

CALL TITLE: FP7-SSH-2012 — COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS (LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED RESEARCH PROJECTS)

- Call identifier: **FP7-SSH-2012-1**
- Date of publication 20 July 2011:
- Deadline¹: 2 February 2012 at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget:² EUR 39 000 000; *Indicative budget breakdown of this call per Activity is shown in the table below*

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.

Challenges called:

Activity/Area	Challenge	Funding scheme
Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society — the European case (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)		
Area 8.1.1. Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy	SSH.2012.1.1-1. Education systems in the 21st century	Collaborative project (large scale integrating project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 5 500 000</i>
Activity 8.2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)		
Area 8.2.2. Regional, territorial and social cohesion	SSH.2012.2.2-1. Governance of cohesion and diversity in urban contexts	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 5 500 000</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 modifications by the budget authority.

Activity 8.3: Major trends in society and their implications (total budget per Activity EUR 13 million)		
Area 8.3.1. Demographic changes	SSH.2012.3.1-1. Making longevity an asset for economic and social development	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 5 500 000</i>
Area 8.3.2. Social trends and lifestyles	SSH.2012.3.2-1. Families in transitions	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 5 500 000</i>
Activity 8.4: Europe in the world (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)		
Area 8.4.2. Conflicts, peace and human rights	SSH.2012.4.2-1. Human rights in the EU external relations and internal policies	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 5 500 000</i>
Activity 8.5: The Citizen in the European Union (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)		
Area 8.5.1. Participation and citizenship in Europe	SSH.2012.5.1-1. Exercising EU citizenship: removing barriers	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 5 500 000</i>

- **Eligibility conditions:**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to 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.
- 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.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Project (large scale integrating project)	At least 7 partners from a minimum of 7 countries. At least 7 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC ³ , and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC.

³ MS = Member State, AC = Associated Country (for list of countries associated to the Framework Programme please see http://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third_country_agreements_en.pdf).

The following additional eligibility criterion applies in this call:

- The minimum requested EU contribution under the funding schemes 'Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)' is EUR 5 500 000

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in Annex 2 to 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 expert evaluators 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, with the consensus session being held in Brussels;
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to the work programme;
- 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)';
- Only the top-ranked proposal per challenge will be selected, on condition that proposals pass all the requisite evaluation thresholds;
- A reserve list of projects will be drawn up, to be used should the negotiation for entering into a grant agreement fail.

Any parts of the budget of this call that will remain unspent will be transferred to the call FP7-SSH-2012-2.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** evaluation of proposals will take place in May 2012 and first grant agreements are expected to be signed in November 2012.
- 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 to the 'Cooperation' work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 to this work programme, this call offers 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 for projects financed under this call for proposals will include the special clause 39 on ‘Open Access 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.⁴

⁴ Please see ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs//fp7-ga-clauses-v6_en.pdf