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Editorial

Dear National Information Points, information multipliers and researchers from Third Countries, this is the 7th edition of the Newsletter for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are now behind us and soon the SSH-2011 calls deadlines will be closed too. Now is the time to analyse your pattern of participation – your strong points as well as weak ones.

During the past three years, NET4SOCIETY supported you in many different ways. The project ends on 31st January 2011, hence this is our last edition. As of February 2011, similar newsletter will be published under the follow-up project NET4SOCIETY2.

We are happy we had the chance to serve you. We hope you gained some insights to the FP7 SSH and we wish some of you were able to take an active part in a project, using our tips and advices.

We are at your disposal,

The Third Countries Task Force

The Net4Society team is at your disposal.

We will assist you through all the stages of proposal preparation

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Call for Proposals

- The **FP7-SSH-2011-1** was published on 20 July 2010 and will be closed on **2 February 2011**. This call is for Collaborative projects (*large scale integrating research projects*).
- The **FP7-SSH-2011-2** was published on 20 July 2010 and will be closed on **2 February 2011**. This call is for Collaborative projects (*small or medium scale focused research projects*).
- The **FP7-SSH-2011-3** on 20 July 2010 and will be closed on **2 February 2011**. This call is for Coordination and support actions.

For more details visit: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>



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Reports

- The European Commission published a Synopsis "[European Research - Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities – List of projects 2007-2010 - 7th Research Framework Programme](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/synopsis_en.pdf)" (ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/synopsis_en.pdf) that gathers information on all 135 of the European research projects funded by the Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities theme in the FP7 from 2007 to 2010. The document will continue to grow, as more new projects are expected to be approved at the end of each annual call cycle along the implementation of the Program until the end of 2013.

The most recently updated information about European Union research on socio-economic sciences and humanities can be found in the following sites:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home_en.html

The published synopsis is a very valuable source of information. From this document, you will be able to learn more about the kinds of projects that have already been funded, the research topics that are addressed, and the teams that are involved in the preparation and execution of successful proposals. It is also possible to do searches for institutions or countries that are involved in successful projects. Many successful projects involve team members from third countries.

- The report "[Evaluation of the impact of the Framework Programme on the formation of the ERA in Social Sciences & the Humanities](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/evaluation-fp-ssh_en.pdf)" (ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/evaluation-fp-ssh_en.pdf) presents the results of a study aiming to evaluate the contribution of the Social Sciences & Humanities on the European Research Area in SSH. It covers research carried out in the 3rd call of the Socio-economic Research Key Action of FP5, as well as the "[Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-Based Society](http://cordis.europa.eu/citizens/)" part of FP6 (<http://cordis.europa.eu/citizens/>)

Useful information

- **Europe 2020** is the EU's growth strategy for the coming decade. The Union has set five ambitious objectives - on employment, innovation, education, social inclusion and climate/energy - to be reached by 2020. Each Member State will adopt its own national targets in each of these areas. Concrete actions at EU and national levels will underpin the strategy.
http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm
- "[Communicating research for evidence-based policymaking - A practical guide](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/guide-communicating-research_en.pdf)" is intended as a practical guide to support the collaborative endeavour of strengthening the interface between researchers and policymakers specifically in the field of socio-economic sciences & humanities ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/guide-communicating-research_en.pdf
- **Policy Briefs:** Getting policy insights at a glance, discovering results and comparisons in Europe: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/policy-briefs_en.html