

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY 2012

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- Deadline¹: 22 February 2012 at 17.00, Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget: EUR 37.4 million² from the 2012 budget

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary:

- The final budget of the call 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.
- Topics called

Activity/ Area	Topics Called	Funding Schemes and additional eligibility criteria
ACTION LINE 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship		
ACTIVITY 5.1.1 Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S & T) in society (Indicative budget: EUR 3.5 million)		
<i>Area 5.1.1.1 Relationships between science, democracy and law</i>	<i>Topic SiS.2012.1.1.1-1: Governance frameworks for Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)</i> <i>Up to 2 proposals are expected to be funded</i>	<i>Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 3.5 million.</i>
ACTIVITY 5.1.2 Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues (Indicative budget: EUR 14.5 million)		
<i>SiS.2012.1.2-1: Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans: mainstreaming SiS actions in research</i> <i>It is expected to fund three proposals. It is expected to fund at least one proposal from each Specific Challenge</i>		<i>Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Actions)</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 4 million per proposal.</i> <i>The proposal must clearly indicate which one of the three specific challenges is addressed.</i>

¹ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2012 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

		<i>The proposed project must have a minimum duration of 3 years.</i> <i>The consortium must consist of at least 10 independent legal entities established in at least 10 different EU Member States or Associated</i>
Area 5.1.2.1 Broader engagement on science related questions	Topic SiS.2012.1.2.1-1: International Coordination in the field of Responsible Research and Innovation(RRI) <i>Up to 2 proposals are expected to be funded</i>	Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Actions) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2.5 million.</i>
ACTIVITY 5.1.3 Strengthening and improving the European science system (Indicative budget EUR 1.5 million)		
Area 5.1.3.3 Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications, taking also into account measures to improve access by the public.	Topic SiS.2012.1.3.3-1: Scientific data: open access, dissemination, preservation and use <i>Up to 2 proposals are expected to be funded</i>	Co-ordination and Support actions (coordinating action). <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1.5 million.</i>
ACTION LINE 2: Strengthening potential, broadening horizons		
ACTIVITY 5.2.1 Gender and research (indicative budget: EUR 5.9 million)		
Area 5.2.1.1. Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and in scientific decision-making bodies	Topic SiS.2012.2.1.1-1: Ensuring equal opportunities for women and men by encouraging a more gender-aware management in research and scientific decision-making bodies. <i>Up to 2 proposals are expected to be funded</i>	Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Actions) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 4.4 million.</i> <i>The duration of the project must be between 3 and 5 years.</i> <i>The minimum participating condition for the Coordination and Support Action is three independent legal entities from three different European Union Member States or Associated Countries.</i> <i>The proposals will be assessed against the background of the gender equality plan.</i>

		<i>Rate of co-financing: The EU contribution will not exceed 70% of total eligible costs.</i>
<i>Area 5.2.1.1. Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and in scientific decision-making bodies</i>	<i>Topic SiS.2012.2.1.1-2: Creating a transnational community of practitioners (Internet Portal)</i> <i>1 proposal is expected to be funded</i>	<i>Coordination and Support Action (Supporting Action)</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1.5 million.</i> <i>The minimum participating condition for this action is three independent legal entities from three different European Union Member States or Associated Countries.</i> <i>The duration of the project must be a minimum of 3 years</i>
ACTIVITY 5.2.2 Young people and science (indicative budget: EUR 12 million)		
<i>Area 5.2.2.1 Supporting formal and informal science education in schools as well as through science centres and museums and other relevant means.</i>	<i>Topic SiS.2012.2.2.1-1: Supporting actions on Innovation in the classroom: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe.</i> <i>Up to 3 proposals are expected to be funded.</i>	<i>Coordination and Support Actions (Supporting Action).</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 8 million.</i> <i>The minimum participation condition for the Co-ordination and support action (supporting) is at least 10 independent legal entities, established in at least 10 different European Union Member States or Associated Countries.</i> <i>Each proposal must have a minimum requested EU contribution of EUR 2 million</i> <i>The duration of the project must be a minimum of 3 years</i>
<i>Area 5.2.2.3 Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education</i>	<i>Topic SiS.2012.2.2.3-1: Research on the use and development of formative and summative assessment methodologies in mathematics, science and technology in primary and secondary education</i> <i>1 proposal is expected to be funded</i>	<i>Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)</i> <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 4 million.</i>

TOTAL : EUR 37.4 million

- **Eligibility criteria**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
– Collaborative Projects	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.
– Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	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.
– Coordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity.

- Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 of the work programme.

For Collaborative Projects (Small or Medium Scale focused research projects) under topics:

- SiS.2012.1.1.1-1 Governance framework for Responsible Innovation
 - SiS.2012.2.2.3-1 Research on formative and summative assessment methodologies in mathematics, science and technology in primary and secondary education;
- the scientific and/or technological excellence evaluation criterion will include the following additional sub-criterion: "*appropriate comparative perspective in relation to the proposed research*".

- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS.

The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

The minimum font size is 11. All margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below
- The number of proposals that can be funded per topic is limited as indicated above.

1. A separate ranking list, based on evaluation scores, will be established for each of the indicative budgets as indicated in the table above. Proposals will be selected within each ranking list according to their ranked order, and provided that the proposal has a score above threshold, until the available budget is committed.

2. Activity 5.1.2 *Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues* contains two topics. A separate ranking list will be produced for each of these two topics.

In Activity 5.1.2, topic SiS.2012.1.2-1 *Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans: mainstreaming SiS actions in research*: the first three places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the three Specific Challenges, provided that the proposal in question is scored above the threshold.

3. Activity 5.2.1 *Gender and research* contains two topics. A separate ranking list will be produced for each of these two topics.

4. Activity 5.2.2 *Young people and Science*, contains two topics, a single ranking list will be produced for the two topics. The two first places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the two topics within Activity 5.2.2 (provided that the proposal in question has scored above the threshold). It is envisaged that only one proposal will be financed under Topic SiS 2012.2.2.3-1 *Research on the use and development of formative and summative assessment methodologies in mathematics, science and technology in primary and secondary*. The third and the fourth places on the single ranking list will be given to the two next highest-scoring proposals under *topic SiS.2012. 2.2.1-1 Supporting actions on Innovation in the classroom: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe*.

5. In cases of equal score, the procedure described in Annex 2 will be followed. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to the proposal from the topic with the higher number of proposals submitted and evaluated above threshold.

6. A reserve list will also be established for each Activity ranking list: proposals with evaluation scores above threshold and for which budget is not immediately available (those ranked below the selection list) will be put in this reserve list. Within each reserve list proposals will also be ranked in strict order of score.

7. If funding is disponible after the selection of proposals for financing from each ranking list, further proposals will be selected across the different reserve lists on the basis of evaluation score obtained. In cases of equal score priority will be given to any proposal which obtained the highest score for that topic but which has not been financed because enough money did not remain under that topic. Following this, the procedure described in Annex 2 will be followed. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to the proposal from the topic with the higher number of proposals submitted and evaluated above threshold. The application of this process as regards the reserve list may

mean that the number of financed proposals envisaged for a particular topic may be exceeded in certain cases

- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluations are expected to be completed in the month of May 2012. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in June 2012.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.
- **Large consortia:** Experience has shown that as the number of partners (beneficiaries indicated in part A of the proposal) in a proposal increases, often exceeding 20, the organisational aspects of the proposed work and strong management capabilities from the coordinating entity become critical factors in the likely success of the project. This aspect will be taken into account in particular under the second evaluation criteria "Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management". This applies especially to the following topics of the present Work Programme:
 - SiS.2012.1.2-1: Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans: mainstreaming SiS actions in research;
 - SiS.2012.2.2.1-1: Supporting actions on Innovation in the classroom: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe.
- **The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.

The actions proposed under the following topics of this work programme:

- SiS.2012.1.2-1: Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans: mainstreaming SiS actions in research;
- SiS.2012.2.2.1-1: Supporting actions on Innovation in the classroom: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe;
- SiS.2012.2.2.1.1-1: Ensuring equal opportunities for women and men by encouraging a more gender-aware management in research and scientific decision-making bodies

may bring together different stakeholder organisations as partners in a proposal with the objective of exploiting their networking capacities and facilities, such as European networks, groupings, partnerships, etc.

These stakeholder organisations may wish to involve some of their members directly in the planned activities in order to build on the existing cooperation structures and networks and in so doing these members will incur project related costs.

In order to facilitate the participation of such members who are seeking grant support only for their participation in certain project activities, the related expenses could be reimbursed in the form of a lump sum. Therefore, such reimbursements do not require the justification of real costs.

This reimbursement is limited in this work programme to a maximum of EUR 25 000 per member, per grant agreement. The maximum amount to be reimbursed in the form of a lump sum shall not exceed 15% per grant.

It shall cover all eligible expenses mentioned in the description of work related to European networking activities, such as travel and accommodation related to the

attendance to certain project activities and/or exchange of good practices, and/or to activities foreseen in the project at national/local level (i.e promotional activities, awareness campaign, dissemination activities, etc.).

The lump sum is reimbursed according to the upper funding limits described in Article II.16 of the grant agreement. The reimbursement rates apply also to lump sums.

Members of participating stakeholder organisations seeking to avail themselves of this option must be identified in part B of the submitted proposal. During the negotiation, such members will be specified in the grant agreement and its description of work, as well as in the tables of estimated budget breakdowns of the project.

Such members using this lump sum cannot receive any other form of grant support under the project. Funds will be paid proportionally on the basis of the approval of the periodic reports (including the final reports) and deliverables as foreseen in the grant agreement as well as on the basis of the performance of the specific members concerned.

- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available at the following website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.
- **Dissemination:** Grant agreements of projects financed under this call for proposals will include the special clause 39 on the "Open Access Pilot in FP7". Under this clause, beneficiaries are required to make their best efforts to ensure free access to peer-reviewed articles resulting from projects via an institutional or subject-based repository.

In addition, the following special clause 40 will be included in the grant agreement of each project selected for funding under topic SiS.2012.2.2.1-1 (Supporting actions on Innovation in the classroom: teacher training on inquiry based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe) and topic SiS.2012.2.2.3-1 (Research on the use and development of formative and summative assessment methodologies in mathematics, science and technology in primary and secondary education): "The Commission shall be authorised to publish any *foreground disseminated* by the *consortium* in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, in particular via a European level information provider on its behalf. To enhance the accessibility of this *foreground* for third parties, it may adapt such *foreground* in any manner, including by making translations thereof. Any third party shall be allowed to utilise this published *foreground* for free for non-commercial *educational* purposes. To ensure the above, the *consortium*, acting through the *coordinator*, shall upon *dissemination* of any *foreground* provide the *Commission* with an electronic copy thereof and shall ensure that any necessary authorisations have been obtained and that it has not accepted legal obligations which could conflict with this clause".

