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NET4SOCIETY and its newsletter:

NET4SOCIETY is the National Contact Points (NCP) network for Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) in the EU's 7th Framework Programme (FP7). The project addresses the SSH researchers' community and presents opportunities within FP7.

This edition features the "MERCURY" project (in the section "Publications") as an example of a successful SSH project, which highlights the achievements of the global SSH research community in FP7. We hope this story will inspire you all to take part in the last and final calls for SSH under FP7. For further information please visit our website: www.net4society.eu. NET4SOCIETY is at your service!

Researchers from non-European countries wishing to subscribe to this newsletter are invited to contact us under: newsletter@net4society.eu

>>> SSH Highlights

NET4SOCIETY publishes analysis on international cooperation in SSH theme

The NET4SOCIETY project conducted an "Analysis of International Cooperation Partner Country (ICPC) participation focused on SSH in comparison with other Themes". This analysis provides an overview of the FP7 themes and areas various countries showed particular interest in, with a specific focus on Theme 8, SSH. A few conclusions are drawn, aiming at enhancing ICPCs and Third Country participation in Horizon 2020.

The analysis can be [downloaded here](#).

>>> Calls

Practical advice on proposal submission

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>>> Events

Interesting SSH events

In this edition, we provide you with information on various upcoming SSH- related events.

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>>> Publications

A number of EU and project publications provide useful information to researchers and policy-makers.

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Here are a few last minute tips:

- The proposal submission system has recently changed. Submission is now done via the Participant Portal. For further information on the new Electronic Proposal Submission, please see the user manual and the presentation available [on the start page of the Participant Portal](#).
- We highly recommend that you start submitting drafts of your proposal as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute.

Remember:

- Updating the proposal and uploading Part B can be done repeatedly, BEFORE the deadline. Start uploading your drafts and do not forget to upload the final version!
- DO NOT forget to push the SUBMIT button.
- Around the time of the deadline the system will be very busy and submissions might take longer.
- [SSH NCPs](#) are more than willing to assist you! We are only an email apart! Contact details of the NCP organisation in your country [can be found here](#).

Interesting SSH events

[The conference "Modelling Growth and Socio-Ecological Transition"](#) will be organised by the EU research project

WWWforEurope (Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe) on 12-13 March 2013 in Vienna, Austria. The aim of the conference is to promote the exchange of ideas among researchers active in the broad field of applied modelling, taking into account smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

An event entitled "[Technology Assessment and Policy Areas of Great Transitions](#)" will take place on 13-15 March 2013 in Prague, Czech Republic. Developments in the field of science and technology have caused society and policymakers to think about what and how these advancements will impact society now and tomorrow. The event is organised within the framework of the PACITA (Parliaments and civil society in technology assessment) project. PACITA is a four-year EU financed project under the FP7 aimed at increasing the capacity and enhancing the institutional foundation for knowledge-based policy-making on issues involving science, technology and innovation.

The "6th Global Conference" entitled "[Interculturalism, Meaning and Identity](#)" will take place on 19-22 March 2013 in Lisbon, Portugal. The conference aims at bringing together researchers from different disciplines to discuss, explore, understand and develop new aspects of culture and identity.

A conference entitled "[Sustainability Research in the Social and Human Sciences: Why? How? For whom?](#)" will take place on 4-5 April 2013 in Quimper, France. The aim is to give researchers in all areas of social sciences and humanities the opportunity to engage in a dialogue on these questions: what position should they adopt on the issue of sustainability? What is their role and what mission should they assign themselves?

The "[11th Global Conference on Violence](#)" will take place on 9-11 May 2013 in Prague, Czech Republic. The Conference is multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary in nature and aims to identify and understand violence in contemporary life.

The "[8th Global Conference on Cyber cultures](#)" will take place 15-17 May 2013 in Prague, Czech Republic. This inter- and multi-disciplinary conference aims to examine, explore and critically engage with the issues and implications created by the growing adoption of information technologies for human communication.

The "[11th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs](#)" will take place on 17-20 June 2013 in Athens, Greece. The aim of the conference is to bring together academics, researchers, students and professionals in private, public and governmental organisations on the topic of politics and international affairs as well as other related disciplines.

The "[8th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences](#)" will take place at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic on 30 July-1 August 2013. This international conference will examine the nature of disciplinary practices, and the interdisciplinary practices that arise in the context of 'real world' applications. It also interrogates what constitutes 'science' in a social context, and the connections between the social and other sciences.

NET4SOCIETY organised a conference on 15 January 2013 in Brussels on SSH and interdisciplinarity. The results of the conference "Learning by doing – making interdisciplinarity work" will feed into recommendations for research policy with regard to designing interdisciplinary research funding opportunities. More information on the results of the conference [will soon be made available here](#).

For more events, please see our [website](#).

Publications

The NET4SOCIETY project publishes SSH success stories with the aim of increasing the visibility of SSH projects with real political or societal impact. The [MERCURY](#) project (www.mercury-project.eu/) is one of these success stories. The project will publish six more success stories by the end of January 2013 related to projects from challenges of the SSH programme. The success stories will be made available on the NET4SOCIETY [website](#).

More [success stories in the area of Social Sciences and Humanities](#) can be found on the European Commission website.

NET4SOCIETY published a short video highlighting the importance of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in Europe, as well as the services of National Contact Points for SSH and of their network NET4SOCIETY. You can watch the video [here](#).

NET4SOCIETY published the second edition of "ISSUES – The Voice of SSH in Europe", a newsletter that targets policy-makers and SSH stakeholders. The second edition of ISSUES takes a closer look at the preparations for Horizon 2020, the upcoming European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, with a specific focus on the role foreseen for SSH. The newsletter [can be downloaded here](#).

The FLASH-IT project (Facilitating Access to Socio-economic research through Information and communication Technologies), has published [four policy snapshots](#), drawn from projects funded under the SSH theme, which feature policy-relevant recommendations and Europe 2020 policy priorities.

For more publications and links see our [website](#).



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