

FP7 – Specific Programme „COOPERATION”



1. Objective of the “COOPERATION” Programme

The key objective of the specific programme on COOPERATION is to achieve sustainable development of the European economy as a knowledge-based economy. Special attention is drawn on the efficient coordination between all FP7 thematic priorities. The Cooperation programme supports all types of research activities carried out by different research bodies in trans-national cooperation. It aims to gain or consolidate leadership in key scientific and technology areas.

FP7 allocates EUR 32 413 million to the Cooperation programme. The budget will be devoted to supporting cooperation between universities, industry, research centres and public authorities throughout the EU and beyond.

2. Information for „COOPERATION” Programme

The Cooperation programme is sub-divided into ten distinct themes. Each theme is operationally autonomous but aims to maintain coherence within the Cooperation Programme and allowing for joint activities cutting across different themes, through, for example, joint calls.

The ten identified themes reflect the most important fields of knowledge and technology where research excellence is particularly important to improve Europe’s ability to address its social, economic, public health, environmental and industrial challenges of the future. The ten themes are the following:

- ❖ [Health](#)
- ❖ [Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology](#)
- ❖ [Information & communication technologies](#)
- ❖ [Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials & new production technologies](#)

- ❖ [Energy](#)
- ❖ [Environment \(including Climate Change\)](#)
- ❖ [Transport \(including aeronautics\)](#)
- ❖ [Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities](#)
- ❖ [Space](#)
- ❖ [Security](#)

More information is available on the CORDIS website:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cooperation/>.

Sub-division “SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES” (SSH)



1. Objective of the Sub-division “Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities” (SSH)

- ❖ Funding “Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities” (SSH) aims to contribute to an in-depth, shared understanding of the complex and interrelated socio economic challenges confronting Europe, such as: growth, employment and competitiveness, social cohesion, social, cultural and educational challenges in an enlarged EU, sustainability, environmental challenges, demographic change, migration and integration, quality of life and global interdependence.

2. What will be funded?

Emphasis will be given to the following areas:

- ✚ Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society
- ✚ Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective
- ✚ Major trends in society and their implications

- ✚ Europe in the world (covering migration, poverty, crime and conflict)
- ✚ The citizen in the European Union
- ✚ Socio-economic and scientific indicators
- ✚ Foresight activities, such as the future implications of global knowledge, migration and ageing.

3. Budget of the Sub-division “Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities”

- ❖ More than € 610 million is foreseen for funding this theme over the duration of FP7 (2007-2013).

4. Previous relevant European research

- ❖ [Citizenship, democracy and new forms of governance](#)
- ❖ [Science and Technology Foresight](#)

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