

FP7 Capacities Work Programme: Part 5 – Science in Society

Call Fiche

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- Indicative budget¹: EUR 25.08 million from 2008 budget²
- Topics called:

ACTIVITY / AREA	TOPICS CALLED	Funding Schemes	Indicative budget for Commission contribution (€ million)	
ACTION LINE 1				
ACTIVITY 5.1.1 Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S & T) in society				6.20
Area 5.1.1.2 Research on ethics in science and technology				
5.1.1.2	SiS-2008-1.1.2.1 Ethics and new and emerging fields of science and technology	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale Scale)		Topic quota: at least 3 proposals
Area 5.1.1.5 Public understanding of science and promotion of public debate				
5.1.1.5	SiS-2008-1.1.5.1 Exchanges and cooperation of local actors on scientific culture	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 4 proposals
ACTIVITY 5.1.2 Developing governance to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues				4.65
Area 5.1.2.1. Broader engagement on science-related questions				
5.1.2.1	SiS-2008-1.2.1.3 Governance in the production of health and medical knowledge	Collaborative research Projects (small or medium-scale focused projects), Research for the benefit of specific groups (BSG-CSO), CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 3 proposals, of which at least 1 using BSG-CSO
Area 5.1.2.2. Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science				
5.1.2.2.	SiS-2008-1.2.2.1 Promotion of pan-European and international awareness of the ethical aspects of security technologies.	CSA Supporting, CSA (Coordinating)		Topic quota: at least 3 proposals

¹ The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call. All budgetary figures given in this call are also indicative. The repartition of the sub-budgets awarded within this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority

ACTIVITY 5.1.3 Strengthening and improving the European science system				4.80
Area 5.1.3.1 Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications, taking also into account measures to improve access by the public				
5.1.3.1.	SiS-2008-1.3.1.1 Coordination and support actions on the scientific publishing system in connection with research excellence and dissemination and sharing of knowledge	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 3 proposals
Area 5.1.3.2. Promoting trust and self-regulation in the scientific community				
5.1.3.2.	SiS-2008-1.3.2.1 Supporting trans-national exchange of experience between Research Integrity Structures	CSA (Coordinating)		Topic quota: expected to be 1 proposal
Area 5.1.3.3 Improving the use, and monitoring the impact, of scientific advice and expertise for policy-making in Europe (including risk management), and developing practical tools and schemes (e.g. electronic networks)				
5.1.3.3.	SiS-2008-1.3.3.1 Transnational networking between advisory structures	CSA (Coordinating)		Topic quota: at least 2 proposals
Second Action Line – Strengthening potential, broadening horizons				
ACTIVITY 5.2.1 Gender and research				3.50
Area 5.2.1.1 Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and scientific decision-making bodies				
5.2.1.1	SiS-2008-2.1.1.1 Gender management in research organisations	CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 2 proposals
Area 5.2.1.2 Gender dimension of research				
5.2.1.2	SiS-2008-2.1.2.1 Influence of the perception of science on study choice	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium scale)		Topic quota: at least 2 proposals
Area 5.2.1.3 Mainstreaming gender in Community research policy and programmes				
5.2.1.1	SiS-2008-2.1.3.1 Gender and leadership in medicine	CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 1 proposal
ACTIVITY 5.2.2 Young People and Science³				1.00
Area 5.2.2.2 Reinforcing links between science education and science careers				
5.2.2.2.	SiS-2008-2.2.2.1 Identification of trends in scientific studies	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium scale)		Topic quota: at least 1 proposal

³ Any money remaining unspent from the topic SiS-2008-2.2.3.1 (for example where no appropriate structure is likely to arise from the restricted call for tender) will be re-attributed automatically to Activity 5.2.2.

Third Action Line: Science and society communicate				
Activity/Area 5.3.0.2 Training actions to bridge the gap between the media and the scientific community targeting the public				1.00
5.3.0.2.	SiS-2008-3.0.2.1 Support for training activities of high-level EC-funded scientists	CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 2 proposals
5.3.0.2	SiS-2008-3.0.2.2 Support training activities of journalists and authors in the EU Member States and the associated countries in EC-funded research laboratories	CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 2 proposals
Activity/Area 5.3.0.3 Encouraging a European dimension at science events targeting the public				3.12
5.3.0.3.	SiS-2008-3.0.3.1 Encouraging cooperation and networking between scientific events organisers on public engagement with science.	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)		Topic quota: at least 4 proposals
Fourth Action Line: Strategic Activities				0.80⁴
5.4.0.2	SiS-2008-4.0.2.3: Social Impact Assessment of Research	Collaborative Projects* (Small or medium scale)		Topic quota: expected to be 1 proposal
TOTAL			25.08	

Please note that Consortium agreements are only necessary for collaborative projects and research for CSO projects

All applicants are advised to read the Guides for Applicants in tandem with this call fiche.

Evaluation procedure:

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely
 - The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

Selection of proposals

1. A separate ranking list will be established for each of the eight indicative budgets per activity as indicated in the table above. At least one proposal per topic will be selected provided that at least one proposal submitted under that topic scores above the threshold.
2. The 'topic quotas' in the table above indicate the minimum number of proposals that

⁴ Please note the indicative amount available for topic 4.0.2.3, which is less than the maximum EC contribution for collaborative projects of EUR 1 000 000

will be retained for each topic under each ranking list (provided that this number of proposals obtains an evaluation score above the threshold and that sufficient budget for the activity is available). In the case, for example, where the topic quota is two proposals and four score above the threshold, then the first two are selected, and the other two 'extra' remain on the ranking list for the budget by activity, along with the other 'extra' proposals (i.e. those proposals still above threshold after the minimum topic quota has been fulfilled). Once the topic quotas are filled, these 'extra' proposals will be considered if money remains in the budget for the ranking list. The reserve list for each ranking list per budget will be drawn up according to the same criteria.

3. If money is left over after the selection of proposals for financing from the ranking lists per activity, proposals will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: priority is given first of all to proposals under topics where the 'at least' quota has not been fulfilled. Next, priority is given to proposals on the basis of score. Where there is more than one proposal with the same score, priority is given to the proposal which comes from the topic which has received the higher number of proposals evaluated above the threshold.

Any money remaining unspent from the topic SiS-2008-2.2.3.1 (for example where no appropriate structure is likely to arise from the restricted call for tender) will be re-attributed automatically to Activity 5.2.2.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the month of May 2008. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in July 2008.

Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation

The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation⁵. A summary of the minimum participation requirements for the instruments used in this call is given in the following table. These participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of the proposal.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative project	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.
Co-ordination and support action (co-ordinating)	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.
Co-ordination and support action (supporting)	At least 1 independent legal entity (see additional criterion, below)
Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups – Civil Society Organisations (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. The minimum 3 legal entities must include at least 1 civil society organisation (see definition in the Work Programme) and at least 1 research organisation.

Please note: for the purposes of this Call for Proposals, the minimum participation condition for a Co-ordination and support action (supporting) is 'at least one independent legal entity

⁵ MS = Member States of the EU; AC = Associated country. Where the minimum conditions for an indirect action are satisfied by a number of legal entities, which together form one legal entity, the latter may be the sole participant, provided that it is established in a Member State or Associated country

which is established in a Member State or in an Associated Country". This is also an eligibility criterion.

The following participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of proposals under the specific topics indicated:

- For topic *SiS-2008-1.2.2.1, Promotion of pan-European and international awareness of the ethical aspects of Security technologies*, the following rules apply for Co-ordination and support actions (co-ordinating): the proposal must include a transnational European (EU or Associated States) dimension and an international dimension (particularly but not limited to Asia and North America).

Under this 2008 Science in Society Work Programme, *"Collaborative research projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)"* are **those which request a maximum EC contribution of €1.000.000. This financial limit constitutes an eligibility criterion and proposals for "Collaborative research projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)" outside the limit will be excluded from the evaluation process.** Please note the indicative amount available for topic 4.0.2.3 (Social Impact Assessment of Research) of EUR 800 000, which is less than the maximum EC contribution for collaborative projects of EUR 1 000 000.

The forms of grant which will be offered and the maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme.