

SSH in EU FP7

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SSH in FP-s

FP	Projects	Budget
RP4 1994-1998	162 Average 0,710m€	13 mill€
RP5 1998-2002	185 Average 0,886m€	165 mill€
RP6 2002-2006	140 Average 1,78m€	245 mill€
RP7 2007-2013	Two Calls in 2007 - 94 projects Average 1,4m€	610 mill€ (+3 bill€)

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- European Union 7th Framework Programme: Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities Analysis of SSH Relevant Topics in Areas other than Theme 8 Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities. Work Programmes 2009.

<http://www.net4society.eu/public/documents>

First year

- **Budget: € 128.5 millions**
 - € 83.5 millions for the first deadline (10 May 2007).
 - € 45 millions for the second deadline (29 November 2007)

First deadline

- 531 proposals were submitted, 44 did not pass the eligibility check or were declared ineligible during the evaluation.
- 487 proposals were evaluated by the experts, 217 proposals did not pass the evaluation thresholds.

169 experts were appointed to evaluate the proposals:

- 23 from EU Member States (AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, NL, PL, SE, SI, SK, UK) and from
- 6 from Associated Countries (CH, HR, IS, IL, NO, TR).
- 4 experts came from the United States and
- 1 evaluator from each of the following countries: Canada, **Brazil**, **Paraguay**, Tunisia, India, Morocco.

Second deadline

- 425 proposals were submitted, 32 did not pass the eligibility check or were declared ineligible during the evaluation.
- 393 proposals were evaluated by the experts, 191 proposals did not pass the evaluation thresholds.

128 experts were appointed to evaluate the proposals:

- 111 from EU Member States (AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, NL, PL, SE, SI, SK, UK) and from
- 8 from Associated Countries (CH, HR, IS, IL, NO, TR).
- 4 experts came from the United States and
- 1 evaluator from each of the following countries: Canada, Serbia, Jordania, South Korea, India.

Lessons learnt from the first SSH Call (2007-2008)

Strengths

- ☺ Mobilisation of the scientific community (1000 applications and 7000 actors)
- ☺ Good understanding and good coverage of the SSH Programme
- ☺ Very good quality of the almost 100 selected projects, genuine progress beyond the state of the art and high relevance for supporting EU policies
- ☺ Effective pluridisciplinary approach
- ☺ Good participation of third countries

Weaknesses

- ☹ Frustration from the scientific community (e.g. for one topic, 100 proposals submitted for 3 projects selected)
- ☹ Heavy management: large number of topics, heavy evaluation work, difficulties in monitoring (450 projects running in 2012)
- ☹ Unclear links to previously funded research
- ☹ Insufficient participation of EU 12
- ☹ Difficulty to distinguish between the rationale and perspective of the WP even if each topic has its own rationale.

First year of SSH in Latin America: 7 projects and 11 participants

- **Connecting Socio-Economic Research on the Dynamics of the Knowledge Society in the European Union and Latin American and Caribbean Countries (EULAKS)**
 - Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento (AR)
 - FACULTAD LATINOAMERICANA DE CIENCIAS SOCIALES SEDE MEXICO (MX)
 - UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA (MX)
 - Universidad de la República (UY)
- **Slave Trade Slavery Abolitions and their Legacies in European Histories and Identities (EURESCL)**
 - Centre Français D'Etudes Mexicaines Et Centraméricaines Cemca (MX)
- **Historical Patterns of Development and Underdevelopment: Origins and Persistence of the Great Divergence (HI-POD)**
 - Programa De Historia Economica Y Social, Facultad De Ciencias Sociales, Universidad De La Republica (UY)

First year of SSH in Latin America (cont)

- **Models and their Effects on Development paths: an Ethnographic and comparative Approach to knowledge transmission and livelihood strategies (MEDEA)**
 - Instituto De Desarrollo Economico Y Socialdes-Cas (AR)
 - Universidade De Brasília Departamento De Antropologia – Leg (BR)
- **EUROPEAN UNION & THE WORLD SEEN FROM ABROAD (EUROBROADMAP)**
 - Universidade De São Paulo (BR)
- **Impact of Networks, Globalisation, and their Interaction with EU Strategies (INGINEUS)**
 - Centro De Desenvolvimento E Planejamento Regional (BR)
 - NB! From Estonia Institute of Baltic Studies
- **Trans-national co-operation among National Contact Points for Socio-economic sciences and the Humanities (Net4Society)**
 - Universidad Nacional Autonoma De Mexico (MX)

Reminder

- SSH programme does not serve “*disciplines*”. It addresses “*challenges*.”
- SSH is “*problem oriented and policy-relevant*” for EU and national policies.
- SSH supports collaborative research and transnational teams.
- SSH supports multi-disciplinary and comparative research.

2009 Work programme

- Contains 3 calls for proposals:
 - SSH-2009-A
 - SSH-2009-B
 - SSH-2009-C
- **Call publication:** 3rd September 2008
- **Call Closure:** 13th January 2009

Funding Schemes

- **Call A**
 - **Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)** - max requested EC contribution €2,7mill – **3MS and AC**;
 - **BSG-CSO scheme (Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations)** - max requested EC contribution € 1mill – **3MS and AC, at least one CSO**.
- **Call B**
 - **Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation** - max requested EC contribution €3 mill - **4 legal entities, 2 from MS or AC and 2 from ICPC**.
- **Call C**
 - **Coordination and support actions** – no financial limits defined as eligibility criteria - **CA: 3MS and AC; SA: 1 legal entity**.

CALL SSH-2009-A

- **Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case (8,25 milj€)** **ACTIVITY- Rationale**
 - **Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy** **AREA- objective, expected impact**
 - Education in a European knowledge society **TOPIC**
 - **Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society**
 - Growth and service industries
 - **Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe**
 - Public economic policy for growth

CALL SSH-2009-A

- **Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective – Paths towards sustainable development (8,25 milj€)**
 - **Socio-economic development trajectories**
 - **New socio-economic concepts, paradigm shift and territorial dynamics in a long term perspective**
 - **Impacts of corporate social responsibility**
 - **Regional, territorial and social cohesion**
 - **Social inequalities, their implications and policy options**

CALL SSH-2009-A

- **Major trends in society and their implications (11 mill€)**
 - **Societal trends and lifestyles**
 - Changes in consumption and consumer markets and consumer behaviour
 - Quality of work and impact on quality of life and economy
 - **Cultural interactions in an international perspective**
 - Tolerance and cultural diversity
 - Religion and secularism across Europe
- **Europe in the world (5,5 milj€)**
 - **Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications**
 - Competition and collaboration in access to oil, gas and mineral resources
 - **Conflicts, peace and human rights**
 - Perspectives from outside the EU on human rights, democracy and peace

CALL SSH-2009-A

- **The Citizen in the European Union (11 mill€)**
 - **Participation and citizenship in Europe**
 - Independent media and democracy in Europe
 - **Diversities and commonalities in Europe**
 - Vehicular languages in Europe in an era of globalisation: history, policy, practice
 - Interrelation between collective representations and uses of history and cultural evolution in an enlarged European Union
 - Culture in the creation of a European space of communication.

CALL SSH-2009-A

- **Socio-economic and scientific indicators (5,5 milj€)**
 - **Developing better indicators for policy**
 - Indicators for the European service sector
 - **Provision of underlying official statistics**
 - Data management for statistics
- **Foresight activities (5,5 milj€)**
 - **Wide socio-economic foresight on key challenges**
 - The World and Europe in 2025
 - Foresight on the long term challenges for the Mediterranean area.

CALL SSH-2009-B

- **Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective – Paths towards sustainable development**
 - **Socio-economic development trajectories**
 - **Cities and sustainable development (China, India, Mexico, Brazil, African countries)**
- **Europe in the world**
 - **Conflicts, peace and human rights**
 - **Climate induced changes in water resources in Southern Europe and neighbouring countries as a threat to security (Targeted to North Africa, Mediterranean Countries, Middle East)**

CALL SSH-2009-C

- **Major trends in society and their implications**
 - **Societal trends and lifestyles**
 - **Social platform on research for families and family policies (SA)**
- **Europe in the world**
 - **Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications**
 - **Geopolitics and the role of Europe in a changing world**
- **Foresight activities**
 - **Mutual learning and co-operation**
 - **Consolidating the information system for foresight.**



Budget SSH 2010-2013



Information

- **Work packages:**
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls>
- **EPSS** <https://www.epss-fp7.org/epss/welcome.jsp>
 - Help: support@epss-fp7.org
- **FP7 Enquiries**
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>
- **About SSH:** http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html
- **PLATON+:** <http://www.platonplus.net/>

Thank You!

Questions?