

Call Title: FP7-SSH-2009 – Collaborative Projects (Small or Medium-Scale Focused Research Projects) for Specific Cooperation Actions Dedicated to International Cooperation

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- Date of publication: 3 September 2008
- Deadline: 13 January 2009 at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Indicative budget:¹ EUR 6 million

All budgetary figures given in this work programme are indicative. Following the evaluation of proposals the final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary:

- by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call; and
- any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

The final budgets for evaluation, monitoring and review may vary by up to 20% of the indicated budgets for these actions. The final budget awarded for actions not implemented through calls for proposals may vary by up to 10% of the indicated budgets for these actions.

• **Topics called:**

Activity / Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Activity 8.2 Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development		
Area 8.2.1. Socio-economic development trajectories	SSH-2009-2.1.2. Cities and sustainable development	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation
Activity 8.4. Europe and the world		
Area 8.4.2. Conflicts, peace and human rights	SSH-2009-4.2.1. Climate induced changes in water resources in southern Europe and neighbouring countries as a threat to security <i>(Topic coordinated with the Environment work programme topic ENV.2009.1.1.5.2)</i>	Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation

• **Eligibility conditions:**

¹ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority.

The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation. For the 'Collaborative project for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation' funding scheme **the minimum conditions² are:** At least 4 independent legal entities. Of these, 2 must be established in different MS or AC. The other 2 must be established in different international cooperation partner countries (ICPC)³.

The general eligibility conditions for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme. The additional eligibility conditions for this call are:

- The maximum requested EU contribution under the 'Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation' funding scheme is EUR 3 000 000.

NB: Proposals outside these financial limits will be considered as ineligible.

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed;
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely;
- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria, together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 of the 'Cooperation' work programme.

A minimum of 1 proposal per topic will be selected, on the condition that proposals pass all the requisite evaluation thresholds.

Proposals will be ranked in order of marks and selected according to their ranked order and until the available budget is committed. Any part of the call budget that remains unspent will be transferred to the call FP7-SSH-2009-A.

- Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable: evaluation of proposal will take place in March 2009 and first contracts should be signed in September 2009.
- Consortia agreements: not required.
- The forms of grant which will be offered and the maximum reimbursement rates are specified in Annex 3 of the 'Cooperation' work programme.

² MS = Member States of the EU; AC = Associated country. Where the minimum conditions for an indirect action are satisfied by a number of legal entities, which together form one legal entity, the latter may be the sole participant, provided that it is established in a Member State or Associated country

³ Please see Annex 1 of the 'Cooperation' work programme for the list of International Co-operation Partner Countries (ICPC)