

**Academic Career in the Social Sciences and Humanities –  
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**Funding opportunities for postdoctoral  
fellows at the European level**

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# Europe – FP-7 (2007-2013)

50.52 Billion Euros, 4 Specific Programs

1. Cooperation: 32.4 B. Euros and 9 Thematic Priorities. Priority 8: Economic and Social Sciences and Humanities (623 M. Euros = 1.9 %)
2. Ideas = ERC (European Research Council): 7.51 B. Euros, i.e. 14.8 % - 15 % for HSS = 1.12 B. Euros
3. Personnel (4.75 B. E): Marie Curie fellowships
4. Capacities (4.09 B. E): infrastructures, SME, science and society, international cooperation, etc.

# Cooperation - Priority 8: ESSH

- ⌘ 8 activities, 22 areas, 40 topics
- ⌘ Some topics :
  - Role of finance for growth, employment and competitiveness in Europe
  - Youth and social exclusion
  - Cultural interactions in European societies
  - Conflicts and Peace
  - Histories and identities-articulating national and European identities

Two calls for proposals: May 2007 and November 2007

Budget for 2007 and 2008 : 135 ME (58.5 ME in 2007)

- Large collaborative research projects : 4 ME
- Small collaborative research projects : 1.5 ME
- Support actions : up to 1 ME

# FP-7: Ideas – ERC

- ⌘ ERC : first pan-European funding agency for frontier research
- ⌘ Funding directed to individual teams and projects selected solely on the criteria of excellence
- ⌘ Operates according to the principles of scientific excellence, autonomy, efficiency and transparency

## ERC (2)

- ⌘ Content of proposals and funding areas science-driven and « bottom-up »
- ⌘ Individual grants allowed. No requirement for multi-national projects
- ⌘ Minimal administrative requirements for applicants
- ⌘ Grant allocations flexible, light and portable

# ERC – Scientific Council

- ⌘ 22 members: scientists and scholars of the highest repute, appointed by the Commission, and acting in their personal capacity, independent of extraneous interests
- ⌘ 5 in HSS : M. Castells (sociology, SP), M. Dewatripont (economy, BE), H. Nowotny (social studies of science, AT), A. Peyraube (linguistics, FR), S. Settis (History of Art and archaeology, IT)

# ERC – Scientific Council (2)

- ⌘ Establishes the overall scientific strategy for the ERC, the work program for the implementation of the specific program, the methods for peer review and proposal evaluation
- ⌘ One chair (F. Kafatos, biology - GR) and two vice-chairs (D. Estève, physics - FR, and H. Nowotny, HSS - AT)

# Two types of Grants

- ⌘ ERC Starting Grants, supporting excellent early stage independent investigators (2-9 years since completion of PhD) - 2007
- ⌘ ERC Advanced Grants, supporting investigators at all subsequent stages - 2008
- ⌘ 250 to 300 projects will be funded for Year 1 [2007] (Starting Grants scheme)



# Start.-Gr. - Evaluation

- ⌘ 9,167 projects submitted: 4,408 in Physical Sciences and Engineering (48.1%), 3,396 in Life Sciences and Medicine (37%), 1,363 in HSS (14.9%)
- ⌘ Two stages
- ⌘ First stage: outline proposal (max. 4 pages). Panel members only. Did not involve the use of remote referees. Deadline: 25 April 2007
- ⌘ Stage 2: full proposals (max. 10 pages). Has involved the use of remote referees. Deadline: 17 September 2007. Interviews of the candidates

# Panel structures

- ⌘ PE (Physical sciences and Engineering):  
8 panels
- ⌘ SH (Social sciences and humanities):  
5 panels
- ⌘ LS (Life sciences): 7 panels
- ⌘ Eleven members by panel + Panel Chair, all selected by the Scientific Council members

# Panel structure in HSS

- ⌘ SH-1 Individuals and organizations:  
Economics, management, demography, geography,  
urban and environmental studies – 379 projects  
submitted out of 1,363 for HSS
- ⌘ SH-2 Institutions, behaviour, values and beliefs:  
Anthropology, sociology, political science, law,  
communication, social studies of science and  
technology – 355 / 1,363

## Panel structure in HSS (2)

- ⌘ SH-3 The human mind and its complexity: Cognition, linguistics, psychology, philosophy, and education – 349 / 1,363
- ⌘ SH-4 Cultures and cultural diversity: Literature, visual and performing arts, music and cultural studies – 130 / 1,363
- ⌘ SH-5 The study of the past and cultural artefacts: Memory, history and archaeology – 150 / 1,363

# Key words in HSS panels (1)

**Panel A: Individuals and organisations:** economics, management, demography, geography, urban and environmental studies

- ⌘ **Macroeconomics, growth, development, business cycles**
- ⌘ **Microeconomics, institutional economics**
- ⌘ **Environment, sustainability, social and industrial ecology**
- ⌘ **Econometrics, statistical methods**
- ⌘ **Financial markets, banking and corporate finance**
- ⌘ **Innovation, competitiveness, research and development**
- ⌘ **Consumer behaviour, marketing**
- ⌘ **Organization studies, strategy**
- ⌘ **Human resource management, employment and earnings**
- ⌘ **Public administration, public economics**
- ⌘ **Income distribution, poverty**
- ⌘ **International trade, economic geography**
- ⌘ **Human and social geography, spatial and regional planning**
- ⌘ **population dynamics, health and population**
- ⌘ **urbanization, urban planning, transport studies**

# Key words in HSS panels (2)

**Panel B: Institutions, behaviour, values and beliefs:** anthropology, sociology, political science, law, communication, social studies of science and technology

- ⌘ social structure, inequalities, mobility
- ⌘ communication networks, media studies, information society
- ⌘ aging, work, social policies
- ⌘ globalization, migration, interethnic relations
- ⌘ identity, community, nation, religion
- ⌘ legal systems, human rights, constitutions
- ⌘ kinship, cultural dimensions of classification and cognition
- ⌘ myth, ritual, symbolic representations
- ⌘ ethnography
- ⌘ political systems, legitimacy, political support
- ⌘ global and transnational governance, civic participation
- ⌘ transformation of societies, democratization, social movements
- ⌘ scientific knowledge production, politics of knowledge
- ⌘ technosciences and societies, mutual engagement
- ⌘ history of science and technology

# Key words in HSS panels (3)

**Panel C: The human mind and its complexity:** cognition, linguistics, psychology, philosophy and education

- ⌘ **evolution of mind and cognitive functions**
- ⌘ **formal, cognitive and functional linguistics**
- ⌘ **neuro-, psycho-, sociolinguistics**
- ⌘ **linguistic typology, comparative and historical linguistics**
- ⌘ **human life-span development**
- ⌘ **neuro- and cognitive psychology**
- ⌘ **clinical and experimental psychology**
- ⌘ **Social psychology**
- ⌘ **education**
- ⌘ **philosophy**
- ⌘ **epistemology, logic**
- ⌘ **ethics and morality**

# Key words in HSS panels (4)

**Panel D: Cultures and cultural diversity:** literature, visual and performing arts, music and cultural studies

- ⌘ classics, classical literature, classical art
- ⌘ literature, literary theory, analysis and criticism
- ⌘ comparative literature
- ⌘ textual philology and textual criticism
- ⌘ visual arts
- ⌘ performing arts
- ⌘ museums and exhibitions
- ⌘ music and musicology
- ⌘ cultural studies, cultural diversity
- ⌘ ethnic and postcolonial studies
- ⌘ cultural heritage



# Key words in HSS panels (5)

**Panel E: The study of the past and of cultural artefacts: memory, history and archeology**

- ⌘ modern and contemporary history
- ⌘ ancient history, ancient cultures
- ⌘ medieval history
- ⌘ national, transregional and transnational history
- ⌘ Entangled histories, global history
- ⌘ Social, economic, cultural, political history
- ⌘ Historiography
- ⌘ archeology, prehistory, protohistory
- ⌘ collective memories and identities, lieux de memoire
- ⌘ history of art and architecture
- ⌘ history of ideas, intellectual history

# Eligibility for Starting Grants

- ⌘ Starting Grants: between 100,000 and 400,000 euros per year for a period of up to 5 years
- ⌘ Open to researchers of any nationality who would like to locate their research activity in any EU Member State (EU-27) as well as any associated country
- ⌘ PI of any age but he/she must be awarded his/her first PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) more than 2 and less than 9 years prior to the deadline of the call of proposals

# First results

- ⌘ Out of the 9167 projects submitted:
- ⌘ 1610 IT, 1103 UK, 1021 DE, 699 FR, 542 SP, 516 NL, 462 SE, ...
- ⌘ Outside Europe: 150 USA, 23 CA, 15 Australia, 9 Japan, 6 China, 3 India, 2 Brazil, etc.

## Results (2)

- ⌘ 559 projects passed the first stage of evaluation:
- ⌘ Out of these 559: 102 UK, 81 DE, 65 FR, 56 NL, 49 IT, 40 SP, 29 IL, 25 BE, 25 CH, 18 SE, 14 HU, 12 FI, 11 GR, 6 AT, 6 DK, 5 NO, 4 CY, 4 PT, 4 IE, 2 CZ, 1 BG
- ⌘ 102 (out of the 559) in HSS: 29 UK, 17 NL, 12 DE, 8 FR, 6 SP, 6 IT, 5 BE, 3 CH, 3 IL, 2 CY, 2 HU, 2 IE, 2 SE, 1 AT, 1 BG, 1 FI, 1 GR, 1 NO
- ⌘ Distribution according to the panels: 26 for SH-1, 22 SH-2, 26 SH-3, 11 SH-4, 17 SH-5

# France ANR-HSS

- ⌘ 25 M. Euros (out of 800 M.) in 2007
- ⌘ 662 projects submitted / 165 granted  
(25% success rate)
- ⌘ Non-thematic program (bottom-up)  
249 projects submitted (out of 1406) / 64  
granted (out of 353), i.e.25.7%

# Non-thematic program

## ⌘ Young Scholars

103 projects submitted, 23 granted  
(22.3%)

## ⌘ Advanced Scholars

146 projects submitted, 41 granted  
(28.1%)

# Thematic programs

- ⌘ 3 Thematic programs in 2007
- ⌘ 320 projects submitted, 74 granted (23.1%)
- ⌘ Enterprises and economic organ. struct. (60 projects submitted > 13 granted, 21.6%)
- ⌘ South, today (108 > 26, 24%)
- ⌘ Corpora and research instruments in HSS (152 > 35, 23%)

# In addition ... Bilateral programs in HSS

- ⌘ Franco-German program

93 projects submitted, 27 granted (29%)

- ⌘ Franco-Taiwanese program

1 project submitted, 1 granted (100%)

- ⌘ Franco-Japanese (JSPS) program called CHORUS - Not running in 2007



# ANR-Grants Non-thematic

⌘ 11,348 M€ for the non-thematic programs:

2,813 M€ for the Young Scholars scheme,  
i.e. 122,304 € /project

8,536 M€ for the Advanced Scholars scheme, i.e. 208,195 € /project

# Grants-Thematic

## ⌘ Thematic programs

⌘ 13.548 M€ :

Enterprises: 2.160 M€, i.e. 166,154 € /project

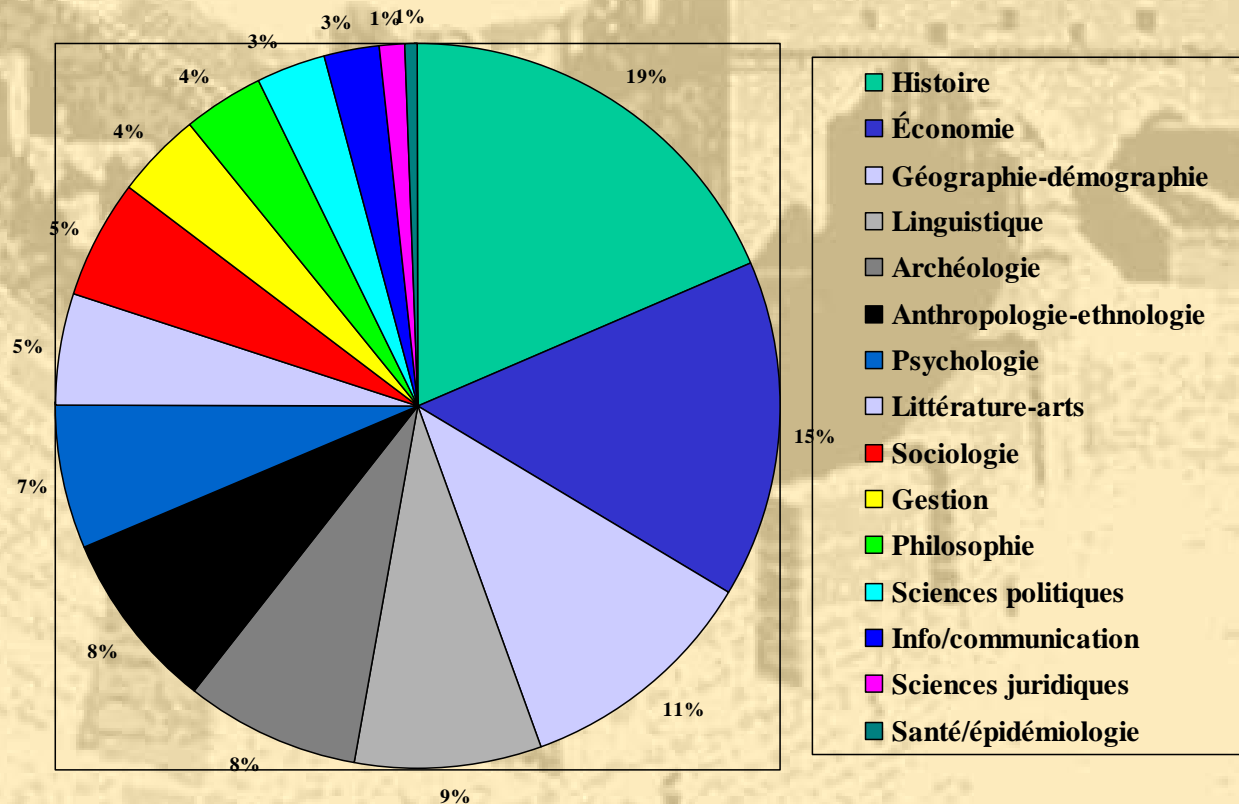
The Souths: 4.756 M€, i.e. 182,923 € /project

Corpora: 6.632 M€, i.e. 189,485 € /project

## ⌘ French-German scheme

⌘ 4.052 M€, i.e. 150 K€/project (only for the French part)

# Distribution by discipline





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