



# Addictions and lifestyles in contemporary Europe

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# SSH large scale research projects

- Address a **Societal Challenge**
- Take stock of **past related research** in this field
- Multi-annual research actions addressing the different dimensions of this challenge, **forward looking dimension** and **dissemination**
- Contribute to **support EU policies**, the European Research Area in SSH and its **international dimension**
- Funding scheme: large scale integrating research project





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## Expected outcome

- Enhanced excellence and relevance in SSH research
- Increased knowledge on the EU's major challenges (remit of the SSH Programme in FP7)
- Scientific evidence for policy-making, in particular ERA and other EU policies
- Development of input for infrastructures: databases, indicators, modelling frameworks
- Partnerships, involvement of stakeholders



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# **The call SSH 2010.3.2-1 Addictions and lifestyles in contemporary European societies**





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# Addictions and lifestyles in contemporary European societies

## The challenge / 1

- Addictions are increasing in contemporary societies with subsequent concern at socio-economic and political level
- New forms of addictions are appearing (i.e. gambling, eating disorders, anxiolytics, polydrug use, use of the internet, etc).
- Economic impact (cost for health systems, crime prevention)



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## The challenge /2

- Political impact (anti drugs policies, drug trafficking, alternative measures to prison for drug users)
- Societal impact (tolerance, treatments, definition of addiction, role of education and families)
- Need to build balanced anti-addiction policies that enable both social integration and individual freedom



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## EU added value

- EU countries must exchange their understanding and experiences of addictions in order to alleviate worst impacts
- Addictions constitute a global problem and demand systems of international cooperation
- Need to combine existing scientific knowledge

## Main stakeholders

- Local and national authorities
- Addictions treatment centers
- Research Institutes / Universities
- NGO and Private Organizations
- Law enforcement bodies





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## Research dimensions

- Social, economic and individual determinants of addiction and behavioural disorders
- **Comparative** definitions of addictions and development of quantitative data across Europe
- **Comparative** legal and regulatory frameworks for various new substances
- The role of economic actors in supporting addictive behaviours
- The use of scientific knowledge in defining addiction (i.e. who defines addictions? How and Why?)



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## How to address the challenge?

- A balanced combination of research work and complementary activities.
- The Challenge needs to be addressed by a **wide range of disciplines within SSH** (e.g. sociology, criminology, economy, law, cognitive sciences etc)
- **Interdisciplinarity** should be enhanced as much as possible as well as cross-fertilization and innovative research.
- Comparison and linkage between different forms of addiction (i.e. drugs, internet, gambling, anxiolytics)



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- Policy relevance, e.g.:
  - EU Action Plan on Drugs
  - Citizens' Health
  - Health systems and alternative treatments
  - Youth and Education policy
- Expected impact:
  - Advance knowledge & achieve a critical mass of resources in order to better understand the addictions phenomenon
  - Feed and shape formulation and implementation of local, national and EU policies
  - facilitate the development of a coordinated and structured European approach in this field



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# Funding scheme and deadlines

- Large scale integrated research project
  - minimum EC requested contribution: **6.5 Millions EUR**
  - At least 7 partners from a minimum of 7 countries.
  - Need for interdisciplinary approach, tackling the issue from different angles (i.e. sociology, economy, psychology, criminology, cognitive sciences, etc)
- **deadline for submission of proposals: 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2010**



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# Some practical tips

- See Annex 2 of the 'Cooperation' Specific Programme Work Programme and Annex 2 of Guides for Applicants for a detailed description of the eligibility and evaluation criteria

- **To know more about this call:**

**Information Day** "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities – Addictions and lifestyles in contemporary European societies" : **27 October 2009**, Brussels  
Covent Garden Auditorium, place Rogier 16

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events-77\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/events-77_en.html)





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# Important websites:

**FP7 call info:**

**<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?function=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>**

**SSH home page:**

**[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html)**

**Cordis home page:**

**[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html)**

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