Social innovation in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

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Social innovation has become a new driver for SSH research in light of:

- Economic and social crisis
- «Societal challenges» in fields of
  - environment
  - health
  - demographic trends and aging
  - social cohesion and exclusion
- «World in 2025» – identifies socio-ecological transitions in our societies – role of social innovation
A new approach in SSH building on Societal Challenges

- Identification of important «Societal challenges» for the EU where each of the Challenges is addressed by a specific large-scale set of research actions (min. EC contribution 6.5 million €):
  - Take stock of past related research in this field
  - Multi-annual addressing the different dimensions of this challenge, forward looking dimension and dissemination
  - Contribute to support EU policies, the European Research Area in SSH and its international dimension
Social Platform – a new forum for social innovation

• A new instrument in the FP7/SSH Programme requested by the Council and the Parliament;
• The aim is to build a research agenda with the scientists and stakeholders mainly CSO including policy makers;
• Already 2 Social Platforms: Urban & Cohesion, Family;
• A balanced representation of scientists and CSOs is necessary in the consortium;
• Preliminary Stock tacking and Forward looking activities are expected;
• The topics generated by the Platform are Collaborative projects / Benefit for Specific Groups-CSO type.
Social innovation research in SSH

• The SSH call 2007-2008 addressed innovation in services:
  SELUSI examines social entrepreneurs with a strong empirical approach; SERVPPIN analyses public-private innovation networks and their impact on growth and welfare

• The SSH call 2010 has many entry-points for social innovation
  – Creating and adapting jobs in Europe in the context of a socio-ecological transition (societal challenge)
  – Demand-driven research and innovation policies for growth, welfare and wellbeing (topic)
  – The public sector of the future (topic)
  – Local welfare systems favouring social cohesion (topic)
  – Social Platform for Sustainable Lifestyles
SSH Roadmap – outlook for future

- From 2010 onwards research under SSH will follow an overall integrated "Strategic Research Roadmap" covering the period 2011-2013
  - The Roadmap enables better and more comprehensive planning and coordination of the research community in the way they support European Union policies

- Social innovation is expected to be integrated in relevant Societal Challenges and Topics of the Roadmap

- The Roadmap is indicative and subject to change
Important websites:

FP7 call info:

SSH home page:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html

Cordis home page:

Thank you for your attention!