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Tips:

Would you like to take part in an FP7 project? Are you looking for partners? We can disseminate your request among the NCPs. Please fill in the relevant form on

[http://
www.net4society.eu/
public/partner-search-
service.](http://www.net4society.eu/public/partner-search-service)

The Net4Society team
is at your disposal.

We will assist you
through all the stages of
proposal preparation



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Editorial

Dear National Information Points, information multipliers and researchers from Third Countries, this is the 6th edition of the Newsletter for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities.

The deadlines for the SSH-2010 calls are very close. Now is the time to analyze the needs of your consortium. Our professional assistance is offered, so please don't hesitate to call and ask about all the aspects of participation in FP7 projects.

Be advised: there are opportunities for SSH researchers in other thematic areas, such as Health, KBBE, ICT, Nano and others. Please check the work programme of these calls as well. You will find a first selection of topics which might be of interest to researchers in the socio-economic sciences and humanities in our analysis of the open FP7 calls: "Opportunities for researchers in socio-economic sciences and humanities - Analysis of SSH relevant topics: <http://www.net4society.eu/public/documents>

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Open Calls

The **SSH-2010** calls were published on 30 July 2009 on <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm> and contain the following calls:

FP7-SSH-2010-1

Call date: 30 July 2009

Closing date: 2 February 2010

Budget: EUR 40 million

Type of call: Collaborative projects (large scale integrating research projects)

FP7-SSH-2010-4

Call date: 30 July 2009

Closing date: 15 December 2009

Budget: EUR 3.6 million

Type of call: Co-ordination and support actions

FP7-SSH-2010-2

Call date: 30 July 2009

Closing date: 2 February 2010

Budget: EUR 18.9 million

Type of call: Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)

FP7-OCEAN-2010

Call date: 30 July 2009

Closing date: 14 January 2010

Budget: EUR 34 million (EUR 1 million from Theme 8: SSH budget)

Type of call: "The ocean of tomorrow" joint call

FP7-SSH-2010-3

Call date: 30 July 2009

Closing date: 2 February 2010

Budget: EUR 8,100,000

Type of call: Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects) for specific co-operation actions dedicated to international co-operation)

This call contains 3 topics specifically aiming at:

India, Latin America & the Caribbean Countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico) and China:

- SSH.2010.4.1-2 Collective Challenges for Latin American and Caribbean Countries
- SSH.2010.4.1-3 Understanding urbanisation trends and processes in contemporary China
- SSH.2010.4.2-1 Cultures of governance and conflict resolution in Europe and India

Reports

- The Commission has published the final version of the Practical Guide to EU Funding Opportunities for Research and Innovation, following a consultation process. The Guide provides information on how to support research and innovation activities by combining funds through FP7, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) and the Structural Funds. The guide has been developed to act as a tool to help researchers select the right programme for their activities and even combine funds from different sources

ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/practical-guide-eufunding_en.pdf

- The new publication 'Women in Science' is about European Women Scientists throughout the ages. The book tells the compelling stories of some of the heroines of European science. For more info:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/audio/women-in-science/pdf/wis_en.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Events

- “Beyond the Boundaries” is the 2nd International Conference on Children’s Universities, which is arranged by the European Children’s Universities Network. It will be held on **6-9 December 2009** at Vienna, Austria and Bratislava, Slovakia. For more info: <http://www.iserd.org.il/default.asp?id=306>
- Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) is organising a workshop in Berlin, Germany on **14-15 December 2009**. The aim of the workshop is to bring together key players in the field of humanities in order to increase awareness of humanities research across Europe, its achievements and contributions to the European research agenda. The first day of the workshop is for policy makers and it will be on invitation only. The second day of the event is intended mainly for researchers and will be open to any researchers from Europe. Further information on: <http://www.heranet.info/Default.aspx?ID=336>.
- The first NET4SOCIETY SSH Brokerage Event was held on **16 October 2009** in Brussels and was a big success. Further information about the participants in this event, as well as all the presentations from it can be found at: <http://www.net4society.eu/public/brokerage>
- An Info-day on “Social Platform for Sustainable Lifestyles” was held in Brussels on **20 October 2009**. All the presentations from the info-day can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events-80_en.html
- An Info-day on “Addictions and lifestyles in contemporary European societies” was held in Brussels on **27 October 2009** in Brussels. The presentations from the info-day can be found at
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events-77_en.html
- The “Mediterranean info day on “Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities” which was held on **29 October 2009** in Venice was published on: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events-87_en.html

Useful information

- **Frequently asked questions relating to the new approach in SSH** was updated on the European Commission website. The questions contain the following themes: general questions, project preparation, management, evaluation and monitoring. For further information:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/faq-general-questions_en.html
- **Research in SSH: Towards a New Approach**, a new information leaflet, has been published and can be found on-line at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/ssh-leaflet_en.pdf
Extensive information on the new approach is available under:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/societal-challenges_en.html
- **The European Commission has funded SSH research since 1994**. Consequently, plenty of valuable information on ongoing and completed research projects is available. Information can be accessed through the e-library http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/library_en.html which offers a host of publications originating from the funded projects.

- **SSH research is providing the insights for future solutions.** Funding the field of Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) contributes to an in-depth, shared understanding of the complex and interrelated socio-economic challenges facing Europe and the rest of the world. The European Commission has supported SSH research over the last four consecutive framework programmes, and has sealed this commitment by dedicating a specific theme to SSH research under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). For more info: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/research_en.html
- Excellence in marine and maritime research and in particular improved integration between all the relevant scientific disciplines, are needed to address complex sea-related issues in the framework of the EU maritime policy. This is an essential objective of the European Commission which decided to launch joint calls under FP7 in 2009-2010 on major research topics requiring a cross-thematic approach. **The ocean of tomorrow call** is the first Commission initiative to implement this commitment. For more info:
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1206&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- The European Commission sets **new information society challenges: Becoming literate in new media**. Following a call from the European Parliament, has adopted (following a call from the European Parliament) policy guidelines calling on EU countries and industry to promote media literacy across Europe through activities that help people access, understand and critically evaluate all media they are exposed to, like TV and film, radio, music, print media, the internet and digital communication technologies. For more info:
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1244&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- **Converging Research achievements and policy.** The SSH Programme addresses research issues which are "problem oriented" and "policy relevant". Dissemination of academic work at EU-level is of utmost importance. Researchers involved in the Framework Programme are encouraged to think about "knowledge transfer", "knowledge into use" and how "science meets policy" and are constantly invited to produce policy briefs which alert targeted audiences on new knowledge European added value and policy messages from their EU funded research projects. For more info: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/policy_en.html
- **Changing research landscapes to make the most of human potential** was a conference that took place in Prague on 14-15 May 2009. The participants analyzed 10 years of EU activities within "Women and Science" and beyond. The presentations are available at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.topic&id=1860>
- The European Commission adopted a Decision **to allow the optional use of flat rates** to cover subsistence costs on FP7 projects. The note sets out the calculation of the daily subsistence allowance, the calculation of the duration, as well as information on reimbursement and audits. The rates for daily subsistence and accommodation per country are also listed. These flat rates are optional for those beneficiaries who would find it a simplification to use this method. For more info:
ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/flat-rates-subsistence_en.pdf
- The Faroe Islands are expected to formally associate to FP7 on of 1 January 2010. Advanced notification is provided in the Guides for Applicants for the current set of calls for proposals: "Note that the association agreement between the EC and the Faroe Islands is expected to become provisionally applicable as of 1 January 2010. Other countries may become associated during the course of FP7."