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NET4SOCIETY and its newsletter:

The National Contact Points (NCP) networks are a valuable tool for awareness raising for researchers' opportunities in the 7th Framework Programme for Research (FP7). The NET4SOCIETY project, the NCP network for the Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) Programme, includes National Contact Points of EU Member States, Associated States and Third Countries that take a part in FP7. The activities of our network, as described in this issue, aim at increasing visibility of the SSH Programme and strengthening successful participation in FP7 of SSH researchers from all over the world.

If you wish to subscribe to this newsletter let us know: newsletter@net4society.eu

>>> SSH Highlights

NET4SOCIETY website- our services for researchers

The NET4SOCIETY website is the main tool of communication of the NET4SOCIETY network. The website is aimed at researchers and stakeholders in the Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) and offers a wide range of information on FP7 and the activities of the SSH NCPs.

Two of the main features of the website are its Partner Search tool and [Research Directory](#). These features are designed to help you connect with other SSH researchers:

Our online [partner search service](#) platform will help you find researchers with concrete proposal plans in the SSH-2013 programme. Or you may simply browse through a [directory](#) of international and active SSH researchers if you want to establish new research collaborations!

Are you looking for interesting forthcoming events? See our selection of European events on our [event calendar](#).

You may also bring yourself up-to-date with the latest [publications](#), [funding opportunities](#), information on [international cooperation](#), or simply find out how to contact your own [National Contact Point](#) in your country who can give personal advice on all aspects of FP7.

Please visit us at www.net4society.eu and feel free to send your comments to contact@net4society.eu.

EU and ICPC benefit from collaboration in FP7

Dr. David Rotman, the Belarusian partner in an FP7 project, proves that the contributions of researchers from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC) are essential to the EU in various ways. The project entitled "Health in Times of Transition: Trends in Population Health and Health Policies in CIS countries", funded under the FP7 - HEALTH Programme provides evidence that SSH issues exist in different thematic priorities in the Framework Programme.

For more information on the interview, please click [here](#).

For more information on the HITT-CIS project, please click [here](#).

>>> Calls

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>>> Events

Interesting SSH 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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[NET4SOCIETY and your National Contact Point](#) will support your proposal preparations! Please do not hesitate to contact us.

2013 Calls

You can find information about topics selected for this work programme in the links below:

- [FP7-SSH-2013](#) - Collaborative projects (Large-scale integrated research projects)
- [FP7-SSH-2013](#) - Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects) as well as Coordination and Support Actions

This year's Work Programme focuses on a number of strategic societal challenges. The selection of topics is based on the "Europe 2020 strategy", the Challenge Social Innovation conference contributions, as well as inputs received from European Member States, the SSH Advisory Group and other Directorates-General of the European Commission. Selection of themes is also based on research already funded.

Researchers and research institutions from Third Countries, and especially from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC), are strongly encouraged to take part in proposals submitted under all challenges and topics in this Work

Programme. By enhancing the scientific and technological excellence of projects, via international collaboration, European projects gain a greater impact.

All proposals should develop clear, targeted dissemination and valorisation strategies such as the use of new media for addressing and involving scientific audiences, policy-makers, civil society organisations and other key actors and the general public. These strategies should be an integral part of the projects, to be implemented from early on in the project life cycle.

Now is the time to act! Join forces to prepare a successful proposal!

Be advised about proposal submission:

Since July 2012 most FP7 calls use the new electronic proposal submission system of the Participant Portal. A [presentation](#) is available on the Participant Portal showing the main features of the new system.

If you are looking for partners or wish to organise a consortium, then the NET4SOCIETY [website](#) is the place for you! This online partner search service, managed by the NET4SOCIETY project, is a purpose-built virtual match-making website. It enables you to [enter your project search](#) (as a potential partner) or [enter your partner search](#) (if you are thinking to coordinate a proposal) and presents you with a list of all published [partner and project searches](#). The NET4SOCIETY network offers the research community a special service by carrying out a quality check on partner searches before they are displayed online. This service, which is free of charge, is performed by each country's NCP and a special quality management team.

NET4SOCIETY presents SSH opportunities outside SSH

There are more opportunities for the SSH research community, throughout the entire Framework Programme. Topics with SSH relevance under different thematic priorities are indicated in the NET4SOCIETY document "[Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities \(SSH\)](#)".

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The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union will organize a conference entitled: "European Institute of Innovation and Technology Stakeholder Conference – Addressing Societal Challenges through the EIT". The conference will take place in Larnaca, Cyprus (*Ktima Makenzy*) on 8 and 9 November 2012. The objective of the conference is to promote constructive dialogue between relevant stakeholders to explore the ways in which the EIT could further contribute to the enhancement of the European Union's innovation capacity. For further information about this conference please visit the [event website](#).

An event entitled 'Completing the European Research Area in the Context of the Innovation Union - Boarding Time' will take place on 14 November 2012 at the 'FILOXENIA' Conference Centre Nicosia, Cyprus. Specific fields to be explored during the conference include issues such as the effectiveness of national research systems, the open labour market for researchers, research infrastructures, gender issues, knowledge transfer and open access issues, cross border cooperation and competition of research actors, international cooperation and the monitoring mechanism. The conference aims to bring together European Research Area (ERA) stakeholders such as research organisations, universities, private enterprises and public authorities. Together they will contribute to the policy measures and actions that must be implemented with a view to completing the ERA by 2014. For further information, please visit the [conference website](#).

The Fifth International Conference on 'Education Research and Innovation' will take place from 19 to 21 November 2012 in Madrid, Spain. The conference will aim to highlight the various aspects of educational research ranging from barriers to learning, globalization, technological advances and government policy issues. The event is intended to be a forum for researchers, practitioners, and students who are interested in all educational fields and disciplines. For further information, please visit the [conference website](#).

The 2nd International Symposium on Shaping Europe 2020: Socio-Economic Challenges will take place on 16-17 November 2012 in Bucharest. The objective of the symposium is to share the experiences in the socio-economic field in the context of Europe 2020. For further information please visit the website of the [international symposium](#).

A "Communication and Social Media" workshop will be held in Vienna, Austria, on 19 November 2012. The workshop is designed for members of PR departments in member organisations of TAFTIE, though others can participate. For further information please see the [workshop website](#).

The "European Gender Summit" that will be held in Brussels on 29-30 November 2012 will bring together top-level

policy makers, science leaders and innovation stakeholders to align agendas and to identify the best ways for integrating the gender dimension in the research and innovation landscape. The details of the programme and of the speakers are available on the [Summit website](#).

A conference entitled "Tracing Social Inequalities in Environmentally-Induced Migration" will be held on 9-13 December 2012 at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF), Bielefeld, Germany with the aim of focusing on the social inequalities between world regions, countries, geographical regions, organisations, groups and categories of people involved in environmental and climate-induced migration. For further information, please visit the [conference website](#).

The "Modeling Growth and Socio-Ecological Transition" conference will be held in Vienna, Austria, on 12-13 March 2013. The aim of the WWWforEurope Conference on *Modelling Growth and Socio-ecological Transition* is to promote the exchange of ideas among researchers active in the broad field of applied modeling, taking into account smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. For further information please see the [conference website](#).

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

Publications

The foresight report entitled "Global Europe 2050 - The World and Europe up to 2050: EU Policies and Research Priorities" presents and quantifies three European scenarios:

- 'Nobody cares' - a scenario where Europe is just 'muddling through', without clear guidelines or an appropriate policy framework
- 'EU under threat', through economic decline and protectionism;
- 'European Renaissance', where the EU continues to enlarge and grow stronger with more efficient innovation systems.

You may access the report [here](#).

"New skills and jobs in Europe: Pathways towards full employment" is a recent publication that questions current approaches which weaken job quality and do not increase employment figures. The report argues that there is room for improvement in employment in Europe and emphasizes the importance of improving access to education, developing more transversal skills and balancing job security and flexibility. The full report is now [available](#).

"The Development of European Identity/Identities: Unfinished Business" reports on a set of recent EU-funded research projects, drawn mainly from the latter part of the Sixth and the Seventh Framework Programmes, all of which explore the issue of European identity. An Appendix provides further information on each of these projects as well as on other related projects. The full report can be [downloaded](#).

The FLASH-IT project – Facilitating Access to Socio-economic research through Information and communication Technologies published a 2nd Policy snapshot targeting the "EU policy priority: Inclusive Growth - Research focus: Demography and ageing" which highlights Europe's demographic policy concerns in relation to findings from three EU-funded research projects on demography and ageing. The document features policy-relevant recommendations concerning *active ageing, fertility sustainment and extended working life*. Europe 2020 policy priorities are highlighted. All research findings are drawn from projects funded under the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) theme of the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7). The full report is accessible [here](#).

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