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### Editorial

Dear National Information Points, information multipliers and researchers from Third Countries, this is the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Newsletter for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are now behind us as well as the SSH-2010 calls deadlines. Now is the time to analyse your pattern of participation – your strong points and weak ones as well.

Soon a search for new opportunities under FP7 will start. In 2011 calls there will be a topic related to Africa. We will keep you informed, but please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

### Tips:

Would you like to take part in an FP7 project? Are you looking for partners? We can disseminate your request among the NCPs. Please fill in the relevant form on <http://www.net4society.eu/public/partner-search-service>.

We are at your disposal,  
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The Net4Society team is at your disposal.

We will assist you through all the stages of proposal preparation

## Reports

“**Towards Greater Corporate Responsibility – Conclusions of EU-funded Research**” was published by the European Commission. This policy review examines the results of socio-economic research projects on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funded under the European Union’s Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. The publication looks at the research undertaken with a view to developing a general concept of Corporate Social Responsibility, as well as evolving specific European Union policy in this area. For more info:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/policy-review-corporate-social-responsibility\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/policy-review-corporate-social-responsibility_en.pdf)

The “**People, the economy and our planet – Sustainable development insights from socio-economic sciences and humanities**” draws upon presentations and discussion at the “Sustainable development: A challenge for European research” conference that was held in Brussels in May 2009. It focuses on the role of the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities within European research and which is directed at creating more wealth while consuming fewer resources. Sustainable development has been subject to scientific, technological and, more and more, socio-economic research and studies. For more info:

[http://bookshop.europa.eu/eubookshop/download.action?  
fileName=KINA24053ENC\\_002.pdf&eubphfUid=10744798&catalogNbr=KI-NA-24053-EN-C](http://bookshop.europa.eu/eubookshop/download.action?fileName=KINA24053ENC_002.pdf&eubphfUid=10744798&catalogNbr=KI-NA-24053-EN-C)

The European Commission published a two-volume booklet entitled “**preserving our heritage, improving our environment**”. This publication covers 20 years of research in the area of cultural heritage from 1986 to 2006. Volume I provide an overview, whilst Volume II contains outlines of nearly 100 projects implemented between 2000 and 2008. In the current framework programme (FP7) cultural heritage projects are funded under the Environment Theme of FP7 Co-operation. for more info:

[ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/environment/docs/culturalheritage-20081105\\_en.pdf](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/environment/docs/culturalheritage-20081105_en.pdf)

## Events

The European Commission and the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation are organizing the **2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on Corporate R&D (CONCORD-2010)**, focusing on Corporate R&D – An engine for growth and challenge for European policy. The conference will take place on **3-4 March 2010** in Seville, Spain. For more info: <http://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/concord-2010>

The Sixth European Conference on Research Infrastructures- **ECRI 2010** will be held on **23-24 March 2010** In Barcelona, Spain. The ECRI conference will be jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Innovation (<http://www.micinn.es>) and the European Commission ([http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)). For more info: <http://www.ecri2010.es/>

The “**Science against Poverty**” Conference will raise the issue of the role of scientific research (particularly of social sciences) and innovation in alleviating poverty and social exclusion to the ministerial political agenda. The event will take place on **8-9 April 2010** in Segovia, Spain. For more info:

<http://www.scienceagainstpoverity.es/Publico/Home/index.aspx>

The 8th Eastern European e-Gov Days: “**Changing Concepts & e-Government as a Service**“ will be held on **22-23 April 2010** in Prague, Czech Republic. The annual Eastern European e-Gov Days has become a recognised platform for dialog and knowledge transfer between Western and Eastern European countries. The event brings together about 200 professionals from both private and public sectors with competitive paper presentations and inspiring panel discussions. For more info:

<http://www.epma.cz/eeegov-days.html>

ESOF (Euroscience Open Forum) is the bi-annual pan-European meeting dedicated to scientific research and innovation. The **ESOF 2010** will be held in Torino, Italy on **2-7 of July 2010**. This conference presents and discusses the frontiers of scientific and technological research in Europe and contributes to the development of a European Scientific Identity together with bridging the gap between science and society and stimulates policies to support scientific research. For more info:

<http://www.esof2010.org/>

The conference **i-CREATe 2010** is the 4<sup>th</sup> International Convention for Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology. It will take place on **21-23 July 2010** in Shanghai, China. The highlights of this year are “Travel, Employment, Education, Leisure and Sports”, all aiming to integrate people with special needs into the society. Various professionals from various fields of assistive technology, service delivery, R & D funding agencies and policymakers, researchers, therapists, practitioners and more will take part in this event. For more info: <http://www.icreateasia.org/>

The collaborative **INCLUSO** project, funded by the EU, aims to deliver a verifiable proof that ICT, and more precisely, social software tools, can facilitate social inclusion of youth at risk. On **13-14 September 2010**, INCLUSO will organize in Leuven, Belgium, an international conference on e-Inclusion of Youth at Risk gathering international specialists in the field of social software use and improvement of social inclusion for disadvantaged youngsters. For more info:

<http://www.incluso.org/conference>

## **Useful information**

- From 2011 onwards, research under the SSH programme will be following an overall integrated “**Strategic Research Roadmap**” covering the period 2011-2013. It should enable a better and comprehensive planning and coordination for the research community as well as for the European Commission. The roadmap is based on the objectives and activities set out in the Specific Programme “Cooperation”. It takes into account the topics covered within previous work programmes and the funded projects within the activities. Furthermore current policy developments and policy needs are taken into account. The roadmap identifies major “Societal Challenges” that have to be tackled in a medium to long term perspective and/or “Topics” that in general will be approached by small-medium scale focused research projects or coordination and support actions that strive at either addressing urgent needs or complementing the research agenda of the societal challenges. For more info:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/roadmap-2011-2013-final\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/roadmap-2011-2013-final_en.pdf)

- The European Commission launches consultation on "**EU 2020: a new strategy to make the EU a smarter, greener social market**" on giving the EU economy a brighter future through the EU 2020 Strategy. EU 2020 aims to deliver greener and socially inclusive growth, as outlined by President Barroso in his Political Guidelines. The new Strategy will build on the achievements of the Lisbon Strategy, while learning its lessons. The consultation paper sets out a vision for how EU 2020 will focus on entrenching recovery from the crisis, helping to prevent a similar one in future and on three thematic objectives: creating value through knowledge; empowering people in inclusive societies; and creating a competitive, connected and greener economy. For more info:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1807&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

- The EC opened **a new archive of FP Programme Evaluation and Monitoring Documents**. This archive contains the evaluation and monitoring reports of successive Framework Programmes, as well as the individual evaluation studies on thematic and other research activities within these Framework Programmes which were carried out by the Directorate-General for Research at the European Commission. In addition the archive contains key background documents on the creation and development of the Framework Programme and on the European Commission's research evaluation system. For more info: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/evaluations/index\\_en.cfm?pg=archive](http://ec.europa.eu/research/evaluations/index_en.cfm?pg=archive)
- The European Commission has revised the general model grant agreement for use in research projects funded under the 7th Framework Programme. The changes reflect the new Lisbon Treaty, and in particular Article I which states that "the Union shall replace and succeed the European Community;" otherwise the grant agreement and its annexes remain unchanged.
- On 18 December 2009, the EC adopted some modifications to the FP7 Model Grant Agreement. Changes have been made to Articles II.15.2 c and II.16.1 of Annex II of the Model Grant Agreement and concern beneficiaries whose status changes during the life of a project. Such a change will now no longer affect the EC contribution rate or the indirect cost rate as it would have previously done. Beneficiaries who change their status during a project will continue to benefit from the rates that applied at the start of the project.