Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities

From an Idea to a European Research Project

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The Issue in Focus

- **What is required from a good idea to become a successful FP7 proposal in SSH ?**
  - **A proposal must meet both the eligibility and the evaluation criteria set for FP7 proposals**
- **Specific issues in SSH**
- **Evaluation criteria in FP7**

[Detailed description of the eligibility and evaluation criteria in Annex 2 of the 2009 SSH Work Programme and Annex 2 of Guides for Applicants]

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Specific Issues in SSH (1)

- Stock-taking of previous research
- Policy-relevance at EU, national & regional level
- Sound concept for SSH

1. Appropriate comparative perspective and largest possible European coverage
2. Appropriate balance in application of quantitative and qualitative methods
3. Development of databases (incl. open access) when appropriate
4. Support to foresight and development of indicators
5. Appropriate balance between disciplines
6. Balanced geographical coverage of partners

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Specific Issues in SSH (2)

- Dissemination and exploitation of results
- Gender equality and dimension
- Ethical aspects
- International cooperation
- Contribution to the ERA

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Evaluation criteria in FP7

1. Scientific excellence
   - An additional sub-criterion for SSH Call A: 'appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed research'
2. The potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results
3. The quality and efficiency of implementation and management

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Scientific excellence

Evaluation criteria

All funding schemes

- Relevance to the topics addressed by the call
- Soundness of the concept, quality of the objectives

Collaborative projects

- Progress beyond the state of-the art and quality and effectiveness of the scientific methodology and work plan

Specific issues in SSH

- Stock-taking of previous research
- Policy-relevance
- Sound concept for SSH
- Gender dimension
- Ethical aspects

N.B. Specific issues in SSH are not part of the evaluation criteria if not explicitly mentioned in the column in the left

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Potential Impact

Evaluation criteria

All funding schemes

- **Contribution at European [and/or international] level to expected impacts listed in the work programme**

Collaborative projects

- **Appropriateness of measures for dissemination and/or exploitation of results, management of IPR**

Specific issues in SSH

- **Policy-relevance**
- **Dissemination and exploitation of results**
- **Contribution to the ERA**
- **Access to databases**

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Implementation and management

Evaluation criteria

All funding schemes

- **Appropriateness of management structures & procedures**
- **Quality & experience of individual participants**
- **Collaborative projects**
- **Quality of the consortium as a whole (incl. balance, complementarity)**
- **Appropriateness of allocation & justification of resources**

Specific issues in SSH

- **Multi-disciplinarity**
- **Balanced geographical coverage**
- **International Cooperation**
- **Gender equality**
- **Ethical aspects**

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Evaluation scores

- **Evaluation scores will be awarded for each of the three criteria and not for the sub-criteria.**
- **Each criterion will be scored out of 5. No weightings will apply.**
- **The threshold for individual criteria will be 3.**
- **The overall threshold, applying to the sum of three individual scores, will be 10.**

[Detailed description of the evaluation process is provided in Annex 2 of Guides for Applicants and in the document 'Rules for submission of proposals, and the related evaluation, selection and award procedures' available at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html]

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Conclusive remarks

- **Integrating the specific issues in SSH as appropriate**
- **Thorough knowledge of the CORDIS Information package for the proposal preparation and other support documents (e.g. Guide to Financial Issues)**
- **Benefiting from all available support in proposal preparation, e.g.**
  - **The Commission's FP7 enquiry service *[http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries]***
  - **SSH NCPs in Member State and in Third Countries *[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html],* other national support bodies, research managers in universities..**
- **Early proposal submission via the Electronic Proposal Submission System EPSS**

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Thank you for your attention and good luck for your application !

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