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Science in Society

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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK
PROGRAMME

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 - Context, Approach to Work Programme 2007, Funding
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Context and key ideas

➤ Objective

To stimulate the harmonious integration of scientific and technological endeavor and associated research policies into European society.

➤ Science and Society in FP 6

- The first European initiative in this field ever
- It aimed at bringing research-related societal issues to the top of policy agenda

➤ Science and Society in FP 7 - ideas

- Support for policy-related actions and research
- Cooperation between Member States
- Coordination of SiS issues across the FP and other Community activities

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Context and key ideas

➤ Approach to the Work Programme

- The ratio of new actions to continued activities will increase over the years
- 2007-2009 objectives:
 - to ensure continuity with activities under FP 6
 - to prepare ground for full deployment of new components from 2010 onwards
- The idea: to look at civil society as a driver and locus of innovation

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Context and key ideas

➤ 2007 Work Programme – 3 Action Lines

- 1) A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship
- 2) Strengthening potential, broadening horizons
- 3) Science and society communicate

➤ Funding schemes

- Collaborative Projects
- Coordination and Support Actions
- Specific schemes: expert contracts, named recipients

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship

Activity 1: Better understanding of the place of science and technology in society

Area 1. Research on relationships between science, democracy and law

Topic: Revitalising the challenges of the interaction between science and politics in the European knowledge-based society

Area 2. Research on ethics in science and technology

Topic: Interdisciplinary research to better explore the relationship between ethics, law and science, to promote a common understanding between Member States

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship

Activity 1: Better understanding of the place of science and technology in society

Area 3. Research on the reciprocal influence of science and culture

Topic: Action to establish a trans-disciplinary learning community on science and culture

Area 4. The role and image of scientists

No actions in 2007

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship

Activity 2: Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues

Area 1. Developing governance on science-related questions

Topic: Capacity building activities for civil society organisations and development of cooperative research activities

Topic: Pairing schemes for scientists and MEPs

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship

Activity 2: Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues

Area 2. Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science

Topic: Creation of and support to pan-European platforms

Topic: International dialogue: capacity building in developing countries

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship

Activity 3: Strengthening and improving the European science system

Area 1. Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications

No actions in 2007

Area 2. Increasing trust and supporting self-regulation in the scientific community

Action: Lisbon conference on ethics, Sept. 2007

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 1: A more dynamic governance of the science and society relationship

Activity 3: Strengthening and improving the European science system

Area 3. Improving the use of scientific advice and expertise for policy-making in Europe, and developing practical tools and schemes

Action: Maintenance and enhancement of the E-network SINAPSE

Action: Expert contracts

Activity 4: The evolving role of universities

Action: Presidency conference on university-based research

Action: The establishment of university-based research expert groups

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 2: Strengthening potential,
broadening horizons

Activity 1: Gender and research

Area 1. Strengthening the role of women in scientific research

Topic: Survey of positive action schemes in the area of research decision-making

Area 2. Gender dimension of research

No actions in 2007

Area 3. Mainstreaming gender in Community research policy and programmes

Topic: Meta analysis of gender and science research

Topic: Help desk for gender mainstreaming

Actions: Expert contracts

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 2: Strengthening potential,
broadening horizons

Activity 2: Young people and science

Area 1. Supporting formal and informal science education in schools as well as through science centres and museum and other relevant means

Topic: Links between science education and research

Topic: Teaching methods

Area 2. Reinforcing links between science education and science careers

Topic: Images of science

Topic: Europa diary (contribution to existing contract)

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 2: Strengthening potential,
broadening horizons

Activity 2: Young people and science

Area 3. Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education

Action: Grant to European Union Contest for Young Scientists

Action: Expert contracts

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Action line 3: Science and society communicate

Area 1. Provision of reliable and timely EU research information to the scientific press

No actions in 2007

Area 2. Training actions to bridge the gap between the media and the scientific community

No actions in 2007

Area 3. Encouraging the European dimension at science events targeting the public

Topic: Actions to encourage cooperation and networking between science museums, science centres and/or the organisers of national and regional events

Draft Work Programme 2007

Action line 3: Science and society communicate

Area 4. Promotion of science by audio-visual means via European co-productions and the circulation of science programmes

Action: Audiovisual co-productions – none in 2007

Action: Grant to European Broadcasting Union

Area 5. Promotion of excellent transnational research and science communication by the means of popular prizes

Action: Financing the Descartes Prizes

Area 6. Research aimed at enhancing science communication in its methods and its products

Topic: Cultural differences in Europe related to the relationship of the public TV and radio science programmes

Draft Work Programme 2007 Implementation

Planned deadlines

15 January

Call publication – most topics

15 March

Call publication – communication

15 May

First deadline – 15,9 mln euro

1 June

Second deadline – 7 mln euro

15 June

Deadline - call on communication

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Indicative priorities for future calls

- ✓ The role and image of scientists
- ✓ Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science
- ✓ The reciprocal influence of science and culture
- ✓ Broader engagement on science related-questions
- ✓ Encouraging the debate on information dissemination, including access to scientific results and the future of scientific publications
- ✓ Strengthening the role of women in scientific research
- ✓ Mainstreaming gender in EU research policy and programme

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- ✓ Reinforcing links between science education and science careers
- ✓ Research and coordination actions on new methods in science education
- ✓ Training actions to bridge the gap between the media and the scientific community
- ✓ Promoting science by audiovisual means via European co-productions and the circulation of science programmes
- ✓ Enhancing science communication in its methods and products

Further information

- FP7 in general

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7>

- Science and society

<http://cordis.europa.eu/science-society/home.html>