



# Research in Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities

## Work and employment related research policy of the European Union

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# 1. Policy context

## Work and employment at the forefront of EU policy

- **Free movement of persons (workers)** – one of the corner stones of the current EU
- **European Employment Strategy** (Employment in Europe Report, EU Labour Market Review, European Employment Observatory)
- **The Lisbon Agenda: Growth and Jobs Strategy** (“more and better jobs” objective)
- **Specific DG Employment policies** (ex. on working conditions – Industrial Relations in Europe Report)
- **Renewed Social Agenda**

## 2. EU research policy

### Design and implementation of EU research policy

- **EU Framework Programmes**
- **Independent programmes of different DGs**

Ex: Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity **PROGRESS** (i.a. studies to improve knowledge of employment and social issues)

**Budget:** € 743,25 million for 2007-2013

**5 components:** social protection & inclusion (30%), employment (23%), non-discrimination & diversity (23%), gender equality (12%), working conditions (10%) + 2%

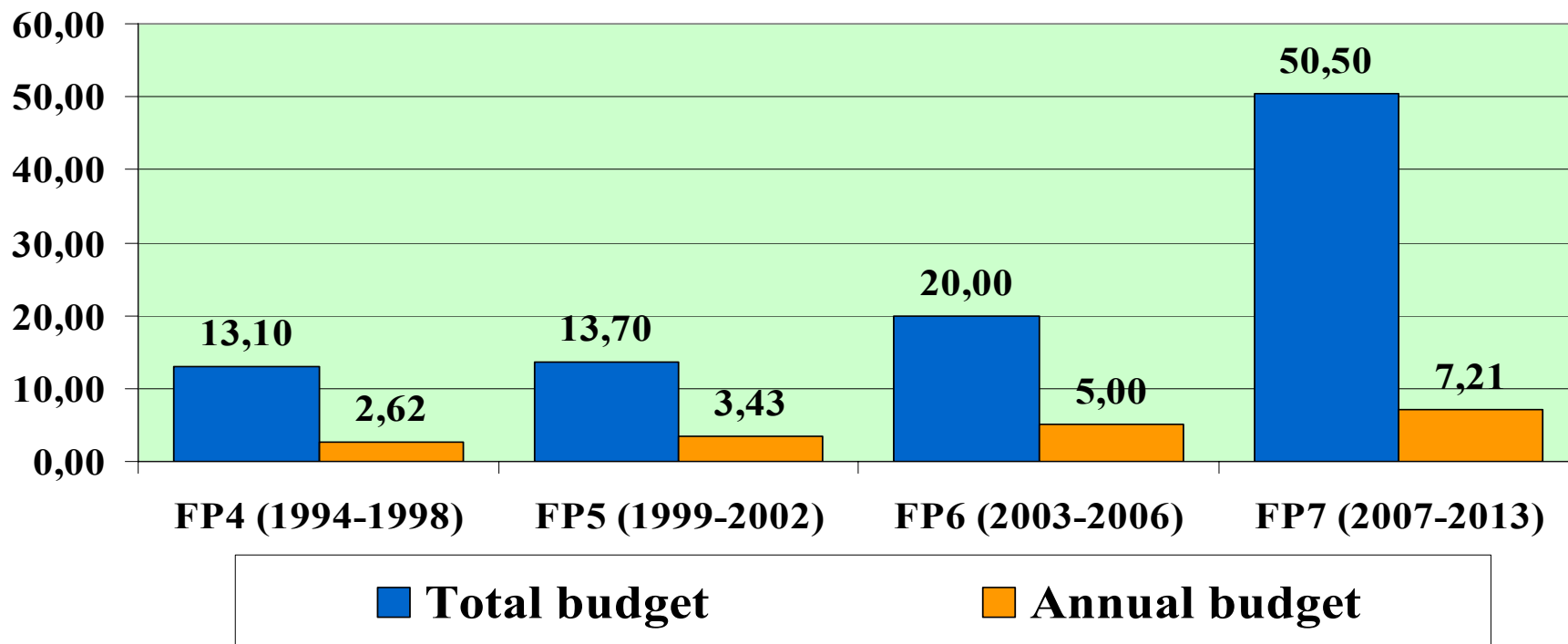


## 2. EU Research policy

### Multiannual research programmes

the largest position of EU budget implemented centrally

### EU Framework Programmes budget (bln €)



### FP7 rationale and policy context

- Emphasis on competitiveness: **Lisbon strategy**
- **Barcelona target** 3% of GDP for R&D
- **Sustainable development** (Gothenburg) objectives
- **Ljubljana process** - advancing the European Research Area
- Enhanced **international cooperation** - Enlarged EU, more Associated Countries, ICPC participation
- Renewed **Social Agenda**



# 2. EU Research policy

## FP7 Structure

**'Cooperation' Programme**

**'Ideas' Programme - ERC**

**'People' Programme**

**'Capacities' Programme**



# 2. EU Research policy

## FP7 Structure

10. Security

1. Health

9. Space

2. Food,  
Agriculture,  
Biotechnology

**Theme 8:  
SSH**

**'Cooperation' Programme**

3. ICT

7. Transport

4. Nanosciencies,  
Nanotechnologies

6. Environment

5. Energy



# 2. EU Research policy

## FP7 Structure



### SH 6

The study of  
the human  
past

### SH 1

Individuals,  
institutions  
and markets

### SH 5

Cultures and  
cultural  
production

### SH 2

Institutions,  
values, beliefs  
and behaviour

### SH 4

The human  
mind and its  
complexity

### SH 3

Environment  
and society



## 2. EU Research policy

### FP7 Structure

**'Ideas' Programme – ERC**  
**6 SSH panels**

#### SH 1

Individuals,  
institutions  
and markets

SH 1\_7: Organisation studies, strategy  
SH 1\_8: Human resource management,  
employment and earnings



# 2. EU Research policy

## FP7 Structure

**'Ideas' Programme – ERC**  
**6 SSH panels**

**SH 2**

Institutions,  
values, beliefs  
and behaviour

SH 2\_2: Ageing, work,  
social policies





## 2. EU Research policy

### FP7 Structure

**'Capacities' Programme**

**Research infrastructures**

Data banks, Observatories,  
Communication networks



## FP5 – the first separate SSH programme

### Key Action: Improving the socio-economic knowledge base

#### Theme: Employment and changes in work

- ✓ 18 projects
- ✓ EC contribution: € 17,5 million
- ✓ 149 research teams
- ✓ Very diverse issues covered
- ✓ Main topics: employment and job creation, flexibility, European labour markets, employment in social services sector



## FP6: Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society

- ✓ 10 projects
- ✓ EC contribution: € 23,1 million
- ✓ 145 research teams

Research Area 1: Improving the generation, distribution and use of knowledge and its impact on economic and social development

- ✓ 1 project (MICRO-DYN - € 3,6 mln) on prospects of job rich growth in Europe

## FP6: Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society

Research Area 2: Options and choices for the development of a knowledge-based society

- ✓ 6 projects (JobMob and FamLives, LOWER3, RECOWOWE, SHARELIFE, SPReW, **WORKS** - € 16,1 mln)
- ✓ Main issues: job mobility, low skilled labour, reconciling work and welfare, employment at 50+, intergenerational relations in work, work organisation and restructuring

## FP6: Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society

Research Area 3: The variety of paths towards a knowledge society

- ✓ 1 project (DYNAMO - € 1,0 mln) on national employment models

Research Area 8: Actions to promote the ERA in SSH

- ✓ 2 projects (EUROCCUPATIONS, MEADOW - € 2,4 mln) – development of databases



## Theme 8: Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (2007-2013, € 623 mln)

Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society

Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective

Major trends in society and their implications

Europe in the world

The citizen in the European Union

Socio-economic and scientific indicators

Foresight activities

## SSH Work Programme 2007-2008

- 37 topics open with the budget of € 135 mln
- No specific topic dedicated to work or employment, however...
- There was a number of topics on issues related to development of knowledge-based society, innovation, competitiveness, globalisation, as well as ageing.

### The result:

- Close to 1000 proposals received, almost 100 funded
- 4 projects (€ 5,5 mln EC contribution) with work/employment components: ageing (ASPA), intangible investments (INNODRIVE), financial systems (FINESS), youth (YOUNEX)

## SSH Work Programme 2009

- Call publication: 3 September 2008
- Call closure: **13 January 2009**
- Budget: € 67 mln
- Size of projects: up to €2,7 mln

**Topic SSH-2009-3.2.3:** Quality of work and impact on quality of life and economy

Better jobs (Lisbon): emerging negative and positive working trends and contractual arrangements; possible synergies between quality of work, productivity and quality of life

## SSH strategy 2010-2013

- A Road Map 2010-2013 will be published – increasing transparency, better planning opportunities
- Stronger focus on major challenges facing European society
- Increasing annual budget to over € 100 mln
- Increasing average size of projects: to obtain critical mass for addressing EU challenges in a more comprehensive way



## More information on SSH Programme:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences>

Evaluators please register at:

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7>

## Conference "Employment in Europe 2008"

(3 panels: Internal mobility and migration, Job quality, Education and employment)

**Brussels, 25 November 2008**



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