

LINKS

Challenge Social Innovation - event website and registration:
www.socialinnovation2011.eu

NET4SOCIETY - FP7 SSH NCP network:
www.net4society.eu

SSH information and EU funding:
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/>
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/>

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Challenge Social Innovation

Innovating Innovation by Research – 100 Years after Schumpeter

19 - 21 September 2011 in Vienna

ICICI 2011 International Conference on Indicators and Concepts of Innovation & NET4SOCIETY Networking and Brokerage Event for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in FP7

**Venue: TECH GATE VIENNA,
Donau-City-Straße 1, Vienna, Austria**

- What does Social Innovation mean?
- How can research sustain Social Innovation?
- How can the Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities contribute?



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WHY SOCIAL INNOVATION?

Fostering innovation will be the cornerstone of future European research funding policies. The targets set out in the EU2020 strategy demand a broader concept of innovation, including the social dimension in technology and business innovation and implementing a coherent notion of social innovation in all sectors of society.

While the concept of social innovation is not new, it has only recently been recognized as a key component of innovation in the European policy discussion. Highlighting the significance of social innovation as well as defining future research topics of social innovation are the core objectives of this conference. The output will be presented in the form of the *Vienna Declaration* on the most important social innovation research topics. This declaration will feed into the preparation of the EU's Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation.

“ [...]Social Innovation can be defined as new responses to pressing social demands, which affect the process of social interactions. It is aimed at improving human well-being.

Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), 2010. Empowering people, driving change: Social innovation in the European Union. Brussels: European Commission

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The three-day event aims to:

- Advance scientific conceptualisation of social innovation and research on innovation for development that is socially, environmentally and economically sustainable
- Establish social innovation as an integral part of innovation, and promote an integrated concept of innovation that includes economic, cultural and social dimensions
- Promote FP7 SSH programme implementation
- Provide matchmaking opportunities for the FP7 SSH 2012 call for proposals.

A series of focused sessions will take place over three days, moving from scientific and policy discussion to FP7 networking and engagement. On 21 September, NET4SOCIETY will provide a designated matchmaking session focusing on social innovation topics in the 2012 FP7 Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities call for proposals, supported by the European Commission.

The conference will provide a unique opportunity to participate in cutting-edge debate on social innovation and to build consortia for the next Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities call in FP7.

Challenge Social Innovation is jointly organised by NET4SOCIETY, the Network of FP7 National Contact Points for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities funded by the European Commission, the Dortmund University of Technology, and the Centre for Social Innovation in Vienna.

“The financial and economic crisis makes creativity and innovation in general and social innovation in particular even more important to foster sustainable growth, secure jobs and boost competitiveness.”

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

For further information, please consult the event website
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