

**Call Title: FP7-SSH-2009 – Collaborative research projects and Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations**

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- Indicative budget:<sup>1</sup> EUR 55 million

All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. Following the evaluation of proposals the final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals 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.

The final budgets for evaluation, monitoring and review may vary by up to 20% of the indicated budgets for these actions. The final budget awarded for actions not implemented through calls for proposals may vary by up to 10% of the indicated budgets for these actions.

• **Topics called:**

<b>Activity / Area</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Funding Scheme</b>
<b>Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society - the European case (EUR 8.25 million)</b>		
Area 8.1.1. Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy	SSH-2009-1.1.1. Education in a European knowledge society	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.1.2. Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society	SSH-2009-1.2.1. Growth and service industries	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.1.3. Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe	SSH-2009-1.3.1. Public economic policy for growth	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>Activity 8.2 Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective – paths towards sustainable development (EUR 8.25 million)</b>		

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<sup>1</sup> Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

Area 8.2.1. Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH-2009-2.1.1. New socio-economic concepts, paradigm shift and territorial dynamics in a long term perspective	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-2.1.3. Impacts of corporate social responsibility	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.2.2. Regional, territorial and social cohesion	SSH-2009-2.2.1. Social inequalities, their implications and policy options	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>Activity 8.3. Major trends in society and their implications (EUR 11 million)</b>		
Area 8.3.2. Societal trends and lifestyles	SSH-2009-3.2.1. Changes in consumption and consumer markets	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-3.2.3. Quality of work and impact on quality of life and economy	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.3.3. Cultural interactions in an international perspective	SSH-2009-3.3.1. Tolerance and cultural diversity	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-3.3.2. Religion and secularism across Europe	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>Activity 8.4. Europe and the world (EUR 5.5 million)</b>		
Area 8.4.1. Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications	SSH-2009-4.1.1. Competition and collaboration in access to oil, gas and mineral resources	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.4.2. Conflicts, peace and human rights	SSH-2009-4.2.2. Perspectives from outside the EU on human rights, democracy and peace	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>Activity 8.5: The Citizen in the European Union (EUR 11 million)</b>		

Area 8.5.1. Participation and citizenship in Europe	SSH-2009-5.1.1. Independent media and democracy in Europe	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project); BSG-CSO
Area 8.5.2. Diversities and commonalities in Europe	SSH-2009-5.2.1. Vehicular languages in Europe in an era of globalisation: history, policy, practice	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-5.2.2. Interrelation between collective representations and uses of history and cultural evolution in an enlarged European Union	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-5.2.3. Culture in the creation of a European space of communication	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>Activity 8.6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators (EUR 5.5 million)</b>		
Area 8.6.2. Developing better indicators for policy	SSH-2009-6.2.1 Indicators for the European service sector	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
Area 8.6.3. Provision of underlying official statistics	SSH-2009-6.3.1. Data management for statistics	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
<b>Activity 8.7. Foresight activities (EUR 5.5 million)</b>		
Area 8.7.1. Wide socio-economic foresight on key challenges	SSH-2009-7.1.1. The world and Europe in 2025	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)
	SSH-2009-7.1.2. Foresight on the long term challenges for the Mediterranean area	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

- **Eligibility conditions:**

The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation.

<b>Funding scheme</b>	<b>Minimum conditions<sup>2</sup></b>
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.
Research for the benefit of specific groups (BSG-CSO)	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. At least 1 of the legal entities has to be a civil society organisation (CSO).

The general eligibility conditions for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme. The additional eligibility conditions for this call are:

- The **maximum** requested EU contribution under the ‘Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)’ funding scheme is EUR 2 700 000.
- The **maximum** requested EU contribution under the ‘Research for the benefit of specific groups’ funding scheme is EUR 1 000 000.

***NB: Proposals outside these financial limits will be considered ineligible.***

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- Proposals will be ranked at the level of each **Activity**
- The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria, together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 of the 'Cooperation' Specific Programme work programme. For this call the scientific and/or technological excellence evaluation criterion will include the following additional sub-criterion: **'appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed research'**.

Proposals will be selected within each Activity according to their ranked order and until the available budget is committed.

In cases of equal marks between proposals, priority will be given to proposals with the highest marks in the criterion of scientific quality. In cases of equal marks in the criterion of scientific quality, priority will be given to proposals with higher marks in the criterion of potential impact. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to proposals from under the topics with the higher number of proposals submitted.

In each Activity, proposals for which budget is not immediately available (those ranked below the selection list) will be put in a reserve list. Within each reserve list proposals will be also ranked in strict order of marks.

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<sup>2</sup> 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

In a first step, ranked proposals within each Activity will be allocated funds from those earmarked for each Activity.

In a second step, any additional funds that may become available<sup>3</sup> will be allocated to proposals across the different reserve lists respecting only the strict order of marks (with no hierarchical order between Activities). Between proposals of equal marks priority will be given to proposals with the highest marks in the criterion of scientific quality. In cases of equal marks in the criterion of scientific quality, priority will be given to proposals with higher marks in the criterion of potential impact. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to proposals from Activities with the higher number of proposals submitted.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: evaluation of proposal will take place in March 2009 and first contracts should be signed in September 2009.
- Consortia agreements: not required.
- The forms of grant which will be offered and the maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 to the 'Cooperation' work programme.

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