

CALL FICHE 1 – SCIENCE IN SOCIETY 2009

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- Deadline: Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.
- Indicative budget¹: EUR 31.792 million² from 2009 budget
- Topics called:

ACTIVITY/ AREA	TOPICS CALLED	Funding Schemes
ACTION LINE 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship		
ACTIVITY 5.1.1 Better understanding of the place of science and technology (S & T) in society (Indicative budget: EUR 3.50 million)		
Area 5.1.1.2 Research on ethics in science and technology	Topic SiS-2009-1.1.2.1 Privacy and emerging fields of science and technology: ethical, social and legal aspects	Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research project)
	Topic SiS-2009-1.1.2.2 Networking and capacity-building activities to support ethics committees	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)
ACTIVITY 5.1.2 Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues (Indicative budget: EUR 5.50 million)		
Area 5.1.2.1. Broader engagement on science-related questions	Topic SiS-2009-1.2.1.1 Structuring Public Engagement in Research (PER)	CSA (Coordinating)
ACTIVITY 5.1.3 Strengthening and improving the European Science system (Indicative budget: EUR 2.50 million)		
Area 5.1.3.2 Promoting trust and self-regulation in the scientific community	Topic SiS-2009-1.3.2.1 Governance and Ethics of the responsible development of Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies	CSA (Coordinating) and CSA (Supporting)

¹ All budgetary figures given in this call are indicative. The repartition of the sub-budgets awarded within this call, following the evaluation of proposals, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority

ACTION LINE 2: Strengthening potential, broadening horizons		
ACTIVITY 5.2.1 Gender and Research (Indicative budget: EUR 5.60 million)		
Area 5.2.1.1. Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and scientific decision making	Topic SiS-2009-2.1.1.1 Involving research bodies in the debate on gender and research	CSA (Supporting)
Area 5.2.1.2. Gender dimension of research	Topic SiS-2009-2.1.2.1 Mobilising science centres and museums on women and science	CSA (Supporting)
ACTIVITY 5.2.2 Young people and science		
Area 5.2.2.3 Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education	Topic SiS-2009-2.2.3.1 Supporting and coordinating actions on innovation in the classroom: Dissemination and use of inquiry-based teaching methods on a large scale in Europe (Indicative budget: EUR 7.50 million)	CSA (Supporting)
	Topic SiS-2009-2.2.3.2 International dimension of research on science education (Indicative budget: EUR 2.00 million)	SICA Collaborative Projects (small or medium-scale focused projects) CP-FP-SICA
ACTION LINE 3: Science and Society Communicate (Indicative budget: EUR 5.19 million)		
Area 5.3.0.3 Encouraging a European dimension at science events targeting the public.	Topic SiS-2009-3.0.3.1 Platform of networks grouping science museums, organisers of science events and cities	CSA (Supporting) – Note only one project will be supported
TOTAL : EUR 31.79 million		

Eligibility conditions

The minimum number of participating legal entities required, for all funding schemes, is set out in the Rules for Participation³. A summary of the minimum participation requirements for the instruments used in this call is given in the following table. These participation criteria are also criteria for eligibility of the proposal.

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC.
Co-ordination and support action (co-ordinating)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no two of which are established in the same MS or AC.
Co-ordination and support action (supporting)	At least 1 independent legal entity (see additional criterion, below)
Specific International Cooperation Action (SICA)	At least 4 independent legal entities. Of these, 2 must be established in different MS or AC and the other 2 from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC),

³ 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

Please note: for the purposes of this Call for Proposals, the minimum participation condition for a Co-ordination and support action (supporting) is 'at least one independent legal entity which is established in a Member State or in an Associated Country'. This is also an eligibility criterion. Please note that '*Collaborative Projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)*' are those which request a maximum EC contribution of EUR 1 000 000. **Please note that this maximum amount of the requested Community grant is a criterion for the eligibility of proposals.**

Please note the particular eligibility requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation in respect of the following eight topics:

1. SiS-2009-1.1.2.2 Networking and capacity building activities to support ethics committees: the following additional sub-criterion will be added to the scientific and/or technological excellence criterion in the evaluation: '*appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed action*'.

2. SiS-2009-1.2.1.1 Structuring Public Engagement in Research (PER): the following additional sub-criterion will be added to the scientific and/or technological excellence criterion in the evaluation: '*appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed action*'.

3. SiS-2009-1.3.2.1 Governance and Ethics of the responsible development of Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies: For this topic, the active participation of relevant third country partners and/or partners from ICPC countries, particularly from Latin America and/or Africa, would be welcome if likely to increase the expected impact of the project. This aspect will be considered during the evaluation.

4. SiS-2009-2.1.1.1 Involving research bodies in the debate on gender and research: the minimum number of participating legal entities required, for the funding scheme Coordination and Support Action (Supporting) is as follows: at least 3 independent legal entities. This participation criterion is also a criterion for the eligibility of the proposal.

5. SiS-2009-2.1.2.1 Mobilising science centres and museums on women and science: the minimum number of participating legal entities required, for the funding scheme Coordination and Support Action (Supporting) is as follows: at least 5 independent legal entities, which must be established in at least 5 different Member States or Associated Countries. This participation criterion is also a criterion for the eligibility of the proposal.

6. SiS-2009-2.2.3.1 Supporting and coordinating actions on innovation in the classroom: the minimum number of participating legal entities required, for the funding scheme Coordination and Support Action (Supporting) is at least 10 independent legal entities, established in at least 10 different Member States or Associated countries. Each proposed activity should have a minimum overall budget of 2 M€ and a minimum duration of 36 months. These participation criteria are also criteria for the eligibility of the proposal.

7. SiS-2009-2.2.3.2 International dimension of research on science education: the minimum conditions concerning the participation rules shall be the following: at least 4 independent legal entities. Of these, 2 must be established in different Member States or Associated

Countries and the other 2 must be from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC): at least one of these partners must be from Latin America or Asia. See also Annex 1.

8. SiS-2009-3.0.3.1 Platform of networks grouping science museums, organizers of science events and the cities: the minimum number of participating legal entities required, for the funding scheme Coordination and Support Action (Supporting) is as follows: at least 3 independent legal entities. This participation criterion is also a criterion for the eligibility of the proposal. The following additional sub-criterion will be added to the scientific and/or technological excellence criterion in the evaluation: *'the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed action'*.

Evaluation procedure:

- A one-stage submission procedure will be followed
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely
- The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- Please note: An evaluation sub-criterion will be added to the scientific and/or technological excellence criterion in the evaluation of the topics SiS-2009-1.1.2.2 Networking and capacity building activities to support ethics committees and SiS-2009-1.2.1.1 Structuring Public Engagement in Research (PER) as follows: *'appropriate comparative perspective and the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed action'*. The following evaluation sub-criterion will be added to the scientific and/or technological excellence criterion in the evaluation of the topic SiS-2009-3.0.3.1 Platform of networks grouping science museums, organizers of science events and the cities: *'the largest possible European coverage in relation to the proposed action'*.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable

Evaluations are expected to be completed in the month of March 2009. It is expected that the grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals will be open in June 2009.

Selection of proposals

1. A separate ranking list, based on evaluation scores, will be established for each of the indicative budgets as indicated in the table above. Proposals will be selected within each ranking list according to their ranked order, and provided that the proposal has a score above threshold, until the available budget is committed.

2. Activities 5.1.1 and 5.2.1 each contain two topics. A single ranking list will be produced for each of these two Activities. The first two places on this list shall be given to the proposal with the highest score from each of the two topics within Activity 5.1.1 and 5.2.1, (provided that the proposal in question has scored above the threshold). In cases of equal score, priority will be given to proposals with the highest marks in the criterion of scientific quality. In cases of equal marks in the criterion of scientific quality, priority will be given to proposals with higher marks in the criterion of potential impact. In cases of completely

identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to the proposal from the topic with the higher number of proposals submitted and evaluated above threshold.

3. A reserve list will also be established for each Activity ranking list: proposals with evaluation scores above threshold and for which budget is not immediately available (those ranked below the selection list) will be put in this reserve list. Within each reserve list proposals will also be ranked in strict order of score (according to the procedure mentioned in point 2).

4. If money is left over after the selection of proposals for financing from each ranking list, further proposals will be selected across the different reserve lists on the basis of evaluation score obtained (with no hierarchical order between activities). In cases of equal score priority will be given to proposals with the highest marks in the criterion of scientific quality. In cases of equal marks in the criterion of scientific quality, priority will be given to proposals with higher marks in the criterion of potential impact. In cases of completely identical evaluation scores in all criteria, priority will be given to the proposal from the topic with the higher number of proposals submitted and evaluated above threshold.

Consortia agreements

Please note that Consortium agreements are only necessary for collaborative projects.

Forms of grants

The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme.