Social Innovation Research under FP7
Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities
Science and Society

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

A) Social innovation and the EUROPE 2020 Strategy:
→ '...to design and implement programmes to promote social innovation for the most vulnerable, ...'

B) Social innovation and the Innovation Union Flagship Initiative (Committment 27-B):
→ ‘...Starting in 2011, the Commission will support a substantial research programme on public sector and social innovation, looking at issues such as measurement and evaluation, financing and other barriers to scaling up and development...’
Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities
SSH research on ‘social innovation’ in the Work Programme 2011

- New innovation processes, including social innovation
- Social Platform on innovative social services

*Total EU contribution up to 4 mio. EURO*

SSH research on ‘social innovation’ in the Work Programme 2012

- Social innovation against inequalities
- Social innovation in the public sector
- Social innovation for vulnerable populations (Specific International Cooperation Action)

*Total EU contribution up to 6 mio. EURO*
Planned SSH research on ‘social innovation’ in the Work Programme 2013 (TENTATIVE)

- Social innovation – empowering people, changing societies?
- Economic underpinnings of social innovations
- Social entrepreneurship for innovative and inclusive societies
- The impact of the third sector on socio-economic development in Europe

Total EU contribution up to 12.5 mio. EURO
Examples of SSH research

**KATARSIS** on growing inequality and social innovation (katarsis.ncl.ac.uk // University of Newcastle).

**SELUSI** on social entrepreneurs (www.selusi.eu // London School of Economics & Political Science).

**WILCO** on welfare innovations at the local level in favour of cohesion (www.wilcoproject.eu // Radboud University Nijmegen).

**IMPROVE** on the role of social innovation for poverty reduction (University of Antwerp).

**TEPSIE** on theoretical, empirical and policy foundations for building social innovation (www.tepsie.eu // Danish Technological Institute).

**Social Platform on Innovative Social Services** in the fields of health, education, and welfare (University of Heidelberg).
Social Innovation in the HORIZON 2020 Specific Programme Proposal – ‘Inclusive, innovative and secure societies’-Challenge

6.2.2. Exploring new forms of innovation, including social innovation and creativity

« ...
- understand how social innovation and creativity may lead to change in existing structures and policies and how they can be encouraged and scaled-up;
- platforms networking citizens and allowing them to collaborate and co-create solutions;
- support will also be given to networking and experimentation as well as to networks of social innovators and social entrepreneurs
... »
RESEARCH IN
SOCIAL INNOVATION

For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html
From Science in Society (SiS) to Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)

RRI is the legacy of FP6-S&S and FP7-SiS

Main milestones

2000  Science, Society and the Citizen in Europe
2001  Science and Society Action Plan
2002  Science and Society (FP6) 88 M€ in FP6 – Structuring activities in ERA
2007  Science in Society (FP7) 330 M€ in FP7 – Capacity building activities
H2020 RRI as a cross-cutting issue and SiS themes under IISC
Why we need Responsible Research and Innovation?

10 years of SiS activities have demonstrated that serious market failures are caused by lack of ‘Responsibility’

Societal actors work together to align process, results and expectations, looking for both harmonious and efficient relationship between science and society

Early and continuous societal intervention may:

• Favour development of social and hybrid innovation beside technological ones

• Enable anticipation of positive and negative impacts of technology and innovation during the time lag between technical discovery and market product
'Technology acceptance' rationale
'Science and society retroactions'

Scienciety?  

Science Shapes Society  
Society Shapes Science

Socience?
Innovation acceptability' rationale and dynamics

New ideas!
Public engagement
« We ! »

Innovation acceptability

Public
Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans

SiS WP funds MML Action Plans since 2009 to foster partnerships and mechanisms that:

• Address societal challenges where S&T are involved
• Bring together a wide range of actors
• Pool partners’ knowledge, experience, different concerns and priorities
• Develop mutual understanding and joint solutions to complex issues that raise conflicting opinions
• Increase transparency, participation, trust and benefit-sharing at political, economic and social level
• Explore policy issues to ensure that technology is developed in accordance with fundamental rights and values
• Develop (social) innovation encompassing societal needs and concerns
SiS activities with a focus on ‘Social innovation’ in the Work Programme 2012

One Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plan with a specific focus on social innovation incubation

- Active and Healthy Ageing
  - One proposal under negotiation

*Total EU contribution approx. 4 mio. EURO*
Planned SiS activities with a focus on ‘Social innovation’ in the Work Programme 2013  
*(TENTATIVE – call on 10 July)*

Three Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plans with a specific focus on social innovation, but ...

- Urban challenge
- Internet and society
- Water challenge

_Total EU contribution up to 12 MEURO, each up to 4 MEURO_
Thank you for your attention!

More information:

HORIZON 2020
http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm

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EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA
http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.htm