

# **6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme Research in Social Sciences and Humanities**

- PRIORITY 7 - Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society
- PRIORITY 8 - Scientific Support to Policies

## **Projects' Synopses**

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## Introduction

Within the Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (2002-2006), Priority 7 “Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society” aims to mobilise European research in economic, political, social sciences and humanities in order to develop an understanding of and to address issues related to the emergence of a knowledge -based society as well as to identify and address, on the one hand, new forms of relationships between its citizens and, on the other between its citizens and institutions.

In order to attain these objectives, researchers were invited to address issues related to the following 7 research areas, grouped into two major themes:

### **Knowledge based society and social cohesion**

1. *Improving generation, distribution and use of knowledge*
2. *Options and choices for the development of a knowledge-based society*
3. *Variety of paths towards a knowledge society*

### **Citizenship, democracy and new forms of governance**

4. *Implications of European integration and enlargement*
5. *New forms of governance*
6. *Resolution of conflicts and restoration of peace*
7. *New forms of citizenship and cultural identities*

And one additional research area of a horizontal nature:

8. *Actions to promote the European Research Area in Social Sciences and Humanities and their contribution to the knowledge based society in Europe.*

The implementation of this Priority was undertaken through the launching of calls for proposals in 2003 and 2004 and researchers had the possibility of using various types of research instruments.

These calls for proposals have generated high interest from the scientific community, as underlined by the number of proposals submitted: In total 831 proposals have been submitted to all calls (428 proposals to the calls launched in 2003 and 410 to those launched in 2004). Based upon the independent evaluation procedures, 126 contracts have been or are about to be signed, corresponding to a total EU budget of €178.5 Million:

- *20 NoE and IP have been selected in 2003 and 2004. The total EU budget allocated to these instruments currently amounts to €82 Million. It is expected that around 14 NoE and IP will be selected following the evaluation of call “Citizens 4”.*
- *As far as STREP’S and CA are concerned, 91 projects have been selected for funding since the launch of Priority 7, amounting to a total EU budget of €91 Million.*
- *The last calls for proposals were also open for Specific Support Actions (SSA) and 15 have been selected for funding, corresponding to a total EU budget of €5.5 Million.*

This publication contains the synopses of the projects which have started or are about to start under this Priority. They are grouped around the above mentioned eight research areas.

It should be mentioned that the information related to projects selected under calls “Citizens 5” and “Citizens 6” is still provisional, as, at the time of the publication of this catalogue, negotiations were still underway.

In addition, within the Sixth Framework Programme Priority 8 “Policy support and anticipating scientific and technological needs” (SSP) aims at financing projects whose main objectives are to support specific policies and related activities. SSP serves the decision-making process through targeted research which responds to the specific needs identified by policy-makers.

This priority is organised around three major research areas:

- 1. *Sustainable management of Europe's natural resources***
- 2. *Providing health, security and opportunity to the people of Europe***
- 3. *Underpinning the economic potential and cohesion of a larger and more integrated European Union.***

As a result of the SSP calls for proposals published in 2004, 18 projects were approved in areas related to crime, migration and refugee flows, under research area 2, and in areas related to competition policies, sustainable development and trade policies, and improving the quality of European statistics, under research area 3. Synopses of these 18 projects are also included in this catalogue.

Further details on the selected projects under Priority 7 are available at:

<http://www.cordis.lu/citizens/projects.htm>.

Further information on the overall activities of Priority 8 can be found at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/ssp/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/ssp/index_en.htm) .

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 1**

#### **Improving the generation, distribution and use of knowledge and its impact on economic and social development**

##### **Themes:**

- **Knowledge dynamics and economic and societal development**
- **in Europe and in its regions**
- **Science and Technology in the Knowledge Based Society**
- **Knowledge Based Society**
- **Knowledge Based Entrepreneurship**
- **Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe**

## **Dynamics of Institutions and Markets in Europe**

### **DIME**

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## **Dynamics of Institutions and Markets in Europe**

### **DIME**

#### **Objectives of the project**

DIME stands for "Dynamics of Institution and Markets in Europe", a title meant to strongly emphasise the analysis of the dynamic features of the processes involved in the transition to a knowledge-based economy.

The essential DIME goal is to address contemporary challenges facing the European Union, its member states, its companies and its citizens in managing the transition to a knowledge-based economy and society in the context of its enlargement and of the globalization of the economy. The DIME field of operation thus includes a wide range of issues at various levels of aggregation, covering, for example, macro processes such as the enlargement of the European Union, meso issues such as emerging regional inequalities, and micro factors behind the competitiveness of European firms in the global knowledge economy.

The DIME NoE seeks to address and analyze (1) the generation, accumulation, and exchange of knowledge; (2) governance, institutional frameworks and public policies; and (3) social and spatial proximity as influencing cohesion and the above. These three topics directly address the objectives of the Priority 7, research area 1.1.2

#### **Brief description of the project**

The challenges of co-ordination and organisation involved in generating and exchanging knowledge test the limits of social science understanding and several disciplines have sought to address these issues. The economics of knowledge, the political analysis of multi-level governance, and the social and geographic understanding of proximity, for instance, must be further developed. But many pieces of the puzzle of how to better co-ordinate and organise knowledge generation and exchange remain detached and embedded in different scientific disciplines. The present challenge, and the impetus for the DIME network is the opportunity to develop means of integrating the conceptual, theoretical, and measurement tools employed by different social science communities in order to discover better means of integrating or mobilising existing knowledge as well as generating technological and organisational innovation. Integration among disciplines should favour both intra-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary developments addressing the following scientific challenges : - Knowledge is an Essential and Specific Input in our Economic Systems - The Central Role of Spatiality - Organizational Frames and Governance These scientific advances should help to address policy issues of urgent relevance for the EU : - Globalization, Enlargement of Europe, Emergence of Regions and the Role of the Nation State -Knowledge Divide and Inequality among Regions

#### **Expected results (expected scientific and policy outcomes)**

DIME expects

- to develop means of integrating the conceptual, theoretical, and measurement tools employed by different social science communities, dealing with the above described project goals, in order to discover better means of mobilising existing knowledge as well as generating organisational and policy-innovation
- to increase the participation of researchers and research institutes that have not previously been centrally active in the research areas represented by DIME and to enhance the participation of women in DIME related research.
- to improve access to and the relevance of social science research findings for stakeholders including national and regional policymakers and others who might benefit.
- To foster collaborative research and to strengthen research fundraising based upon the interactions within the network.

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 2**

##### **Options and choices for the development of a Knowledge-based society**

#### **Themes**

- **Social cohesion in the knowledge-based society**
- **Changes in work in the knowledge society**
- **Promoting the knowledge society through life-long learning**
- **Education challenges for the knowledge society**
- **Reinforcing the links between science and education**
- **Intergenerational inheritance of inequalities**
- **Social insecurity**

**Towards a Lifelong Learning Society in Europe: The Contribution of the Education System**

**LLL2010**

**Contract n°: CIT3-513321**

**IP**

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**Towards a Lifelong Learning Society in Europe: The Contribution of the Education System**

**LLL2010**

**Objectives of the project**

- to develop and carry out a joint research agenda for a better understanding of the tensions between the knowledge-based society, lifelong learning and social inclusion in the context of enlargement of the EU and globalisation;
- to provide an analysis of the role played by the education system in the enhancing of lifelong learning and dependency of this role on relevant institutions at micro, meso and macro levels;
- to provide an empirically based analysis of the adequacy of lifelong learning policies in Europe and their implications for different social groups, especially for socially excluded groups;
- to develop relevant policy proposals for lifelong learning strategies to decrease social exclusion on the European and national level and to identify their implications for relevant areas of social and economic policies;
- to strengthen cooperation and infrastructure for international and multidisciplinary comparative research in the area of lifelong learning;
- to develop transnational data sources, i.e. survey of adult learners in schools and universities, in-depth interviews with schools management, employers, analysis of policy documents.

**Brief description of the project**

Within the project empirical studies will be carried out with regard to macro, meso and micro levels in order to take into account macro-structural factors and national policies, as well as institutional factors and actors' motivation and actions, which are all considered to influence the role of educational systems in promoting lifelong learning. Analyses will be based on the following surveys and data: (a) individual learners (a survey of adult learners in schools and universities and data from Eurostat driven Adult Education Survey); (b) educational institutions (interviews with schools' management and officials from education ministries); (c) enterprises (interviews with SME management). The project is designed in a way to integrate into a coherent picture *the different aspects* – historical, political, institutional, economic, individual and methodological – related to participation in and access to lifelong learning.

**Expected results (expected scientific and policy outcomes)**

The project aims

(a) to extend the present knowledge of the relation between lifelong learning, education system, social inclusion and the knowledge-based society by the multidisciplinary development of the conceptual framework; by the development of methodology of comparative research; by the development of a common strategy for analyses of standardized data of the Adult Education Survey:

- European typology of basic patterns of participation in lifelong learning will be developed and causal factors of cross-country differences will be revealed;
- differences between European countries in the expectations and attitudes towards LLL, obstacles to access and support received will be outlined.

(b) to contribute to social innovation in terms of context-sensitive usage of the best inclusive practices on lifelong learning:

- in all the countries the best practices of educational system's contributions to promoting lifelong learning will be identified, with special attention for the participation in lifelong learning for groups at risk of being socially and economically excluded;
- the links between these practices and their institutional context will be revealed and preconditions for implementation of best practices in different institutional and political contexts will be explored; context-sensitive European models of best practices in lifelong learning will be offered.

**Growing Inequality and Social Innovation:  
Alternative Knowledge and Practice in Overcoming Social Exclusion in Europe  
KATARSIS**

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The Co-Ordination Action KATARSIS aims to build a platform on which research teams specialised in the study of the consequences of growing inequality and social exclusion will exchange their knowledge and work towards a better integration of their research programmes and methodologies. The focus is on a unique type of response to growing exclusion, namely the creative and socially innovative strategies by which people react to conditions of exclusion, both at the individual and collective level. People in situations of need activate and (re)produce particular types of knowledge and combine resources in novel ways. The strategies they develop in response to exclusion often exhibit marked differences in the ways in which mainstream society's knowledge and practices are mobilised and deployed, and frequently trigger processes of social innovation that open up fresh venues for policy design and implementation. KATARSIS' Coordination Activities include: (i) Surveying the literature in five existential fields (Labour Market and Social Economy; Education and Training; Housing and Neighbourhood; Health and Environment; Governance and Democracy); (ii) Three Integration Exercises meant to improve the integration among scientific and methodological perspectives in the analysis of socially innovative initiatives. These Exercises are organised around 3 themes: Bottom-up Creativity; Governance and Social Innovation; (iii) The development of a research methodology to study the organization and agency of socially innovative initiatives. This methodology will include theoretical integration, design of research methods as well as modes of integration and coordination of research programmes in this field; (iv) A multi-dimensional dissemination and user group strategy, involving practitioners and policy makers in the field of social inclusion, empowerment and participation. Customized publications (including on website) will support this strategy.

**Priority 7 - Research Area 2: Options and choices for the development of a Knowledge-based society**

**Social Inequality and Why It Matters for the Economic and Democratic Development of Europe and Its Citizens.  
Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe in Comparative Perspective**

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Social inequality matters: to the life chances of individuals and their families; and to the democratic and economic future of Europe. The fundamental aim of the proposed project is to create and disseminate new knowledge that will facilitate the achievement of greater social equality, and therefore enhance the social cohesiveness, and democratic and market development of Central and East European (CEE) states and their integration with Western Europe. The project will investigate the multifaceted character of social inequality in CEE states, where the extent and character of social inequality has been dramatically impacted by the transition from controlled economies to (variously successful) forms of market and democratic systems. It will assess the economic and political causes of social inequality among both individuals and countries and its consequences for social cohesion, economic development, social conflict, social mobility, democratic consolidation, and international integration. The research will proceed comparatively by examining differences within Central and East European (CEE) states (including EU members, Associated States, and International Cooperation target states in the FSU) and by looking at changes over time in the character and consequences of social inequality within CEE. By analysing 'best practice' within CEE states and other parts of the world, the main impact of the project will be to guide policy measures and institutional arrangements at the national and EU level that will (a) underpin individual and household strategies that may reduce social inequality, (b) contribute to understanding of factors that may reduce social conflict, and (c) enhance economic development, democratic consolidation and European integration.

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 3**

#### **The variety of paths towards a knowledge society**

#### **Themes:**

- **Migration, Immigration and Multiculturalism as Challenges for Knowledge Based Societies**
- **Socio-economic Development Models**
- **Citizens Attitudes**
- **Sustainable Development**

**A Cognitive Approach to Rural Sustainable Development the dynamics of expert and lay knowledges**

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**Objectives of project:**

The study of changes towards sustainable development in rural Europe provides a means for illuminating the shape and dynamics of European knowledge society more generally. We define a knowledge society as one which contains not just one but a plurality of knowledges, expert and lay. These range from the scientific, economic, administrative, and managerial to local, practical and ecological knowledge, traditional repertoires, trial and error or experientially-based discoveries. We further define sustainable development as a knowledge-based set of practices, within which the expert form of knowledge has been dominant, but to which non-expert forms may make a significant contribution. We seek to identify the dynamics of these different forms of knowledge, and their functioning in relation to economy and society, through case studies of rural development projects oriented towards increasing sustainability.

**Brief description of project:**

Rural development projects are studied in case study regions in 12 different European countries through seven thematic areas. These Work Packages cover projects addressing: land use management, demographics and civil society, nature protection and biodiversity, local food production, non-agricultural economy, innovatory economic development, and sustainable management of natural resources. The research will uncover the plurality of knowledges recognised, used or marginalised within such projects. Individual country reports in each case will be brought together as the basis for comparative analysis of the use and status of differentiated knowledge forms within a given thematic area, leading finally to a comparative analysis across themes as well as across national settings.

**Expected results:**

From an ecological point of view, rural areas are key areas for the transition to sustainable development. With the sustainability policy switch, rural areas have gained new economic significance in the post-industrial and post-agricultural development phase. This is visible in the manifold reactivations of the countryside as a diversifying, locally based economy encompassing new forms of agriculture (including organic and non-food production), small-scale food-processing, new forms of rural tourism, new forms of managing the complex natural resources which are found in or related to rural areas. The scientific outcome of the project will be an integrated understanding of these reactivations, their varying social and institutional forms, and their uses of different forms of knowledge, as a contribution to the comparative analysis of the emergence of European knowledge society. Anticipated policy outcomes are the provision and dissemination of a sound knowledge base for policies to manage this transition.

**The Challenge of Socio-economic Cohesion In the Enlarged European Union**

**SOCCOH**

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**The Challenge of Socio-economic Cohesion In the Enlarged European Union**

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**Abstract:**

"The proposed research project, which is structurally based on the comparative analysis of the role of social capital and civil society in achieving the goals of development policy through stimulating social partnerships and improving levels of administrative capacity, is based on research conducted in non-Cohesion (Germany and Italy), old Cohesion (Greece and Spain), CEE (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland) and candidate states (Bulgaria and Romania) of the EU. The project focuses on identifying the patterns of interactions between the levels of social capital and the capacity of civil society to choose effective and efficient development policy strategies and implementation processes to achieve the goal of sustainable development. Hence, the principal goal of the project is threefold: first, to identify the existing differences in the structure of civil society between the old and new Member States, by evaluating the level of social capital present in different territorial contexts; second, to assess how these differences in the strength of social capital and civil society may be related to the levels of effectiveness and efficiency of development policies in these countries; and third, to identify ways in which the Europeanization of public policy (in our case, cohesion policy) may be used to strengthen the level of social capital and civil society at large, thus indirectly affecting/improving the levels of effectiveness and efficiency of development policy.

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 4**

#### **The implications of European integration and enlargement for governance and the citizen**

#### **Themes**

- § **Deepening and widening of the European Union: lessons from the past and visions of the future**
- § **Global governance, regulatory frameworks and the role of the European Union**
- § **Transformations in the Candidate Countries**

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**Wider Europe, deeper integration? "Constructing Europe" Network**

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**EU-CONSENT**

**Project summary**

"EU-CONSENT" as a network of excellence for joint research and teaching with 48 institutional partners including 25 universities and approx. 200 researchers and 80 young researchers from 22 EU member states and 3 candidate countries looks at the construction of a new Europe especially from 2005-2008. It addresses the question of the mutual reinforcing effects of deepening and widening by developing and working with sets of expectations for analysing the past and developing an innovative framework for the future integration beyond Western Europe. Within such a conceptual framework 25 teams test lessons from the past in view of their academic and political validity for discussing visions and scenarios for the future.

The major leitmotiv is that the Union is in the full process of reinventing itself - a development which is however difficult to grasp and explain. The common framework includes integrating activities (conferences, workshops, activities in plenum and teams), common research (EU-25 Watch, WEB-CONSENT), teaching activities (traditional courses, virtual study units on EU deepening and widening, PhD Centre of Excellence and internships for young researchers) and dissemination activities (public events and common publications). The results of the integrating activities flow into common databases such as the E-Library, a multilingual glossary on EU deepening and widening, bibliographies and core curricula, which are all be made available on the WEB-CONSENT (available from 11/2005 onwards). It also offers yardsticks for observing the progress made by the whole project. The open character of the network, which aims at being a "network of networks", together with a full integration of young researchers into the network, respect of gender equality and concern for sustainability, are the core principles of EU-CONSENT.

Its management is based upon a consolidated structure, following a decentralised approach. As an academic and policy-oriented network EU-CONSENT is closely linked to political and administrative decision-makers on EU and national level as well as to civil society.

The main objectives of EU CONSENT are, firstly, to develop a comprehensive, sustainable and open "network of networks" for research and teaching on the interrelationship of EU deepening and widening improving the understanding of key European processes and challenges by creating and developing the instruments as measurable and verifiable deliverables. Secondly, EU CONSENT aims at exploring contrasting sets of expectation. Therefore, EU-CONSENT proposes a common conceptual framework and will elaborate and adapt it during the project's lifetime especially by the 'theory group'. The EU-CONSENT network starts from a set of expectations, which will each take up similar factors but expects different outcomes. Each chain of argument will integrate elements and inputs from positivist, constructivist and normative approaches.

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**Eastern Enlargement - Western Enlargement. Cultural Encounters in the European Economy  
and Society after the Accession**

**DIOSCURI**

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**Objectives:**

The primary objective of the project is to explore the dynamics of cultural exchange between “East” and “West” in the European economy and to assess their impact on social cohesion in and between old and new member states. It will also identify the types of cultural encounters in the European economy during and after the Enlargement, map the major cultural gaps and strategies to bridge them, explore the fields in which the new entrants can contribute to the rejuvenation of economic cultures in the Union, and enable the EU to draw lessons for the next rounds of accession. The project aims at bringing the cultural *problématique* back in the economic discourse of Enlargement.

**Brief description of the project:**

The project takes the acronym DIOSCURI after the mythological twins Castor and Pollux, sons of Zeus, representing the “East” and the “West.” In complementing each other, the Dioscuri never strove in rivalry for leadership – this is the promising message of Greek mythology. Nevertheless, despite their exemplary relationship, they did not find eternal peace but have to spend alternate days on Olympus (as gods) and in Hades (as deceased mortals). The project’s optimistic assumption is that it is possible to spend more days on the hill than in the underworld.

The field research will be carried out in four East-Central European countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia) and in four countries of Southeastern Europe (Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Serbia and Montenegro). It revolves around three research fields: entrepreneurship, governance and economic knowledge. The respective target groups for interviews are businesspeople, civil servants and economists, that is, important producers of economic culture. In addition to interviews, the project will use focus group discussions, literature/media analysis and case studies to reach its objectives.

The project co-ordination will be provided by the Center for Policy Studies at the Central European University, in Budapest. The project will be supported by the Principal Researcher based at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, and assisted by an International Advisory Board.

**Expected results:**

The project will result in a set of field reports, case and country studies as well as comparative analyses. It will also provide policy recommendations for future rounds of EU enlargement on how to facilitate a mutually beneficial relationship between existing member states and new entrants.

The Consortium expects to find a great variety of lasting cultural hybrids in economic and social behaviour, instead of a simplistic scheme, in which the "strong Western" culture devours the "weak Eastern" one. Thus, in an unprecedented way, Eastern Enlargement will be studied in conjunction with its neglected counterpart, Western Enlargement. East-West encounters will generate a complex dynamics that includes cultural gaps (tensions, frictions, conflicts), strategies to bridge the gaps, and compromises between cultures. In studying them, DIOSCURI will go beyond the world of the *acquis* to discover forms of cultural coexistence which are hard to regulate *ex ante* by introducing new organizational/legal

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**Environmental Policy Integration and Multi-level Governance**

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**Environmental Policy Integration and Multi-level Governance**

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**Abstract:**

The integration of environmental issues into other policy areas (EPI) is widely recognised as key for sustainable development (SD). It is also the biggest challenge facing the environmental community, requiring not only a new approach to policy making but also changes in policies and their implementation. However, the cross-cutting nature of EPI does not easily fit with traditional hierarchical governance based on (nation) state authority, sectoral differentiation, and 'command and control' type instruments. It is therefore not surprising that measures to promote EPI frequently also rely on new modes of governance, such as voluntary, procedural, information, learning and market based instruments. Efforts to achieve and improve EPI are currently being made at local/regional, national, European and global levels of governance, and within the private sector. Measures at different levels may affect each other, thereby improving or weakening EPI and SD. Indeed, the interlinkages between these different modes of governance and layers are emerging as a central challenge in the area of EPI.

There is a rapidly growing body of literature analysing and discussing different EPI approaches and measures. The CA aims to structure these findings and to identify avenues for future research by focussing on two main themes: First, is it possible to identify modes of governance which are typically used to promote EPI at particular levels, eg. local/regional, national, EU, global? If so, which governance modes are typically used at which levels? And which are most effective or show most promise? Second, how do EPI measures at the different levels affect each other and how could governance be improved to increase synergies and minimise negative interaction effects across the levels? Assembling and discussing findings which are relevant for these themes should ultimately facilitate progress in improving the implementation of EPI in the EU multi-level governance system.

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 5**

#### **Articulation of areas of responsibility and new forms of governance**

##### **Themes:**

- **Public interest: conception, regulation and implementation**
- **Multilevel Governance, Democracy and New Policy Instruments**
- **Towards a European Contract Law**
- **Corporate Social Responsibility**

## Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest

### REFGOV

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## **Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest**

### **REFGOV**

This research focuses on emerging institutional mechanisms which seek to answer the question of market failures by means other than command-and-control regulation imposed in the name of the public interest. It seeks to identify these new mechanisms, to evaluate them and to make institutional proposals for an improved form of governance.

The approach means to highlight two categories of insufficiency: insufficiency in the governance devices and insufficiency in the theoretical models currently available to address the former. It aims therefore to synthesize the achievements of the current interdisciplinary research and set up an interaction not only between the most advanced questions of Economics, Law, Political Science, but also between those questions and the Theory of Action related to the public interest governance. Beyond that, it will push forward the research on collective action and seek to build the theoretical tools required to address the remaining insufficiencies, upon the hypothesis that such improvements depend on the better construction of the preconditions of the collective learning process, which conditions the efficiency of any collective action.

It proposes to ground its empirical work in five material fields: Services of General Interest, Global Public Services and Common Goods, Institutional Frames for Markets, Corporate Governance, and Fundamental Rights Governance. These laboratories of new forms of governance in the public interest have been chosen because a wide perspective must be adopted to define the preconditions of public interest, especially in the provision of public services. They constitute the five thematic sub-networks of the project. Indeed, this question can only be approached adequately by also investigating the institutional frames required for an efficient regulation of competitive activities, as the borders between the sectors of competitive activities and traditional public services become still more indistinct; any answer to this question must also take into account the international context in which the EU has to regulate economic activities and in particular the services of general economic interest; it must build on the evolutions of corporate governance as it is increasingly being recognized that, in relation to the enterprises which supply services of general interest, how companies are owned and controlled has a vital impact on the way they respond to regulatory interventions; and, finally, it must seek inspiration from the common values on which the Union is built - indeed, fundamental rights may have a decisive role in the future in contributing to social and territorial cohesion in the Union.

A Cross-thematic Seminar will be set up to ensure an integrated and consistent reflection on common theoretical questions considered by each sub-network in their specific research.

The 'Theory of the Norm' Unit included in the project will seek to link the current perspectives on governance theory to the more epistemological reflections originating in the Theory of Action and the Theory of the Norm. It will be closely connected to the Cross-thematic Seminar.

The major outcomes of our research will be institutional proposals in each of the thematic fields studied in the project and on a more general level a 'Public Interest Assessment' protocol. Such a protocol would favour a better evaluation of the organisation of services of general interest.

**Efficient and Democratic Governance in a Multi-Level Europe**

**CONNEX**

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**Efficient and Democratic Governance in a Multi-Level Europe**

**CONNEX**

**Objectives:**

CONNEX seeks to integrate independent fundamental research and to mobilise outstanding scholars from different disciplines to deepen our knowledge on European multilevel governance and to build a Europe wide research community which stands for scientific excellence.

It also aims to contribute to the public debate on the future of European governance.

Its objectives are reflected in the following 3 tasks:

Task 1: to provide information and easy access to accumulated knowledge (stock-taking)

Task 2: to integrate research on the conditions and instruments of efficiency and democracy in a multilevel system

Task 3: to disseminate state of the art knowledge and to communicate with the wider world of academia, policy makers and other possible users of this research.

**Brief description of the project:**

The Network of Excellence CONNEX is dedicated to the analysis of efficient and democratic multilevel governance in Europe and will have a duration of four years.

Multilevel governance stands for the high interdependence of political responsibilities executed at regional, national and European level. Efficiency and democratic accountability is needed because it is the very foundation of legitimate governance.

43 partner institutions from 23 European countries and more than 170 scholars cooperate within the network. The consortium is coordinated by the MZES, a research centre at the University of Mannheim, Germany.

**Expected results:**

The network's rationale is to provide better opportunities for cooperation and integration of research and the dissemination of its results. CONNEX will reach out to nodes of excellence across Europe, mobilise and pool resources. This way it seeks to advance European leadership in academic research on efficient and democratic multilevel governance and provide solid answers to the crucial questions concerning the political future of Europe.

By concentrating on open questions research results it will substantiate or refute many of the (often implicit) suppositions in the public debate on European governance,

The concentration of research on the democratic dimension of multilevel governance will grind down the "benign" neglect of the EU reform initiatives.

The communication with users at an early stage of research, i.e. when framing research questions is deemed to make research more responsive to the special needs of users.

## **New Modes of Governance**

### **NEWGOV**

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## **New Modes of Governance**

### **NEWGOV**

#### **Abstract :**

1. The aim of this Integrated Project is to produce a deeper conceptual, empirical and normative understanding of all aspects of governance within and beyond Europe, giving special attention to the emergence, execution, evaluation and evolution of new and innovative modes of governance. By new modes of governance we mean the range of innovations and transformations that are occurring in the instruments, methods, and systems of governance in contemporary politics and economies, especially within the European Union (EU) and its member states.

2. The precise scientific objectives of NEWGOV will be pursued within four different clusters, each of which contains a set of inter-linked projects. The four clusters are dedicated, respectively, to 'emergence, evolution and evaluation', 'delegation, hierarchy and accountability', 'effectiveness, capacity and legitimacy', and 'learning, experimental governance, and reform'. Within these clusters there is a total of 24 projects which cover topics such as 'capacity building and the OMC' and 'arguing and persuasion in EU governance' in cluster #1, 'regulatory agencies and network governance', 'governance and the EU securities sector' and 'European public services regulation' in cluster #2, 'new forms of governance and eastern enlargement', 'the domestic impact of European law' and 'new modes of governance in relations with non-member states' in cluster #3, and 'varieties of capitalism and economic governance in CE Europe', 'new corporate governance regimes' and 'distributive politics, learning and reform' in cluster #4. The clusters and the projects are accompanied by two transversal task forces, one on 'legal issues', the other on issues of 'legitimacy and democracy' which will make inputs across the Integrated Project. Joint activities across the consortium as a whole include workshops, conferences, the mutual exchange and cross-fertilisation of ideas, information, and data, and through research training conducted in two summer schools.

Our pan-European research consortium engages political scientists, economists, lawyers, sociologists, and practitioners to collect data on and to map and analyze innovations and transformations in the instruments, modes, and systems of governance operating at the multiple levels and arenas of the still evolving and enlarging European polity and economy. Of particular interest are the ways in which these innovative mechanisms and practices relate to each other (both horizontally and vertically); how they relate to 'old methods' of governance; and what their implications are both for the effectiveness and efficiency of policy making, as well as the normative and democratic nature (accountability, participation and citizenship – and thus legitimacy) of the EU. In terms of instruments and modes of governance, we investigate new forms of multi-level partnership, deliberation and networks, as well as innovations in systems of socio-economic governance, producing new knowledge on how they have developed in different policy sectors; how their implementation and use has differed across the older and more recent Member States; and how they are articulated at the local, regional, national, European, and global levels.

3. The NEWGOV consortium contributes to the creation of a European Research Area in the social sciences and humanities by shaping a new European-level research agenda; by integrating previously dispersed researchers within a coherent, pan-European whole; and by creating novel training activities and networks between researchers and policy practitioners.

**Understanding Privatisation Policy: Political Economy and Welfare Effects**

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Privatisation is one of the main events of the economic history of the last decades. The privatisation record to date is impressive, both in developed and developing economies. Despite the relevance of the process and the extensive research recently carried out, several aspects of privatisation such as its determinants, methods, and economic and social implications warrant a systematic analysis and research efforts. Given the relevance of privatisation policy in the European context and in the markets for the services of general interest (SGI), it is imperative to analyse the record of privatisation and understand the causes behind failures in order to improve the process in the future.

The project's main objectives are:

- To study the political and institutional incentives and constraints affecting privatisation
- To analyse the interactions between private and public ownership and control of firms
- To evaluate the welfare effect of privatisation policies on consumers, taxpayers and shareholders
- To identify the most appropriate policies to make privatisation deliver the most desirable outcomes.

To address these objectives, the Project will use the tools of political economy and welfare analysis, starting from the premises that privatisation is a political decision taken by governments at national/sub-national level and it has important consequences on the welfare of several stakeholders in the economy (consumers, taxpayers, employees, and shareholders). The welfare effects of privatisation as perceived by different social groups are key element to establish the political sustainability of reform programmes, or the long-term reversal to public provision.

The Project will adopt a multidisciplinary approach, mobilising researchers from economics, finance, political science, and judicial disciplines working in five universities, three research institutions, and one multi-lateral organisation of six European countries, including a new accession country

## **Priority 7**

**Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

### **Research Area 6**

**Issues connected with the resolution of conflicts  
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**New Approaches to Security and for Role of Europe**

**Human Rights**

**Violent Conflicts**

**European Citizenship and multiple identities**

**Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations**

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## **Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations**

### **CAHRV**

#### **Objectives:**

The Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violation (CAHRV) focuses on interpersonal violence. Violence against women is recognized as a serious challenge to democracy and social cohesion; this needs to be extended to the victimisation of men, children, elders or socially vulnerable groups. The field of interpersonal violence typifies fragmentation in addressing human rights violations. Each type of violation has been seen as a distinct concern; theoretical and practical links between the different aspects of violence have been neglected.

CAHRV aims to account for and overcome fragmentation in research, policy and practice, linking and building on networks for women, children and men. It will:

- integrate parallel research discourses on violence
- unify a theoretical and empirical basis for policy
- survey a wide territory with a case study approach
- structure co-operation through sub-networks
- identify further sites of excellence.

In a practical perspective, CAHRV aims to:

- build a research foundation for recognizing good practice
- make standards for services and interventions available on a European level
- contribute to policy-related data collection:
- improve dissemination and co-operation with NGO's, agencies and governments

#### **Brief description:**

CAHRV will integrate research across gender and generational divisions, connecting these with aspects of citizenship and governance. There are four sub-networks:

- identifying and profiling victimisation,
- the roots of interpersonal violence: gendered practices, social exclusion and violation,
- addressing gender-based human rights violations,
- protective environmental factors securing human rights.

Each sub-network has specific work packages that contribute to the action as a whole, using its specific topical focus as the example or demonstration case. CAHRV also examines when policies and interventions are effective and what context variables need to be considered for transfer. Cross-cutting activities such as annual conferences and high-level expert groups and an interactive web-based communication system ensure a continuing dialogue between the sub-networks.

#### **Expected results:**

CAHRV works to develop sustainable structures for cooperation and dialogue. Results will include

- An overview of European research on prevalence, health and human rights impact, a design for comparative re-analysis of data, and indicators for monitoring;
- A data base and a shared methodological framework for European level research on the roots of violent behaviour;
- Research synopses on the justice system as an arena for the protection of human rights, and on evaluation of interventions and measures and their potential for transfer;
- An interdisciplinary research map on the web of protective factors in work, families and social networks.

Transnational partnerships, policy papers, conferences and publications will articulate a distinctively European voice in the global discussion of human rights in everyday life.

**Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe - The Making of European  
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**Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe - The Making of European Citizenship**

**CINEFOGO**

The CINEFOGO Network is concerned with the importance of improving citizens' participation in governance. This requires new knowledge on the role of multiple identities, active citizenship and organized civil society. CINEFOGO is a consortium consisting of more than forty universities and research institutes, and a number of public service institutions in 15 European countries. The Network includes about 100 individual researchers of which almost half are women.

The mission of CINEFOGO is to generate and spread knowledge on the evolution of citizenship and multiple identities in Europe, as well as address civic apathy and social exclusion in Europe. CINEFOGO has organized the activities by giving focus on research, education and public debates within three thematic areas: "Identities, Values, and Civic Cultures - Integration and Diversity", "Citizenship and Civic Participation in Relation to Social Protection", "Multi-level Governance and Organized Civil Society". The mission and the themes reflect an approach that complies with the objectives set out in topic 7.1.1 in Priority 7 of FP6. In order to accomplish its mission, CINEFOGO has set up two equally important programmes: A programme for Integrating Research Activities and a programme for Spread of Excellence. The first is dedicated to the enhancement of integrating research activities and jointly executed research in the Network, whereas the latter is inspired by the vision of an ongoing dialogue nourished by social scientists and affiliated partners from the public sphere and organized civil society. The Network takes advantage of shared goals of other excellent scientific institutions and scholars, and selected partners outside academia dedicated to and experienced in spreading information and contributing to public debate. This interplay will ensure a broad coverage and an effective spread of excellence.

**Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an 'Ever Closer Europe'**

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## **Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an 'Ever Closer Europe'**

### **INTUNE**

The major aim of this research is to study the changes in the scope, nature and characteristics of citizenship presently underway as an effect of the process of deepening and enlargement of the European Union. It will focus on how integration and decentralization processes, at both the national and European level, are affecting three major dimensions of citizenship: identity, representation, and practice of good governance. In a moment in which the EU is facing an important number of challenges, and given that its legitimacy and democratic capacities are questioned, it is important to address the issue of if and how is EU citizenship emerging. From this primary question stem three further sets of questions that will be the building-blocks of this research: (1) How does a particular kind of political structuring shape citizenship? In a complex system, how do different identities coexist? (2) What sense of obligation is the EU citizenship developing? How do coexisting identities affect the relationship between elites and mass? (3) What are the citizens expecting from the EU as a level of government? To answer these questions, we will address the problems of citizenship under the threefold approach of identity, representation and evaluation of government performance, by looking at the dynamics between elites and public opinion, whose interactions traditionally nurture the dynamics of collective political identity, political legitimacy and representation, and standards of performance. The project will develop:

- *Research goals* such as the empirical testing of existing theories of integration and citizenship in its threefold dimensions, identity, representation and governance, and the development and improvement of those theories.
- *Educational goals* rooted in the geographical and disciplinary integrating capacity of the project, with over 30 institutions from both Eastern and Western Europe, and with a joint effort of people coming from political science, sociology, law, economy, media studies, linguistics, psychology – a clear step forward in the strengthening of the European Research Area in the social sciences and humanities. The European research capacities will be mobilised at both, the level of well-established scholars, and that of younger fellows through the implementation of training programs.
- *Policy-making goals* related to the understanding of what is to be legitimized in the EU and how. Existing policy instruments for participatory governance will be applied – such as deliberative polling, citizen juries – in order to provide empirical evidence on the relationship existing between participatory governance, enhanced policy outcomes, and an overall improvement of the democratic functioning of the EU system. The dissemination activities will contribute to triggering the relationships between the EU citizens, and also between those citizens and the EU institutions. Ways in which the process of further mobilization of public opinion can be achieved will also be proposed.

### **Potential Impact**

The project intends to contribute to:

- *Theory development.* The research will offer a theoretical dynamic picture of the characteristics and dimensions of citizenship in a unique period of European history.
- *Empirical research.* The project will map a detailed description of the main conceptions of identity and their multiple interconnections among set of actors crucial to the process of construction of an European identity, namely, elite, citizens and mass media.
- *Research methodology.* The project stresses as much comparability with previous studies as innovation in both design and wording of the questions (such as experimental conditions in survey, innovative ways of asking questions, etc.).
- *Innovative standards of responsiveness of political institutions,* making possible to spread practice of active involvement of citizens in local and Europe-wide political activities; to facilitate communications channels among experts, politicians and citizens on highly complex and technical issues whose consequences affect them all and finally to set standards of evaluation of media performance in connection with the construction of a common European identity.
- *Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary work* that can be useful for further work in this or other fields in which too narrowly defined approaches are unable to grasp the entire dimension of the problem at hand.

**Priority 7 - Research Area 6: Issues connected with the resolution of conflicts  
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**Transnational Terrorism, Security and the Rule of Law  
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**Abstract:**

**Project Objectives:**

The overall objective is twofold. First, we will analyze the nature and significance of the evolving threat of transnational terrorism to the European Union and its individual Member States. Based on this, we will examine the appropriateness and effectiveness of response options aimed at dealing with these threats and their impacts.

**Project Description:**

Considering the ongoing integration of Europe, a Union-level strategy towards transnational terrorism is imperative. In support of the formulation of such a strategy, this project will study the conceptual nature of the problems and the possible measures flowing from its findings.

This project will conduct of a structured survey of the response options to transnational terrorism and their respective assumptions. Both policy-areas specifically dealing with terrorism as well as affected policy-fields are taken into account. The project is unique in that it integrates diverse aspects of the issue into one comprehensive and multidisciplinary project.

The main added value of the project will lie in the benchmarking of approaches and policy-options in use in the various Member States.

Combined with the project's conceptual underpinnings, it will yield insights into the suitability and effectiveness of various approaches and measures from national and European perspectives, the relevant ethical issues, and cost-benefit considerations.

**Expected results**

- an overview of the varying conceptual views on terrorism and its diverging role in the European security discourse, and to advice on how to deal with these divergences; - a better insight into the societal and economic costs of (counter-) terrorism; - an analysis and benchmark of the numerous policies set up across Europe;
- the detection of gaps in the policy where counter-terrorism measures are inadequate;
- a tool to track changes in policy and societal discourse on terrorism.

**Priority 7 - Research Area 6: Issues connected with the resolution of conflicts  
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**Human Security in the Western Balkan region: the impact of transnational terrorist and  
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**Human Security in the Western Balkan region: the impact of transnational terrorist and criminal  
organisations on the peace-building process of the region  
HUMSEC**

**Abstract:**

The main purpose of the coordination action HUMSEC is to contribute to a better understanding of the link between transnational terrorist groups and criminal organisations in the Western Balkans and their role in the peace-building process in the region. The project will set up a network of European researchers with the aim:

- to map and integrate European research capacities on the impact of transnational terrorist groups and criminal organizations on the peace-building process in the Western Balkan region;
- to develop a shared methodology of collecting facts and figures;
- to promote an interdisciplinary scientific dialog among experts in the field of terrorism, criminology, security studies, peace and conflict studies and human rights;
- to exchange experiences as well as different proposals for legal and institutional reforms;
- to coordinate and publicize the results of research in courses held with young professionals and representatives of the civil society and among policy-makers.

A key element of the courses will be to strengthen democratic principles and to raise awareness on the impact of transnational terrorist groups and criminal organizations on the peace-building process in the Western Balkan region by means of human rights education and education for democratic citizenship. Moreover, an internet platform will be created to facilitate the scientific dialog, publications will be released and a dissemination meeting will be organised to present the results of the project to policy-makers.

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 7**

#### **New forms of citizenship and cultural identities**

##### **Themes:**

- **Cultural dialogue and the European society**
- **New perspectives on European History**
- **Active Civic Participation**
- **The European Public Sphere and the Media**

## **Sustainable Development in a Diverse World**

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## **Sustainable Development in a Diverse World**

### **SUS.DIV**

The primary objective of SUS.DIV is to integrate European research capabilities across disciplines and countries in order to provide European society and polity with the instruments and tools for managing cultural diversity as a key element of a new strategy for sustainable development. This primary objective can be broken down into the following subsidiary objectives:

- to provide a better understanding of cultural assets and how their diversity contributes to human welfare and knowledge creation;
- to provide a better understanding of the dynamics of cultural diversity in Europe and the world in relation to the processes of globalisation, European integration and enlargement;
- to explore cultural dialogue as a key mechanism through which cultural diversity can lead to knowledge creation and social capital;
- to promote lasting co-operation and integration, bringing about a new way of carrying out research in Europe,
- to serve the wider European research, policy and business community and the public at large, by promoting new excellence, preparing the next generation of researchers and creating enduring physical and virtual spaces of interactions among researchers and stakeholders.

The Joint Programme of Activities balances research activities (organised in four Research Themes) and Structuring Actions (organised in three Structuring Action Lines). The *Research Themes* are:

- *Research Theme 1. Understanding diversity.* Research Theme 1 aims at improving our understanding of cultural assets and of how the diversity of cultures may contribute to human welfare and development. It addresses the need of creating new instruments to value market and non-market benefits of diversity and integrate diversity consideration into policy-making.
- *Research Theme 2. Global vs. local: the dynamics of diversity in the globalisation era.* Research Theme 2 aims at improving our understanding of the processes through which globalisation and enlargement affect cultural dynamics and of how cultural dynamics feed back into the processes of globalisation and enlargement.
- *Research Theme 3. Diversity, knowledge production and creativity.* In the face of the transition towards the knowledge-based economy, Research Theme 3 aims at understanding whether, how and why diversity may contribute to knowledge production and creativity.
- *Research Theme 4. Cultural dialogue: unfolding diversity.* Cultural dialogue provides the framework in which differences can be expressed and interact in a positive manner. Research Theme 4 aims at improving our understanding of the various forms of cultural dialogue and the types of initiatives that contribute to create arenas where cultural dialogue can take place and diversity unfold.

*The Structuring Actions* complement the integration impact of the *Research Actions* along the following three lines:

- *Indicators and Data.* It coordinates the data design and data collection activities undertaken in Research Themes and constructs a coherent framework of diversity indicators.
- *Coordinating and Integrating Training Activities.* It pursues integration both at bottom-up (through exchanges of students and teachers) and top-down levels (studying the need and feasibility of a Graduate School, a Master of excellence at the European level and a Euro-PhD).
- *Interacting with Stakeholders.* It maintains a structured dialogue and interaction with the outside research community and the stakeholders.

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**Objectives of the project:**

The general objective is to stimulate the unused potential that exists in the research area of history and related humanistic disciplines to give guidance and to encourage cohesion, fighting prejudice and xenophobia in all its forms. The Network aims at achieving and disseminating a greater understanding of both the actual histories and the self-representations of the past which are current in Europe today, highlighting both diversities and connections and clarifying the context of their development.

**Brief description of the project:**

CLIOHRES.net addresses the novel historical challenges, needs and research opportunities emerging from the context of a growing Europe. In the view of the partners, this is a vital area of endeavour for strengthening the foundations of a peaceful, productive European community of citizens. Basic and unquestioned attitudes about ourselves and others are rooted in the ways that the scientific community in each country defines its research agenda. Historians create and cultivate selective views of the national or local past, which in turn underpin pervasive ideas about identities and stereotypes: national, religious, gender, political, etc. National historiographies are still largely shaped by problems and preoccupations reflecting previous political and cultural contexts. CLIOHRES.net aims to create and promote a new structure and agenda for the community of historical research, redirecting its critical efforts along more fruitful lines.

The consortium is uniquely placed to accomplish its ambitious goal. It has developed as a partnership over the past fifteen years; it includes all member states, accession countries and as well as neighbouring and third countries; it possesses an unrivalled knowledge of national and local differences in the use and abuse of history. The Network includes six thematic groups organised to conduct research in six interlocking areas, promoting cooperation and synergy between historians, geographers, philologists, art historians and other human scientists of different national background.

**Expected results (expected scientific and policy outcomes)**

1. Increase integration of the European historiographical communities on a new critical basis,
  2. Involve related disciplinary fields;
  3. Carry out 6 coordinated macro-research projects on aspects of the formation and self-representation of European peoples, new perspectives, methodologies and sources;
  4. Carry out 6 coordinated transversal research projects (on 'citizenship', 'identity', 'gender', 'migration', 'discrimination', 'tolerance');
  5. Promote the use of categories based on connection and plurality as well as those based on division and uniqueness;
  6. Bring the results of the Network of Excellence to bear directly on educational and research policy,
  7. Disseminate the results both within the academic community and to a broad public;
- Create the premises for on-going development of the NoE and its activities after the funding period.”.

## **Priority 7**

### **Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society**

#### **Research Area 8**

### **Actions to promote the European Research Area in the social sciences and humanities and their contribution to the knowledge based society in Europe**

#### **Themes:**

- **Understanding and measuring social sciences and humanities and their impact**
- **Promotion and support for comparative research, methodologies and data generation**
- **Increasing the visibility and impact of research infrastructures and activities for social sciences and humanities in Europe**
- **New approaches for policy-research dialogues in the ERA: targeted dissemination of EU research in national and multi-national contexts**
- **Promoting international research and policy co-operation in social sciences and humanities**
- **New converging technologies and their wider implications for a European knowledge based Society**

**Toolbox for Improving the Comparability of Cross-National Survey Data with Applications to  
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**Toolbox for Improving the Comparability of Cross-National Survey Data with Applications to SHARE**

**COMPARE**

**Abstract:**

In a diverse continent like Europe, much can be learned from cross-national research using surveys among households and individuals. Often, however, such comparisons suffer from differences across countries and socio-economic groups in the way people answer survey questions, particularly self-evaluations of, e.g., health or quality of work. This proposal aims at solving this problem by developing widely applicable tools for comparative survey research among European citizens, called anchoring vignettes.

Anchoring vignettes are short descriptions of, e.g., the health or job characteristics of hypothetical persons. Respondents are asked to evaluate the hypothetical persons on the same scale on which they assess their own health or job. Respondents are thus providing an anchor, which fixes their own health assessment to a predetermined health status or job characteristic. These anchors can then be used to make subjective assessments comparable across countries and socio-economic groups.

The project will develop anchors that can be used in a broad range of domains (such as health; work disability; quality of life, employment and health care; satisfaction with political institutions) and that can be applied to typical EU sponsored cross-national surveys (such as the ECHP, ESS, SHARE and SILC).

Specifically, anchors will be constructed for SHARE, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, which currently covers some 22,000 respondents of age 50 and older in 11 EU countries. We use SHARE as a testing ground since it addresses crucial domains of European public policy, such as health care, socio-economic status, employment and retirement. The vignettes will be used to construct improved indicators of health, well-being, job satisfaction, etc., helping Europe to create opportunities for more accurate and richer analyses of the consequences of ageing and the effects of socio-economic and health care policies at the national and European level.

## **Priority 8**

### **SSP - Scientific Support to Policies**

#### **Research Area 2**

Providing Health, Security and Opportunity to the  
People of Europe

#### **Themes:**

- **Comparative research of factors underlying migration and refugee flows, including illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings**
- **Improved means to anticipate crime trends and causes, and to assess the effectiveness of crime prevention policies; assessment of new challenges related to illicit drug use**

**Needs for Female Immigrants and their Integration in Ageing Societies**

**FEMAGE**

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**FEMAGE**

Abstract :

The overarching objectives are to generate knowledge about obstacles and needs for opportunity enhancement for economic and social integration of women immigrants in a life-course perspective, identify requirements for integrative interaction between immigrants and national population in the host country, build this knowledge into a platform for the policy deliberations among key policy stakeholders, and elaborate recommendations on needs for immigrants and support policies and services for their integration in view of population ageing in Europe.

The comprehensive method of approach encapsulates findings from a small scale targeted survey of immigrant women, it capitalises on the already gathered but unexplored data among nationals of 5 new and 3 old member states regarding migration and integration of immigrants, and involves the key stakeholders in the policy deliberations in view to identify challenges to integration and expected needs for future immigration policies.

The project addresses directly women third-country nationals residing in 8 EU countries. It will record their experiences, needs, attitudes and expectations concerning immigration and integration policies and practices and viewpoints regarding their own old age. The researchers's role is that of brokers between female immigrants, national population and the key policy actors - including social partners and NGOs working with immigrant women.

The expected benefits are at the level of elaboration of facilitative measures for economic and social integration of immigrant women, mobilization of a broad population base in the host countries in view to foster better understanding of the long-term needs for migrants and their integration in ageing societies, consultations of stakeholders, and mobilization of the critical mass of institutions and researchers from 9 member states to gain new knowledge to improve integration processes and services in the framework of the Lisbon agenda and process

**Collaborative Harmonisation of Methods for Profiling of Amphetamine Type Stimulants**

**CHAMP**

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**Abstract:**

The objectives of the proposed project include development of harmonised profiling methods for Amphetamine. Type Stimulants (ATS) and a database with on-line access. This enables profiling of drug seizures without laborious transportation of samples between laboratories. Moreover, profiling can be carried out much more quickly than in a model based on a central laboratory. Development of minimum standards for identification of new ATS will as well be carried out, using the harmonised methods.

The project will mainly focus on two different types of ATS, namely methamphetamine and MDMA. Additionally "new ATS" will be considered in the method development. Amphetamine is not included in this study since a harmonised profiling method is already available and routinely used. Profiling of ATS will be studied by using various techniques including external characteristics of the tablets, compositional analysis and impurity profiling. The compositional analysis includes both qualitative and quantitative determination of the active substance, diluents and adulterants. Some forensic laboratories already perform these analyses using "in-house" methods. The most promising of these will be chosen and further optimised and harmonised within this project. Studies on impurity profiling of ATS will be carried out using GC/MS and GC/IRMS. GC/MS offers the advantage of simultaneous identification and quantitation of all key components in a single analysis. GC/IRMS enables determination of isotope ratios of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen and deuterium. The isotope ratios are linked to the production conditions. Thus the technique makes the discrimination between different batches of the drug feasible.

In summary, different methods including ballistic, chemical characterisation and profiling methods will be separately evaluated and their significance investigated. The main outcome of the project is a set of recommended harmonised methods required for reliable profiling ATS.

## **Priority 8**

### **SSP - Scientific Support to Policies**

#### **Research Area 3**

### **Underpinning the Economic Potential and Cohesion of a Larger and more Integrated European Union**

#### **Themes:**

- **Underpinning European Integration, Sustainable Development, Competitiveness and Trade Policies (including Improved Means to Assess Economic Development and Cohesion)**
- **Improved Quality, Accessibility and Dissemination of European Statistics**

**Competitiveness effects of environmental tax reforms**

**COMETR**

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**Competitiveness effects of environmental tax reforms**

**COMETR**

**Abstract :**

The project will undertake an analysis of the competitiveness impacts of green tax reforms at a sectoral level, using modelling frameworks (bottom-up and macro-economic) as well as case studies concerning the existing tax reforms which have taken place in the EU and Candidate countries.

The overall perspective is ex-post, in that actual experiences will feed the models, rather than uncertain ex-ante expectations, and this basic perspective constitutes one of the important innovative aspects of the proposal. Conceptual clarification of the competitiveness issue, as well as a concise review of environmental tax reform experience will kick off the project. Five to eight industrial sub-sectors will be selected on basis of data availability for comparative analysis, and the impact of tax reform designs in the six EU member states (Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany and the UK) plus one accession state be considered. The world market conditions for the particular sectors will be studied carefully so as to identify different degrees of vulnerability. Short-run impacts will be examined via a conventional bottom-up modelling framework, while a more dynamic modelling framework based on the E3ME model of Cambridge Econometrics will be applied to examine both short and long run effects with particular emphasis on competitiveness. It captures inter-industry and other indirect effects, as well as those international competitiveness effects, which cannot be easily accounted for using the bottom-up approach.

The goal is to compare short and long-term costs of environmental tax reform. The dynamics of employment, output, external trade and investment in capital and R&D will be tracked along various reform scenarios. A specific analysis of environmental decoupling and the possibility of carbon leakage is carried out. Finally mitigation practices are considered in light of both modelling results and the more qualitative insights provided by case studies on the specific tax reforms and on the world market conditions in specific sectors.

**Methods and tools for evaluating the impact of cohesion policies on sustainable regional development (SRD)**

**SRDTOOLS**

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**Priority 8 - Research Area 3: Underpinning the economic potential and cohesion of a larger and more integrated European Union**

**Methods and tools for evaluating the impact of cohesion policies on sustainable regional development (SRD)**

**SRDTOOLS**

**Abstract:**

The research will examine and test methods and tools for supporting and informing public policy decision-making when seeking to determine between competing policy choices, in the context of uncertainty and complexity; i.e. where traditional policy evaluation tools (such as CBA) break down. To this end the research is concerned with: defining the policy 'evaluation space' for sustainable regional development (SRD), and the validity, utility and application of evaluation tools designed to support SRD decision-making. The major outcome of the project will be the presentation of a 'nested' approach to evaluation, differentiating the policy choices and attendant requirement for normative analysis.

The project builds on the recent EU thematic evaluation to develop methods for assessing the contribution of cohesion policies to SRD. This work developed the notion of regional development pathways, and applied the conceptual idea of sustainable development as non-declining capital stock (from which goods and services flow to meet development goals). Using this 'capitals' model, trade-offs between different capitals (dimensions) were identified, using regional case studies, to understand the degree to which regions were pursuing a sustainable development path and the contribution of cohesion policies. The work will extend these cases to regions in the accession countries. At the same time the work will develop further the understanding of trade-offs, especially with social capital, and of critical thresholds.

The work recognised but did not address the difficult task of weighting and aggregating different policy impacts defined in the context of measured trends and trade-offs. To address this weakness we propose to integrate recent progress in the use of deliberative tools, and particularly the 'deliberation matrix', to weight and aggregate different impacts, as presented in different scenarios of the future (thereby addressing uncertainty). These deliberative tools recognise the multi-stakeholder debate and seek to organise it in a structured and transparent way so as to articulate the necessary judgements. In developing an understanding of the requirements for decision-making for SRD, the work will also examine the influence of multi-level governance on the scope and nature of decision-making for SRD.