

## **FP7 – Specific Programme “CAPACITIES” - Sub-division “SCIENCE IN SOCIETY”**

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### **1. Objective**

**The CAPACITIES Programme aims to enhance research and innovation capacities throughout Europe and ensure their optimal use.** This programme is provided with a budget of EUR 4 097 million to operate in 7 broad areas during the period 2007-2013.

This specific programme aims to support:

- ✚ Optimal use and development of research infrastructures
- ✚ Enhance research and innovation capacities of SMEs
- ✚ Encourage and support the development of regional research-driven clusters
- ✚ Complement the Cooperation programme;
- ✚ Contribute to EU policies and initiatives to improve the coherence and impact of Member States policies;
- ✚ „Unlock“ and development of research potential in the regions included the aim „Convergence“ and the outermost EU regions;
- ✚ Engagement of the science in the society and the integration of S&T in the European Community;
- ✚ Find synergies with regional and cohesion policies, the Structural Funds, education and training programmes and the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)
- ✚ Horizontal actions and measures in support of the international cooperation.

### **2. Information for Specific Programme „CAPACITIES”**

**1. Information at the CORDIS site and particularly the links below:**

- ✚ [Research infrastructures](#)
- ✚ [Research for the benefit of SMEs](#)
- ✚ [Regions of knowledge and support for regional research-driven clusters](#)
- ✚ [Research potential of Convergence Regions](#)
- ✚ [Science in society](#)
- ✚ [Support to the coherent development of research policies](#)
- ✚ [International cooperation](#)

**2. Links and presentations on Specific Programme „CAPACITIES” of 7FP:**

- [Programme „CAPACITIES” under FP7](#)
- [FP7 Legal Basis, Current Working Programmes and Guidance Documents](#)
- [FP7 Specific Programme „Capacities” Legislation](#)
- „The Capacities Specific Programme within Seventh Framework Programme”

[L. Karapiperis FP7 Presentation CAPACITIES SOFIA 31 January 2007.pdf](#)

**Sub-division “SCIENCE IN SOCIETY” (SiS)**



**1. Objective of the Sub-division “Science in Society”**

- ❖ With a view to building an effective and democratic European knowledge-based society, the aim is to stimulate the harmonious integration of scientific and technological endeavour and associated research policies into European society.

## **2. What will be funded?**

- ❖ The initiative undertaken in the field of “Science in Society” will provide support to:

### **1. A more dynamic governance of the relationship between science and society**

#### **✚ Strengthening and improving the European science system**

- ❖ Improving the use, and monitoring the impact, of scientific advice and expertise for policy-making in Europe (including risk management), and developing practical tools and schemes (e.g. electronic networks);
- ❖ Promoting trust and self-regulation in the scientific community;
- ❖ Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications, taking also into account measures to improve access by the public.

#### **✚ Broader engagement of scientists and society to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues**

- ❖ Broader engagement on science-related questions;
- ❖ Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science;
- ❖ Greater emphasis on discussion within the research community of the social aspects of research.

#### **✚ Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S&T) in society**

- ❖ Research on ethics in science and technology;
- ❖ The reciprocal influence of science and culture;
- ❖ The role and the image of scientists;
- ❖ Public understanding of science and promotion of public debate;

- ❖ Debate on the place of science and technology in society – history, sociology and philosophy of science and technology.

#### The evolving role of universities

- ❖ Defining better framework conditions for more efficient university research;
- ❖ Promoting the establishment of structured partnerships with the business sector, having regard to universities' research management capacities;
- ❖ Reinforcing knowledge-sharing between universities and society at large.

## 2. Strengthening potential, broadening horizons

#### Gender and research

- ❖ Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and in scientific decision-making bodies;
- ❖ Enhancing the gender dimension of research;
- ❖ Mainstreaming gender in Community research policy and programmes.

#### Young people and science

- ❖ Attracting more people from all backgrounds into scientific careers, foster links across generations, and raise the level of scientific literacy generally;
- ❖ Supporting formal and informal science education in schools as well as through science centres and museums and other relevant means;
- ❖ Reinforcing links between science education and science careers;
- ❖ Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education.

## 3. Science and society communication

- ❖ Provision of reliable and timely scientific information for the press and other media;
- ❖ Training actions to bridge the gap between the media and the scientific community;
- ❖ Encouraging a European dimension at science events targeting the public;

- ❖ Promoting science by audio-visual means via European co-productions and the circulation of science programmes;
- ❖ Promoting excellent trans-national research and science communication by the means of popular science prizes;
- ❖ Increasing the role and place of science publications and of measures for improving the public's access to the science publications and results; measures for prevention of science products from abuses, crimes and plagiarism;
- ❖ Improving the information exchange and links between the scientific society on one hand and the politicians, media and citizens, on other hand, through encouraging a more attractive and better communication and presentation of science products and achievements;
- ❖ Research aimed at enhancing inter-communication concerning science, both in its methods and its products, to raise mutual understanding between the scientific world, and the wider audience of policy-makers, the media and the general public.

#### 4. [Transnational cooperation among National Contact Points \(NCPs\) for 'Science in Society'](#)

- ❖ [Transnational project „EUROSIS”](#)

### **3. Budget of “Science in Society”**

- ❖ The EU Member States have earmarked a total of € 330 million for funding this theme over the duration of FP7 (2007-2013).

### **4. Previous relevant European activities**

## 5. Links and presentations on “Science in Society”

- [Science in Society research under FP7](#)
- [Science in Society Portal in Europa](#)
- [FP7 Legal Basis, Current Working Programmes and Guidance Documents](#)
- [Information on the latest calls for proposals and the official work programme under the FP7 “SIS” research theme](#)
- [Science in Society in FP6](#)
- [Successful projects in Science and Society under 6FP](#)
- [Bulgarian successful projects in Science and Society under 6FP](#)
- [“Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities. Science and Society. 2008”](#)
- [“Rules of Participation and the Model Grant Agreement” -](#)
- [“6<sup>TH</sup> FRAMEWORK SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. Science and Society Projects Synopsis 2002-2006”, European Commission](#)

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- **International project of the National Contact Points in Sub-division “Science in Society”, 7FP**

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**1. Project details**

<b>Project Acronym:</b>	EUROSIS
<b>Project Reference:</b>	217755
<b>Start Date:</b>	2008-02-01
<b>End Date:</b>	2010-01-31
<b>Duration:</b>	24 months
<b>Contract Type:</b>	Coordination (or networking) actions

<b>Research area:</b>	SiS-4.0.1.1 Trans-national cooperation among National Contact Points (NCPs) for Science and Society
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<b>Project description:</b>	<p>Transnational exchange of experiences and dissemination of best practices can constitute an important supporting element in the work should provide the SiS NCPs, at the same time contributing to the realisation of the concept of the Science in Society. The experiences of the benchmarking exercises within the activities to realise the SiS might serve as a source of stimulation. Also several activities like training and info workshops, development of databases. EUROSIS will bring together all the NCPs for the Science in Society program in order to create a network and continually improve their services thought the exchange of good practices, communication of all the representatives, the creation of a well structure partner search tool. Furthermore a lot of events will be organised in order to train both the new NCPs as well as the already experience.</p> <p>One of the most important activities of the project will be the survey of the competence of the already nominated NCPs. This will be performed through mapping the SiS NCPs competences and stakeholders needs in order to launch the first knowledge management tool for the SiS NCP services. The main</p>



	<p>aim of the EUROSIS project is to create needed infrastructure in order to newly formed SiS NCP network set the basis in order to nominated NCPs start working as a team in order to have common benefits in their work and at the same time to provide the effective services to the stakeholders. As the project will last for two years the main effort will be allocated in order to create the framework and establish the basic procedures and framework so to have future collaboration within the NCP community. It has to be noted that SiS NCP Network is established for the first time to the basic issues for the period of the project. It provides the needed communication in a very well structure way.</p>
<p><b>Participants:</b></p>	<p>Greece; Bulgaria; Turkey; Czech Republic; Italy; Spain; Cyprus; Latvia; Sweden; Romania; Serbia; Luxembourg; Slovenia; Estonia; France; Finland; Denmark; Montenegro; Germany; Poland; Netherlands; Portugal; Iceland; Norway; Austria; Hungary; Croatia; Switzerland; Israel; Armenia; South Africa; Lithuania; Malta.</p>

## 2. [Documents and presentations for EUROSIS project](#)

- [EUROSIS 1<sup>st</sup> Training Agenda. February 2-3, 2009, Talinn, Estonia](#)
- [EUROSIS 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting. February 4-5, 2009, Talinn, Estonia](#)
- [General Introduction, Overview of FP7 and SiS Programm \(ppt\). Menelaos Sotirou – Euroscience Greek Branch](#)
- [Proposal. Part B \(Organization of Proposal Structure\) \(ppt\). Oscar López - Universidad de Zaragoza](#)
- [Preparation of Budgets for FP7 \(ppt\). Oscar López - Universidad de Zaragoza](#)

- [Management on Proposal Stage of the Project \(ppt\). Oscar López - Universidad de Zaragoza](#)
- [Evaluation of Proposal, Negotiation, Grant Agreement \(ppt\). Oscar López - Universidad de Zaragoza](#)