

Call title: FP7-SSH-2011 – Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)

- Call identifier: **FP7-SSH-2011-2**
- Date of publication: 20 July 2010
- Deadline¹: 2 February 2011 at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget:² EUR 29.7 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:**

Activity / Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case (Budget per Activity EUR 5.4 million)		
Area 8.1.1 Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy	SSH.2011.1.1-1. Lifelong learning in Europe: appropriate skills for sustaining better jobs	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Area 8.1.3. Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe	SSH.2011.1.3-1 New Innovation Processes including Social Innovation	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Activity 8.2 Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development (Budget per Activity EUR 5.4 million)		
Area 8.2.1 Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH.2011.2.1-2. Combating poverty in Europe: a key question of human dignity and social cohesion	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) or Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations
Area 8.2.2 Regional, territorial and social	SSH.2011.2.2-1. Addressing cohesion challenges in	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2011 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

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cohesion	Central and Eastern Europe	research projects)
Activity 8.3: Major trends in society and their implications per activity (Budget per Activity EUR 2.7 million)		
Area 8.3.2. Societal trends and lifestyles	SSH.2011.3.2-1. Criminal behaviour and policy responses in the European Union	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Activity 8.4. Europe and the world (Budget per Activity EUR 5.4 million)		
Area 8.4.1. Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications	SSH.2011.4.1-2. Connections between rural areas and cities in sub-Saharan Africa	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation
Area 8.4.3 Europe's changing role in the world	SSH.2011.4.3-1. Transatlantic relations in the context of global governance architecture and relationships with other powers	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Activity 8.5: The Citizen in the European Union (Budget per Activity EUR 8.1 million)		
Area 8.5.1. Participation and citizenship in Europe	SSH.2011.5.1-2. Surveillance and the challenges for democracy and an open society (topic coordinated with the Security Programme) ³	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Area 8.5.2. Diversities and commonalities in Europe	SSH.2011.5.2-1. The Anthropology of European Integration	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Area 8.5.2. Diversities and commonalities in Europe	SSH.2011.5.2-2. Rule of Law and Justice in a Multilevel Governance System	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
Activity 8.6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators (Budget per Activity EUR 2.7 million)		
Area 8.6.4 Use of indicators and related approaches for the evaluation of research policies and programmes	SSH.2011.6.4-1. Impact assessment of EU policies	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)

³ The implementation of this topic is coordinated with the Theme Security. When applying for this topic, please also consult topic FP7-SSH-SEC-2011.6.1-Surveillance and the challenges for the security of the citizen of the 2011 Security Work Programme.

• **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 (small or medium-scale focused research 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.
Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation (topic <i>SSH.2011.4.1-2. Connections between rural areas and cities in sub-Saharan Africa</i>)	At least 5 independent legal entities, 2 of which are established in a MS or AC, and none of which are established in the same MS or AC. From the remaining participants at least 3 other entities must come from International Cooperation Partner Countries ⁴ and be established in three different sub-Saharan countries.
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 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 funding schemes 'Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)', 'Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation' and 'the BSG-CSO scheme (Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups - Civil Society Organisations)' is EUR 2 700 000.

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 to the work programme;

⁴ Please see Annex 1 of the 'Cooperation' work programme for the list of International Co-operation Partner Countries (ICPC).

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- 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);
- At least one proposal per topic will be selected provided it passes all evaluation thresholds;
- 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 to 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)⁵.

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 evaluation threshold) 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.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** evaluation of proposals will take place in May 2011 and first grant agreements are **expected** to be signed in November 2011.
- Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement

⁵ For topic 'SSH.2011.4.1-2. Connections between rural areas and cities in sub-Saharan Africa' this sub-criterion will refer to an 'appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible **international** coverage in relation to the subject of research (though not necessarily simply by reason of a geographically diverse consortium).

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- **The forms of grant** which will be offered and the maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 to the 'Cooperation' work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 to 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'.