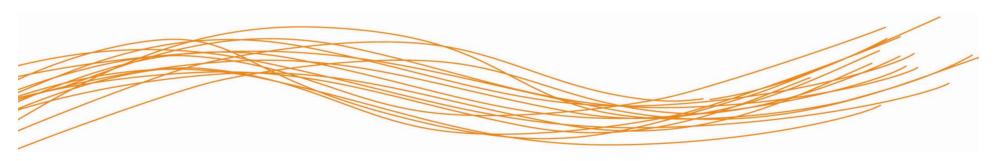


Social innovation in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH)



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Social innovation – a new driver for SSH research

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
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- «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 socioecological 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 "<u>Strategic Research Roadmap</u>" 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
 - Available at the SSH website:
 - http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/indicative-strategic-research-roadmap_en.html



Important websites:

FP7 call info:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm? fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage

SSH home page:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/socialsciences/index_en.html

Cordis home page:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

Thank you for your attention!

