

Call title: FP7-SSH-2013 — Collaborative projects (large scale integrated research projects)

Call identifier: FP7-SSH-2013-1

- Date of publication: 10 July 2012
- Deadline¹: 31 January 2013 at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget:² EUR 30 000 000

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.

Topic called:

Activity/Area	Topic	Funding scheme and additional eligibility criteria
ACTIVITY 8.1: GROWTH, EMPLOYMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS IN A KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY		
Area 8.1.2 Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society	SSH.2013.1.2-1 Overcoming youth unemployment in Europe	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 4 000 000 and shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000</i>

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

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

ACTIVITY 8.2: COMBINING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES IN A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE		
Area 8.2.1 Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH.2013.2.1-1 Obstacles and prospects for sustainable lifestyles and green economy in Europe	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 4 000 000 and shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000</i>
ACTIVITY 8.3: MAJOR TRENDS IN SOCIETY AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS		
Area 8.3.2 Social trends and lifestyles	SSH.2013.3.2-1 Social Innovation – empowering people, changing societies?	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 4 000 000 and shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000</i>
ACTIVITY 8.5: THE CITIZEN IN THE EUROPEAN UNION		
Area 8.5.2 Diversities and commonalities in Europe	SSH.2013.5.2-1 The multilingual challenge for the European citizen	Collaborative project (large scale integrated project) <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not be less than EUR 4 000 000 and shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000</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 5 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.

- The minimum requested EU contribution under the funding scheme 'Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)' is EUR 4 000 000
- The maximum requested EU contribution under the funding scheme 'Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)' is EUR 5 000 000

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- At least the top-ranked proposal per Activity will be selected for funding provided it passes all required evaluation thresholds;
- A maximum of two proposals per Activity will be selected for funding;
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to the work programme;
- 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 electronic Submission Services of the Commission;
- 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;

³ MS = Member State, AC = Associated Country (for list of countries associated to the Framework Programme please see http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents)

- Experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely, with the consensus session being held in Brussels;
- 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 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 (international, where applicable) coverage in relation to the subject of research (though not necessarily simply by reason of a geographically diverse consortium)’;

Proposals will be ranked at the call level according to the procedure described in Annex 2 in strict order of marks, taking into account the fact that at least one proposal per topic will be selected provided it passes all evaluation thresholds.

First, the top-ranked proposals within each Activity will be selected for funding. Subsequently, the remaining top proposals ranked at the call level will be selected within the available funds for this call. The remaining proposals passing all the thresholds will form a reserve list in strict order of marks.

Any parts of the budget of this call that will remain unspent will be transferred to the call FP7-SSH-2013-2.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** evaluation of proposals will take place in May 2013 and first grant agreements are expected to be signed in November 2013.
- 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 work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 to the 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 on the Participant Portal at: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents under ‘Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/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:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/ShowDoc/Extensions+Repository/General+Documentation/Legal+documents+for+implementation/Model+grant+agreement/General/fp7-ga-clauses_en.pdf

