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Editorial

Dear National Information Points, information multipliers and researchers from Third Countries, this is the 3rd edition of the Newsletter for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities.

The European summer is the FP7 calls season. Now is the time to get started! SSH-relevant research topics are hidden in other thematic areas, mainly Security and Research Infrastructure. Information on all potentially relevant calls is published on the NET4SOCIETY website: www.net4society.eu

This newsletter is designed to give as much information and special Tips & tricks which could give a hand in taking part in FP7. Please feel free to propose to us any issues you would like us to cover in future editions of this newsletter.

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Waiting for your inputs,

The Third Countries Task Force

Collaboration between NET4SOCIETY and PLATON+ project

NET4SOCIETY and PLATON+ projects joined forces at the "Research Connection 2009" conference that was held on 7-8 May 2009 in Prague.

PLATON+ and **NET4SOCIETY** both have the objective of bringing Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities to the forefront of EU-funded research

while also stressing the importance of social sciences and humanities as a crucial part in producing knowledge in other research disciplines and in policy making. Visitors of the conference "Research Connection" were invited to jump into the world of social sciences, economics and

humanities at the "Crossing Borders" booth.

PLATON+ and NET4SOCIETY joined forces in order to raise awareness about research potential and research findings in the fields of social sciences and humanities among researchers from other fields, policy makers as well as the business community and NGOs.

At "Research Connection 2009" in Prague, visitors were invited to talk about their interfaces with socio-economic research and to use the presence of both projects for exchanging ideas and perspectives on fruitful interdisciplinary cooperation and use of socio-economic knowledge.

At the booth, visitors were provided with information (policy briefs and working papers about different social key issues) from ongoing and recently finished EU-projects.

Calls

- The next call of SSH is expected to be published in the end of July 2009.

- Next Research Infrastructures call (FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2010-1) will contain several topics in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities. This call is expected to be published on 30 July 2009 with a deadline on 3 December 2009. The topics are:
  - □ European Social Survey (ESS).
  - □ Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).
  - □ European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) and remote access to Official Statistics.
  - □ Archives for Historical research.
  - □ Towards a European Research Infrastructure for Modelling & Methodologies.
  - □ Research Infrastructures for the study of globalization and European integration.

- Next Security call (**FP7-SEC-2010-1**) will contain topics relating Citizens and Security. This call will be published later on this year. the topics are:
  - □ Signs of 'early warning' to detect trends and weak signals in social polarisation, radicalisation development and segregation
  - □ Develop models and tools to detect and evaluate risks of terrorism and crime.
  - □ Reduction of the risk for cognitive biases in intelligence analysis
  - □ Developing a reference framework for the European security culture: the perception of threats and the trust in public authorities and the police and the perception of security as a service.
  - □ Foresight-ing the contribution of security research to meet the future EU roles
  - □ Research on rigorous methodologies for assessment of security investments and trade-off between security and other societal objectives (e.g. privacy and social cohesion).
  - □ Cost-benefit analysis of the present and future security measures in Europe
  - □ Review existing codes of conduct, best practises, etc. as to the ethical use of security technologies and the corresponding legal requirements.
  - □ Use of smart surveillance systems, data protection, integrity and sharing information within privacy rules

Reports

- "European Research Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities – List of Projects 2007-2009" describes European Research projects funded by the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities theme of FP7 in 2007, 2008 and 2009. These projects concern the Lisbon strategy, sustainable development and regional cohesion, major societal trends, Europe in the world, the citizen in the EU, indicators, foresight and infrastructure. For more info:

  http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/synopses-fp7-ssh-projects-2007-2009_en.pdf

- **"European Research on Youth - Supporting young people to participate fully in society"** examines the results of youth-related socio-economic research projects funded under Research Framework Programmes. This review of projects focused on youth and how to best ensure their transition into working life, on strategies for social inclusion of young people and on their full participation as citizens in society. On the basis of this evidence, concrete recommendations are made to policy-makers as well as to those working with young people. For more info:

  ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/ssh_european_research_on_youth_en.pdf

- **"Moving Europe – EU research on migration and policy needs"** report presents a brief description of the projects focusing in the area of migration and integration funded in the last five years, their main findings and relevance for European policy making. For more info:

  ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/ssh_research_migration_20090403_en.pdf

- **"Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities and Science in Society in 2008"** has been published. The 'Highlights of the Year' publication represents a selection of activities conducted within the programmes SSH (Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities) and SIS (Science in Society) in 2008. for more info:

  http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/document_library/pdf_06/dirl-highlightsoftheyear2008_en.pdf

Upcoming Events

- "EuroNanoForum 2009: Nanotechnology for Sustainable Economy" is a conference held by the Czech Presidency on 2-5 June 2009. EuroNanoForum 2009 will address the contribution and challenges of nanotechnology research for a sustainable development of European industry and society. For more info: http://www.euronanoforum2009.eu/

- "Turning to the future: a new approach for EU socio-economic and humanities research until 2013" conference aims at informing the European Research Community about the new approach which the 7th Framework Programme will now take as regards Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities Research. The event is an important step in preparing stakeholders for changes to the Socio-Economic and Humanities (SSH) Work Programme, the 2010 edition of which will be published and open for proposals at the end of July 2009.
  The conference will be held in Brussels on 5 June 2009.
  For more info: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events-49_en.html