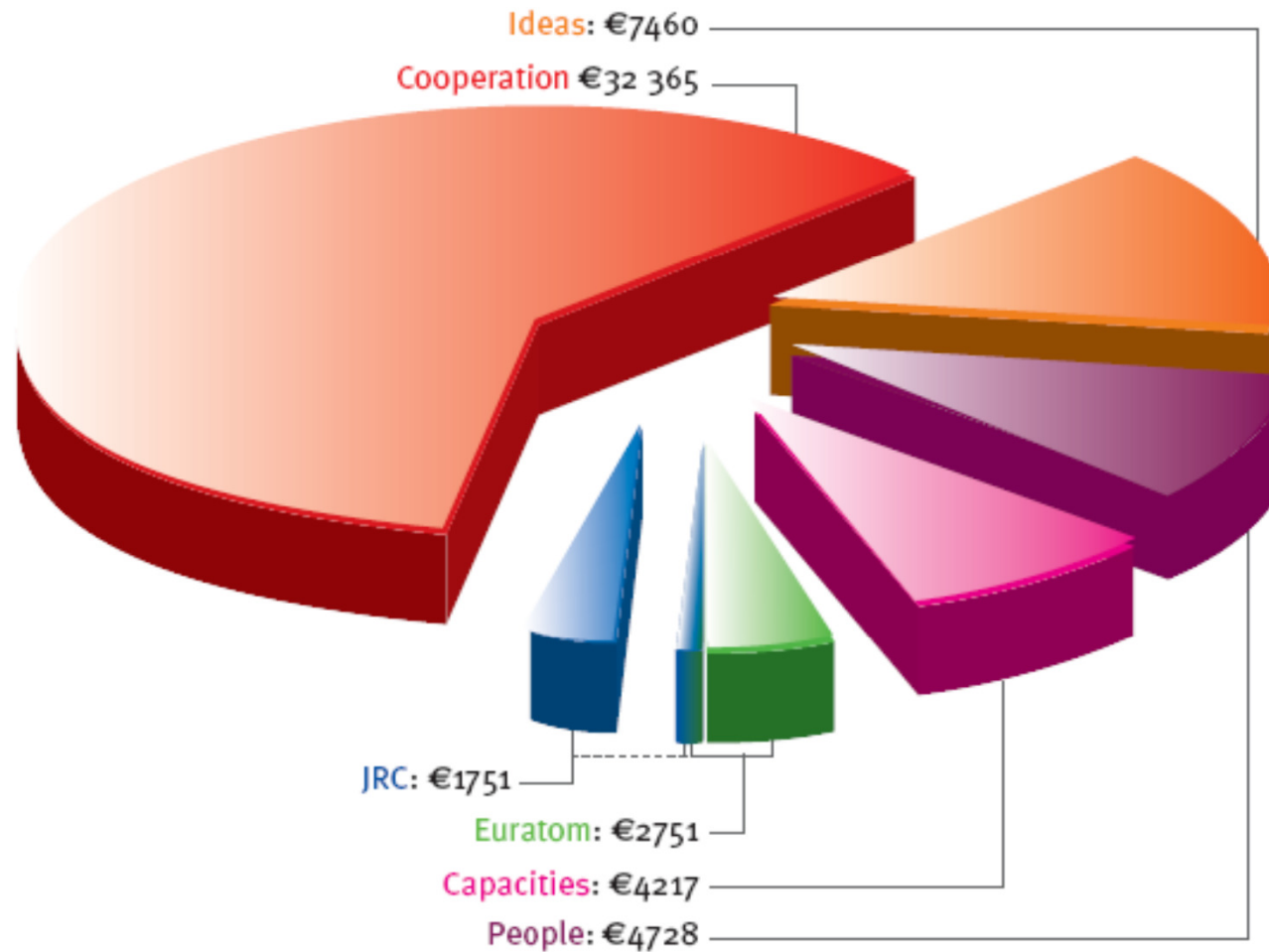




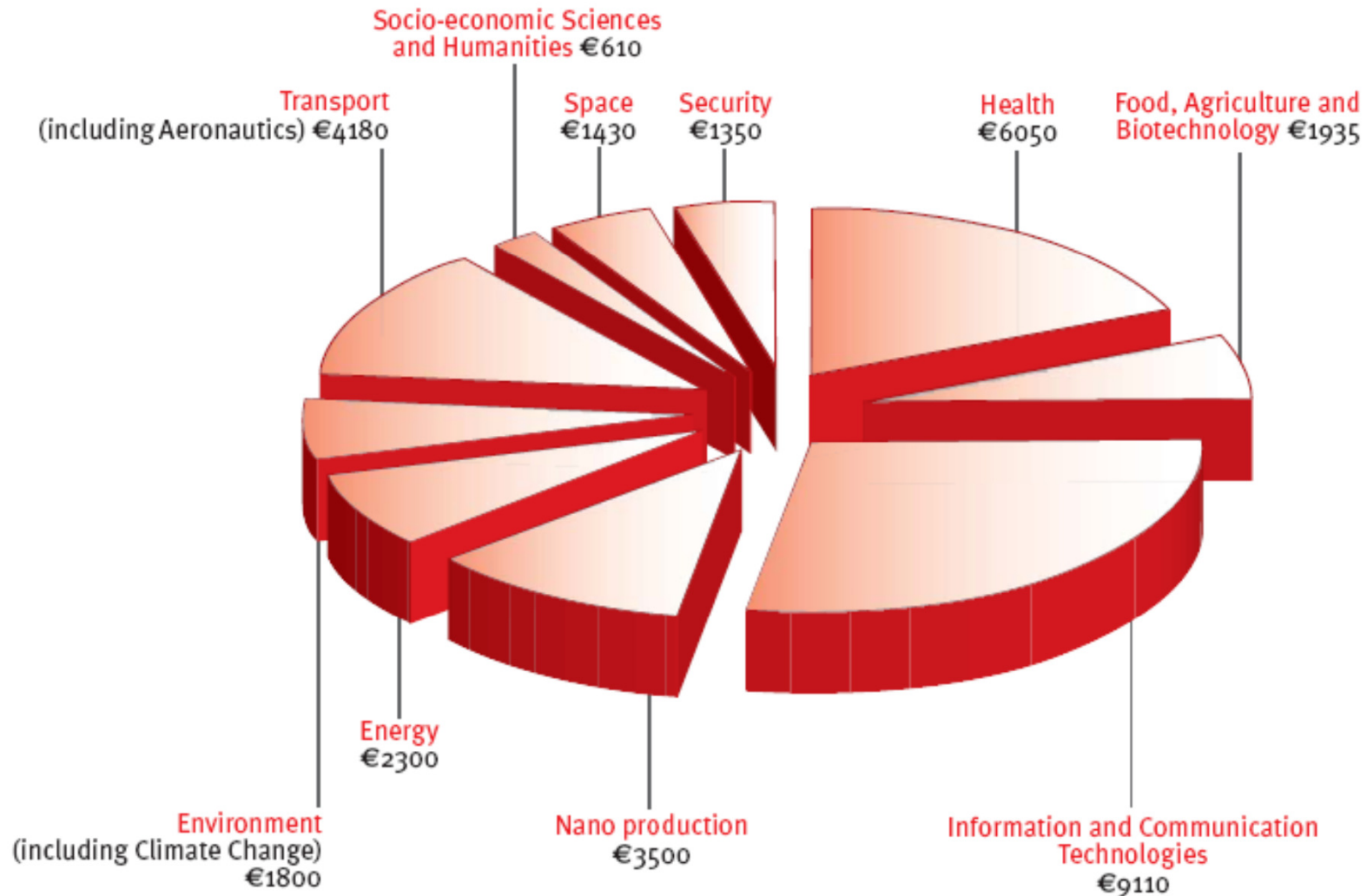
# **European Research in the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities**

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## The indicative breakdown (€ million) of FP7



## The Cooperation Programme breakdown (€ million)



## Facts and opportunities

The socio-economic sciences and humanities programme ...

- is with a total budget of € 610 Million (FP7) the biggest R&D programme in SSH worldwide;
- has supported more than 350 projects and 3500 research organisations between 2002 and 2011 (FP6 & FP7).

15% of the ERC budget is being spent for Social Sciences and Humanities research;

A number of Social Sciences and Humanities research infrastructures are being supported under FP7, such as the European Social Survey and the Survey on Healthy Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).

# Objectives

**Knowing:** Data, statistics, indicators

**Explaining:** Tools, definitions, methods

**Understanding:** Context, causes, mechanisms

**Forward looking:** Modelling, foresight, scenario

**Recommending:** From knowledge to policy

## **SSH - What we expect?**

- ...High scientific quality (excellence)**
- ...EU added value (dimension, coverage, comparison)**
- ...Different social sciences and humanities disciplines**
- ...Quantitative and qualitative methods**
- ...Exploitation of results (science, policy, social partners, CSO)**
- ...Support to EU policies**
- ...Stock-taking (past research)**
- ...Professional management**

# **SSH Activity Areas**

- 1. Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society**
- 2. Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective**
- 3. Major trends in society and their implications**
- 4. Europe in the world**
- 5. The citizen in the EU**
- 6. Socio-economic and scientific indicators**
- 7. Foresight**
- 8. Horizontal Activities**

# **Towards the SSH Work Programme 2013**





# Strategy for 2013

- Strong commitment to the implementation of policies in line with Europe 2020 or other initiatives (e.g. citizenship or external affairs) related to the EU policy agenda.
- Strong commitment to the implementation of the Innovation Union Flagship in areas where the programme has a clear added-value, e.g. social innovation, innovation policy, foresight.
- Building a bridge to HORIZON 2020.

# Priorities

**Underpinning innovation for smart growth**

**Inclusive growth**

**Support for developing the external policies of the European Union**

**Public sector reform**

## **How do we get to the topics?**

- EU political agenda
- Analysis of the FP 7 Specific Programme (legal boundaries)
- Analysis of topics covered already in 2007-2012
- Input from Expert Advisory Group and Programme Committee
- Input and requests from other Commission DGs
- Other (e.g. Cabinet requests, political considerations, urgent needs)

## **Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) - TENTATIVE**

New calls for proposals published on 10 July 2012:

**FP7-SSH-2013-1** (large-scale projects = 4-5 M€)

**FP7-SSH-2013-2** (small-medium projects < 2.5 M€)  
(CSA < 1.5 M€)

Deadline: 31 January 2013 at 17:00 (Brussels time)

Total budget for these calls: 106 M€

**FP7-ERANET-PLUS (6 M€)**

Deadline: 28 February 2013 at 17:00 (Brussels time)

**[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7\\_calls](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls)**

## **Topics for large-scale integrated research projects**

***...Overcoming youth unemployment in Europe (Activity 1)***

***...Obstacles and prospects for sustainable lifestyles and green economy in Europe (Activity 2)***

***...Social innovation – empowering people, changing societies? (Activity 3)***

***...The multilingual challenge for the European citizen (Activity 5)***

**EC contrib. min. 4/max. 5 mio. €; at least 5 partners from different MS or AC**

## **Activity 1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society-the European case**

### **Small-medium scale research projects:**

***...Economic underpinnings of social innovations***

***...Intangibles in the public sector – an unrecognised source and facilitator for innovation, well being and smart growth***

***...The impact of ageing societies on public finances in Europe***

***...Better integrating financial markets into, policy focused, macro models***



## **Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective – Paths towards sustainable development**

### **Small-medium scale research projects:**

***... Social entrepreneurship for innovative and inclusive societies***

***... The role of multinational companies in addressing global development challenges***

### **ERA-NET PLUS:**

***...The Future of the Welfare State***

## **Activity 3: Major trends in society and their implications**

### **Small-medium scale research projects:**

***...Addressing European governance of temporary migration and mobility to Europe***

***...Early childhood education and care: promoting quality for individual, social and economic benefits***

***...The impact of the third sector on socio-economic development in Europe***



## Activity 4: Europe in the world

### Small-medium scale research projects:

***...Security and democracy in the neighbourhood: the case of the Caucasus***

***...Facing transition in the South and East Mediterranean area: empowering the young generation***

***...Media in conflicts and peace building***

***...Untapped potential for growth and employment – reducing the costs of non-tariff measures in goods, services and investment***

### Support Actions:

***...EU- India Social Sciences and Humanities Platform***

***...Transatlantic Social Sciences and Humanities Platform***

## Activity 5: The Citizen in the European Union

### Small-medium scale research projects:

*...Citizens' resilience in times of crisis*

*...Addressing demand in anti-trafficking efforts and policies*

*...Transmitting and benefiting from cultural heritage in Europe*

## **Activity 6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators**

***...Towards a European longitudinal childhood and youth survey  
(Support Action)***

## **Activity 7: Foresight Activities**

***...Post carbon cities in Europe: A long term outlook (Support Action)***

## **Activity 8: Horizontal Actions**

***... Evaluation, monitoring and comparison of the outcomes and impacts of EU-funded SSH research in Europe (Support Action)***

***... Lithuanian Presidency conference on the input of SSH to European and global development***

## Last but not least ...some advice

- Read the Work Programme and the Guide for Applicants carefully!
- Look at previous successful EU projects
- Think and act as a “Coordinator” or as a “Partner”
- Take the necessary time for drafting the proposal and establish the appropriate consortium (what other -than researchers- type of participants could be useful to fulfill the requirements of the call text (stakeholders; practitioners; users; networks...))?
- Take sufficient time for ALL THREE evaluation criteria!
- Ask the opinion of your colleagues
- Be in touch with your NCP
- **Respect the deadline (31/1/2013 at 17:00 CET)**

# Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit

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