



SSH 2009 Calls for Proposals and Work Programme

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SSH – ACTIVITY 2

**Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective –
Paths towards sustainable development**





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CALL SSH-2009-A

Area: Socio-economic development trajectories

Topic SSH-2009-2.1.1

New socio-economic concepts, paradigm shift and territorial dynamics in a long term perspective

New models, 2030-2050, energy-transport-environment-land-use, adaptation to global changes

Collaborative project

Maximum EC requested contribution: € 2.7 millions

Eligibility criteria: 3 MS and AC





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TOPIC SSH-2009-2.1.1

The development of economic and social concepts and tools is needed in order to address global changes in a long term time perspective (2030 – 2050). It will take into account the paradigm shift in the energy-transport-environment nexus and the land-use and territorial functions. The adaptation issues related to global changes (for example to environment/climate and societal changes) including the trade-off between adaptation and mitigation policies and measures will have to be addressed in terms of economic, social, historical, cultural and technological point of views, integrating the territorial and temporal dimensions. Relevant tools, in particular new generation of models and indicators, structuring and representing these concepts and dimensions, will have to be specified and subject of first development. The concepts and tools should also consider life styles changes and socio-economic learning, environmental, natural resources limitations and other geopolitical issues.





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CALL SSH-2009-A

Area: Socio-economic development trajectories

Topic SSH-2009-2.1.3

Impacts of corporate social responsibility

Empirical evidence needed: tools and measurement on
CSR impact at company/sectoral or spatial levels

Collaborative project

Maximum EC requested contribution: € 2.7 millions

Eligibility criteria: 3 MS and AC





TOPIC SSH-2009-2.1.3

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is an important new phenomenon that should give enterprises an important role in helping to achieve the Lisbon and Gothenburg objectives. However, there is still little empirical knowledge as to how CSR impacts on the EU economies and societies. Research should empirically assess how CSR is, in practice, beneficial to the Lisbon and Gothenburg objectives and favour the development of better methodologies and tools to measure the impact of CSR activities at different levels:

- At company level, addressing motivations to take up CSR activities by companies and reasons for differences in CSR performance across companies, also in the SME sector, including the link between CSR and innovation;
- At European, regional or sectoral levels, through comparisons of regions or business sectors where CSR strategies are deployed and have different impacts on growth, competitiveness, quality of jobs and sustainable development.



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CALL SSH-2009-A

Area: Regional, territorial and social cohesion

Topic: SSH-2009-2.2.1

Social inequalities, their implications and policy options

Increased or new social inequalities: social, cultural and political impact in the long(er) term

Collaborative project

Maximum EC requested contribution: € 2.7 millions

Eligibility criteria: 3 MS and AC





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TOPIC SSH-2009-2.2.1

Social inequalities have increased in many developed countries in the last decade or more, following a lengthy period of decline since the early 20th century or before. The objective of this topic is to understand the key aspects of this phenomenon and its impacts on society and to identify policy options for various actors. The evolution of inequalities of income and wealth and the emergence of new, or newly significant, forms of inequalities such as in access to education, are of primary interest in this topic. Research should address the social, cultural and political impact of this increase in inequalities. The implications for the longer-term should constitute an important part of the work. Research can look at the issues at one or more territorial levels but the overall impact on society should be addressed. The policy lessons that that can be learned from these different societies, both for public policy and for other societal actors, should be identified. Comparison with developed countries outside Europe, notably USA, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Canada should be included.



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CALL SSH-2009-B

Area: Socio-economic development trajectories

Topic: SSH-2009-2.1.2

Cities and sustainable development

Key issues for SD issues in developing countries (more than 1 M inhabitants); economic, social, cultural, environmental, governance aspects (China, India, Mexico, Brazil and African countries)

Collaborative project for specific cooperation action (SICA)

Maximum EC requested contribution: € 3 millions

Eligibility criteria: 4 legal entities – 2 MS or AC & 2 from ICPC





TOPIC SSH-2009-2.1.2

All the future population growth of the world is projected to take place in cities of the developing/emerging countries, which are undergoing rapid growth, much of it in slums, presenting major issues for sustainable development (SD) and related governance. The objective is to produce an enhanced understanding of the key issues for SD of these cities, taking the economic, social, cultural, political and environmental aspects into account. The research should focus on cities with a population of 1 million or greater undergoing rapid growth in population. It should include an understanding of the agglomeration benefits and costs (socio-economic and environmental) in cities of various sizes. It should differentiate between the challenges faced by different kinds of city, such as between those with a very dissimilar economic base. The implications of the analysis for governance options in relation to SD and for the policy of various actors should be brought out. SD should be considered in a broad sense. Cities from more than one world region should be included.



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- **...The deadline**
- **...The eligibility criteria**
- **...The maximum EC requested contribution**
- **...The Expected impact (cf. WP – Area)**
- **...The European, national and international State of the art**
- **...That a EU Research proposal requires a lot of work**
- **... The advices given by my colleagues**