

Proposed research topics from the “non-paper” (draft work programme) for SSH, 2008

The following are HEADINGS extracted from the “non-paper”. Please bear in mind that the topics described in the “non paper” are not yet final. The final and official work programme is expected to be published in July 2008.

Proposals will have to be developed in response to the more detailed descriptions provided under each of the topics (not reproduced here). So, for instance, a consortium will prepare a proposal in response to the text and research questions outlined under *Topic 3.3.1. –Tolerance and cultural diversity*. Please contact your NCP at ssh.ncp@esastap.org.za if you would like to receive more detailed information on the description under a specific topic contained in the “non paper”. Alternatively, you might be able to access the full text of the “non paper” from the following website: www.czelo.cz/dokums_raw/SSH_draft_WP_topics-2009.pdf .

The areas and topics identified for SSH under FP7 are highly topical and relevant, not only to the European continent. Therefore, even if a particular topic description seems to have a very specific European focus, researchers or research teams from South Africa might well add value to a project dealing with issues covered in the topic description. All contributions must obviously be of a high quality and contribute meaningfully towards the achievement of identified project objectives.

Activity 1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society – the European case

Area 1.1. – Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy

Topic 1.1.1. – Internal market for research

Topic 1.1.2. – European education in a knowledge society

Area 1.3. – Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe

Topic 1.3.1. – Public economic policy for growth

Activity 2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective – Paths towards sustainable development

Area 2.1. – Socio-economic development trajectories

Topic 2.1.1. – New socio-economic concepts, paradigm shift and territorial dynamics in a long term perspective

Topic: 2.1.2. – Cities and sustainable development

Topic: 2.1.3. – Impacts of corporate social responsibility

Topic 2.2.1. – Social inequalities, their implications and policy options

Activity 3: Major trends in society and their implications

Area 3.1. – Demographic changes

Topic 3.1.1. – The economic and social implications of large scale migration

Area 3.2. – Societal trends and lifestyles

Topic 3.2.1 – Changes in consumption and consumer markets

Topic 3.2.2. – Social platform on research for Families and Family Policies

Topic 3.2.3. – Quality of work and impact on quality of life and economy

Area 3.3. – Cultural interactions in an international perspective

Topic 3.3.1. –Tolerance and cultural diversity

Topic 3.3.2. – Religion and Secularism across Europe

Activity 4: Europe in the world

Area 4.1. – Interactions and interdependences between world regions and their implications

Topic 4.1.1. – Competition and collaboration in access to natural resources

Topic 4.1.2. – Geopolitics and the role of Europe in a changing world.

Area 4.2. – Conflicts, peace and human rights

Topic 4.2.1. – Climate induced changes in water resources in Europe and neighbouring countries as a security threat

Topic 4.2.2. – Non-European perspectives on human rights, democracy and peace

Activity 5: The Citizen in the European Union

Area 5.1. – Participation and citizenship in Europe

Topic 5.1.1 – Independent Media and Democracy in Europe

Area 5.2. – Diversities and commonalities in Europe

Topic 5.2.1. – Language as a tool for communication in Europe in an era of globalisation: history, policy, practice

Topic 5.2.2. – National representations of history and cultural evolution in an enlarged Europe

Topic 5.2.3. – Culture in the creation of European space of communication

Activity 6: “Socio-economic and scientific indicators”

Area 6.2. – Developing better indicators for policy

Topic 6.2.1 – Indicators for the European service sector

Area 6.3. – Provision of underlying official statistics

Topic 6.3.1. – Data management for statistics

Activity 7: Foresight activities

(Please note: Foresight activities are likely to be carried out by expert groups appointed by the EC)

Topic 7.4.1. – Consolidating the information system necessary for foresight exercises.

Activity 8:

(Please note: These opportunities are more specifically focused on European beneficiaries.)

Topic 8.1. – Measures to support dissemination of research results

Topic 8.2. – Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities Conference 2010