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## NET4SOCIETY Newsletter

**Calls**

The next call of SSH is expected to be published in the middle of 2009, possibly July.

One of the challenges of FP7 is finding the SSH-relevant research topics hidden in the other thematic areas.

Information on all potentially relevant calls is published on the NET4SOCIETY website: www.net4society.eu .

## Editorial

Dear National Information Points, information multipliers and researchers from Third Countries, this is the 2nd edition of the Newsletter for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities.

NET4SOCIETY is an FP7 project co-funded by the European Commission. It enables Trans-national co-operation among National Contact Points for Socio-economic sciences and the Humanities (SSH NCPs).

A special task force was formed to assist the Third Countries' National Information Points and thus support successful Third Countries' participation in FP7.

This newsletter is designed to give as much information and special Tips & tricks which could give a hand in taking part in FP7. Please feel free to propose to us any issues you would like us to cover in future editions of this newsletter.

The next call will soon be published – a lot of work will need to be done – so please use this mean of communication and feel free to contact us for further assistance.

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Waiting for your inputs,

The Third Countries Task Force

## A few words about the NET4SOCIETY Project

On 1st of February 2008, NET4SOCIETY was launched, with 41 National Contact Points (NCPs) from EU Member States, Associated and International Cooperation Partner Countries.

NET4SOCIETY is a Coordination Action designed to foster cooperation among the NCPs for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) in FP7. Under the coordination of Germany, countries from Norway to Greece, Iceland to Israel, Portugal to Belarus and Mexico to South Africa all unite in their objective to strengthen international cooperation

in helping scholars in the social sciences, economics and humanities to tighten their ties into the European Research Area.

Up to now, among the achievements of the project is the draft of a Best Practice Handbook for SSH NCPs, a course of specifically designed trainings targeting topics like legal and financial consulting, how to write a successful proposal and how to organise promotional events, a mentoring programme, where experienced NCPs visit less experienced or new SSH NCPs to transfer knowledge. Yearly, with the publication of the calls, the network analyses the topics of interest for SSH researchers in the other thematic areas to open up all opportunities for funding.



## Reports

☐ "The METRIS report" offers an overview of emerging trends in social sciences and humanities in Europe. European level research in SSH forms an important support for European policy-making. For more info:

ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ssh/docs/ssh_metris_en.pdf

☐ "Science at the Service of Europe" - a guide to the 2007 annual activity report of the European Commission's DG for Research:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/reports/2008/pdf/science_service_europe_2008_en.pdf

☐ The new synopsis on "New Databases, Indicators and Tools" developed in the frame of the European socio-economic research activity (FP6 and FP7). This publication may be found on:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/new-databases-indicators-and-tools_en.pdf

☐ The report on the seminar "Anthropological perspectives in a changing Europe - Bringing people in", which took place in Florence on 23-24 October 2008 is on:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/report_anthropol_en.pdf

☐ The results of the "European Innovation Scoreboard 2008" and "Science, Technology and Competitiveness key figures report 2008/2009" were published on:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/publication_en.cfm

## Upcoming Events

- The first "World Social Science Forum" will be held on **10-12 May 2009** in **Bergen, Norway**. The event is organized by the International Social Science Council. Further information on: http://www.unesco.org/ngo/issc/

- "Sustainable Development: a challenge for European Research" conference will be held on **26-28 May 2009** in **Brussels, Belgium**. For more info: http://ec.europa.eu/research/sd/conference/2009/index_en.cfm

- The "Markets as Networks" conference will take place on **25-26 September 2009** in **Sofia, Bulgaria**. The conference aims at reviewing the major conceptual tools that economic sociology has proposed to understand the various forms of interplay between markets and network structures. For more Info: http://www.netmark.bsa-bg.org/

- "From Information to Knowledge; from Knowledge to Wisdom: Challenges and changes facing higher education in the digital age" conference will be held on **5-7 November 2009** at **Stockholm, Sweden**. This conference is relevant to all who teach in or carry out research in institutions of Higher Education in Europe – and beyond! For more info: http://www.acadeuro.org/index.php?id=wennergren2009

## Tips

On the following URLs you may find new and relevant information concerning FP7's Theme 8 "Socio Economic Sciences and the Humanities":

- The European Commission launched a new website on Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities Research (SSH). This website is intended to be a dynamic one and will give news on all kinds of SSH activities. http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences

- A public website of the NET4SOCIETY project is available. The site contains general information on SSH, links, events, partner search service (including the templates the SSH NCPs in the project will use for better handling of partner searches) and more at: http://www.net4society.eu/.