

Call title: FP7-SSH-2010 – Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)

- Call identifier: FP7-SSH-2010-2
- Date of publication 30 July 2009:
- Deadline¹: 2 February 2010 at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget:² EUR 18.9 million

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:**

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Activity / Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case (Budget EUR 5.4 million)		
Area 8.1.1 Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy	SSH.2010.1.1-1. Demand-driven Research and Innovation policies for growth, welfare and wellbeing	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Area 8.1.3 Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe	SSH.2010.1.3-1 The public sector of the future	
Activity 8.2 Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development (Budget EUR 8.1 million)		
Area 8.2.1 Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH.2010.2.1-2 Local welfare systems favouring social cohesion	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) or Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations (BSG-CSO)

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

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

	SSH.2010.2.1-3 Analysis of the impacts of global changes	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Area 8.2.2. Regional, territorial and social cohesion	SSH.2010.2.2-1 EU regions and their interactions with the neighbourhood regions	
Activity 8.5: The Citizen in the European Union (Budget EUR 5.4 million)		
Area 8.5.2. Diversities and commonalities in Europe	SSH.2010.5.2-1 European Identities: Inner and outer perceptions of Europe and the EU	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
	SSH.2010.5.2-2. Reinterpreting Europe's cultural heritage: towards the 21st century library and museum?	

- **Eligibility conditions:**

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 Project	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.
Research for the benefit of specific groups	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 following additional eligibility criteria apply in this call

The maximum requested EU contribution under the 'Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) and the BSG-CSO scheme (Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations) is EUR 2 700 000.

NB: Proposals outside this financial limit will be considered as ineligible.

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.

- 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 allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed;
- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely;
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below.
- 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 subject of research (though not necessarily simply by reason of a geographically diverse consortium)'.

Proposals will be ranked within each Activity according to the procedure described in Annex 2.

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

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.

In a second step, any additional funds that may become available 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 that address topics that are not otherwise covered by more highly-rated proposals. In cases where all topics concerned are already covered, priority will be given to the 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 identical marks across all criteria priority will be given to proposals from the activity that received most proposals.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: evaluation of proposals will take place in May 2010 and first grant agreements should be signed in November 2010.
- Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement
- The forms of grant which will be offered and the maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 of the 'Cooperation' work programme.

- **Use of flat rates for 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'.