

CALL TITLE: FP7-SSH-2012 — COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS (SMALL OR MEDIUM-SCALE FOCUSED RESEARCH PROJECTS) AS WELL AS COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTIONS

- Call identifier: **FP7-SSH-2012-2**
- Date of publication 20 July 2011:
- Deadline¹: 2 February 2012 at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget:² EUR 48 000 000; *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.

• **Topics called:**

Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society — the European case (total budget per Activity EUR 13 million)		
Area 8.1.1. Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy	SSH.2012.1.1-2. Unveiling creativity for innovation in Europe	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.1.1-3. Smart specialisation for regional innovation	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
Area 8.1.2. Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society	SSH.2012.1.2-1. Coordinating research agendas on economic policy, prioritisation and coordination in Europe	Coordination and Support action (coordinating action) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000</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.

	SSH.2012.1.2-2. Mobilising institutional reforms in research and innovation systems for better scientific, innovation and economic performances in Europe	Coordination and Support action (coordinating action) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000</i>
Area 8.1.3. Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe	SSH.2012.1.3-1. The future of macro-economic and monetary integration in Europe	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.1.3-2. Innovative policies for employment and labour markets	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
Activity 8.2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development (total budget per Activity EUR 10 million)		
Area 8.2.1. Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH.2012.2.1-1. Social innovation against inequalities	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.2.1-2. Social innovation for vulnerable populations	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation Additional eligibility criteria: at least 2 ICPC³ partners from Brazil <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000</i>
Area 8.2.2. Regional, territorial and social cohesion	SSH.2012.2.2-2. European energy security, including its economic dimension	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>

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	SSH.2012.2.2-3. New types of offence in a globalised world: the case of environmental crime	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.2.2-4. Climate change uncertainties: policymaking for the Pacific front	Coordination and Support action (supporting action) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1500 000</i>
Activity 8.3: Major trends in society and their implications (total budget per Activity EUR 5 million)		
Area 8.3.2. Societal trends and lifestyles	SSH.2012.3.2-2. Understanding disabilities in evolving societies	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.3.2-3 Social innovation in the public sector	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
Activity 8.4: Europe in the world (total budget per Activity EUR 7.5 million)		
Area 8.4.1. Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications	SSH.2012.4.1-1. Towards an Atlantic Area?	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation Additional eligibility criteria: at least 4 ICPC⁴ partners from Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.4.1-2. National and regional integration in South East Asia	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated

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		to international cooperation Additional eligibility criteria: at least 4 ICPC⁵ partners from South East Asia. <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
Area 8.4.3. Europe's changing role in the world	SSH.2012.4.3-1. Social changes and political transformations in the Arab world	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation Additional eligibility criteria: at least 4 ICPC⁶ partners from South Mediterranean and the Middle East <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
Activity 8.5: The Citizen in the European Union (total budget per Activity EUR 5 million)		
Area 8.5.1. Participation and citizenship in Europe	SSH.2012.5.1-2. Dealing with diversity and cohesion: the case of the Roma in the European Union	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
Area 8.5.2. Diversities and commonalities in Europe	SSH.2012.5.2-1. Enlargement and the integration capacity of the EU: past experience and future prospects	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2500 000</i>
Activity 8.6: Socio-economic and scientific indicators (total budget per Activity EUR 1.5 million)		
Area 8.6.2. Developing better indicators for policy	SSH.2012.6.2-1. Mapping data opportunities for economic and social research and policy	Coordination and Support action (supporting action) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000</i>
Activity 8.7 Foresight activities (total budget per Activity EUR 2.5 million)		

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Area 8.7.1. Wide socio-economic foresight on key challenges	SSH.2012.7.1-1. Forward-looking tools and methods for answering major societal challenges	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
Activity 8.8.: Horizontal actions (total budget per Activity EUR 3.5 million)		
	SSH.2012.8.8-1. The future of Social Sciences and Humanities in the context of the European Research Area	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 500 000</i>
	SSH.2012.8.8-2. Mobilising the network of National Contact Points in Social Sciences and the Humanities	Coordination and Support action (supporting action) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000</i>

- **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.
- 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 (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	At least 4 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. The other 2 must be established in different international cooperation partner countries (ICPC). Additional eligibility conditions: 1) SSH.2012.2.1-2. Social innovation for vulnerable populations: <u>at least 2 ICPC partners from Brazil.</u> 2) SSH.2012.4.1-1. Towards an Atlantic Area?: <u>at least 4 ICPC⁷ partners from Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa.</u>

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	3) SSH.2012.4.1-2. National and regional integration in South East Asia: <u>at least 4 ICPC⁸ partners from South East Asia.</u> 4) SSH.2012.4.3-1. Social changes and political transformations in the Arab world: <u>at least 4 ICPC⁹ partners from South Mediterranean and the Middle East.</u>
Coordination and support action (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC
Coordination and support action (supporting action)	At least one independent legal entity.

The following additional eligibility criterion applies in this call:

- The maximum requested EU contribution under the funding schemes is indicated for each topic in the table above

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 the 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);
- 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, with the consensus session being held in Brussels;
- 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)’.

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Proposals will be ranked within each Activity according to the procedure described in Annex 2, taking into account the fact that at least one proposal per topic will be selected provided it passes all evaluation thresholds.

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 above the evaluation threshold) will be put in a reserve list. Within each reserve list, proposals will also be 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 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 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 of using 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 repository¹⁰.

¹⁰ Please see ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/fp7-ga-clauses-v6_en.pdf