

# ESSHRA

## Towards FP7 - Enlarging the **SSH** Research Agenda

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Bern Conference

*“Towards a Knowledge Society: Is Knowledge a Public Good?”*

12th June – 13th of June 2007, Switzerland



TÜBİTAK

The Scientific and Technological  
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# Project Fact Sheet (SSA Project)

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Topic	8.3.2. New approaches for policy-research dialogues in the ERA: Targeted dissemination of EU research in national and multi-national contexts
Duration	28 months (1 <sup>st</sup> March 2006 – 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2008)
Partnership	4 Partners + 1 Subcontractor

# Project Consortium



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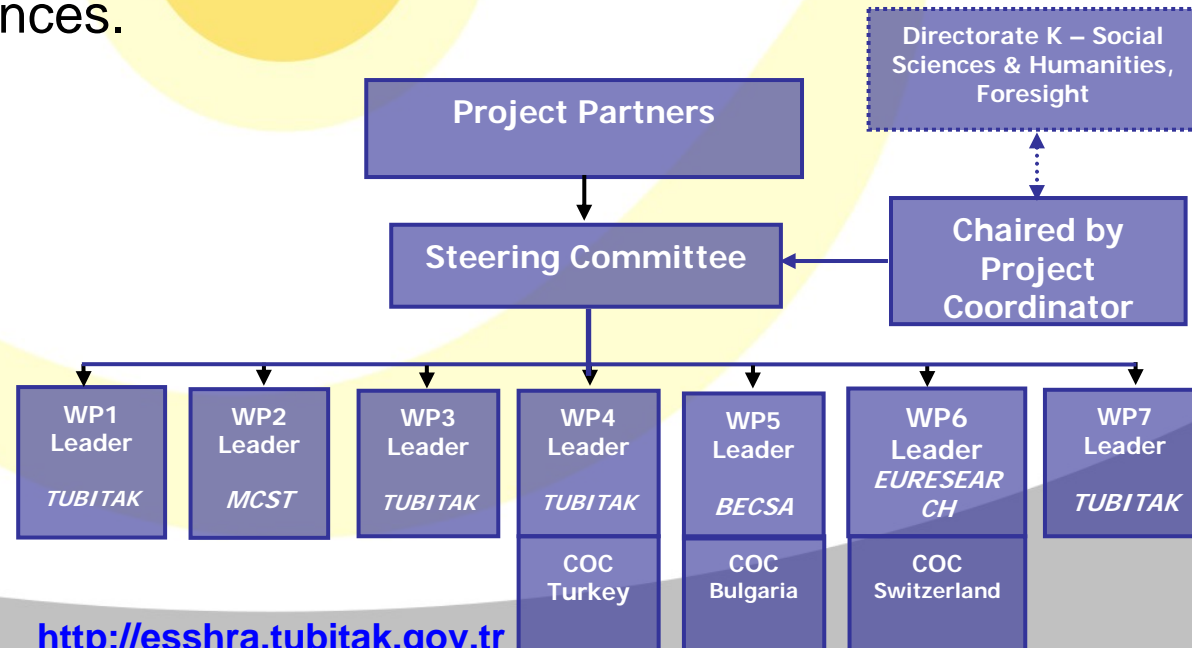
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# Project Management

- Each partner is represented in the Project Steering Committee – Turkey, also the Subcontractor; Dr. Michael KUHN
- Malta is not responsible for the organisation of a conference, however, Maltese researchers are able to participate in all of the project conferences.



# Project Objectives

- To identify SSH research priorities within the context of EU in partner countries; namely Turkey, Malta, Switzerland, and Bulgaria
- To stimulate international scientific dialogue among SSH researchers on the identified research topics
- To disseminate research findings and policy implications of previous Framework Programme SSH projects, especially to policy makers
- Initiating a scientific debate among researchers and research policy experts on transnational research practices
- Development of policy recommendations to scaffold future transnational research collaborations in the EU

## Project Activities - I

- Identification of SSH research priorities in partner countries

Aims to assess which research subjects that have been covered by the previous Framework Programmes are most relevant for the national contexts;

- Bottom-up approach
- Data collection via questionnaire
- Identification of Project Conference Themes

This questionnaire is developed by the ESSHRA (Towards FP7 / Enlarging the SSH Research Agenda) project for assessing the opinion of Social Sciences and Humanities research communities on the research priorities in the EU context. The results of the questionnaire will be used for identifying the topics for a series of conferences that will be organised for stimulating scientific debate on research findings and respective policy implications.

The questionnaire consists of two parts; (1) demographic information, (2) conference topics.

Personal data collected at Part I will be used for project purposes, and will not be made available to third parties.

**\* Items are mandatory.**

## PART I. Demographic Information

**\*Country:**

--- Please Select One ---

**\*Nationality:**

--- Please Select One ---

**Name:**

**Surname:**

**Title:**

**Organisation / Institute / Department:**

**\*Academic Status:**

--- Please Select One ---

**\*if other please specify**

**\*Discipline:**

--- Please Select One ---

**\*if other please specify**

**Age:**

**\*Gender:**

Female  Male

**Previous experience in EU Framework Programmes :**

Yes  No

**If Yes, # of projects submitted:**

If you would like to be informed about the conferences to be organised within the ESSHRA project, please fill in the contact information below:

Contact Information:

**Tel:**

**Fax:**

**e-mail:**



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## Part II. Conference Topics

A list of conference topics in Social Sciences and Humanities is presented below. These topics have been identified as a result of the review of the research areas and topics included in previous EU Framework Programmes. **Please, select and rank 5 of the topics that you think are the most important and have to be given priority in future in the context of European research agenda (1 representing the most important topic, 2 representing the second important topic, etc.).**

If you want to mention another research topic that is not included in the list, please indicate it in the following open-ended section.

Rank	Conference Topic
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Economic Development Models and Dynamics</b> (e.g., Privatisation, financial systems, regional economies, economic growth, economic competition, dynamics of markets, etc.)
<input type="text" value="1"/>	<b>Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement</b> (e.g., Economic integration, political integration, borders, implications of EU integration and enlargement, transformations in the candidate countries, etc.)
<input type="text" value="2"/>	<b>Governance and Democracy</b> (e.g., Global governance, democratic governance, multi-level governance, new modes of governance, democratic participation, gender and governance, European public policy, foreign policy governance, reflexive governance, etc.)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Development of a Knowledge-based Society</b> (e.g., Generation, distribution, and use of knowledge in economy, education, health, innovation, science and technology, European integration etc., and its impact on development)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice</b> (e.g., Security, Human Rights, Violent Conflicts, Polarisation, Women's Rights, etc.)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Citizenship and Cultural Identities</b> (e.g., New forms of citizenship, active citizenship, cultural dialogue, cultural values, changing identities, etc.)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life</b> (e.g., Changing population, demographic trends, population ageing, new kinds of families, dynamics of social change, policies for promoting the quality of life, gender relationships in Europe, etc.)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Migration and Social Cohesion</b> (e.g., International migration, immigrants, social exclusion, social inclusion, racial and ethnic minorities in Europe, discrimination, cultural policy, social integration, etc.)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work</b> (e.g., European labour markets, unemployment problem, job creation, employment in different sectors, understanding work organisations, gender and employment, gender and career, vocational identity and mobility, care work, pay inequalities, etc.)
<input type="text" value="--- Please Select One ---"/>	<b>Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning</b> (e.g., Education policies, higher education reform, education systems, science and education, teacher training, education governance, learning in organisations, life-long learning, etc.)

# ESSHRA Questionnaire *continued...*

--- Please Select One ---	<b>Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work</b> (e.g., European labour markets, unemployment problem, job creation, employment in different sectors, understanding work organisations, gender and employment, gender and career, vocational identity and mobility, care work, pay inequalities, etc.)
--- Please Select One ---	<b>Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning</b> (e.g., Education policies, higher education reform, education systems, science and education, teacher training, education governance, learning in organisations, life-long learning, etc.)
<b>Preferred conference topics other than those listed above; please indicate ranking:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>Would you be interested in participating in an international SSH conference on the topic you have declared?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>SUBMIT the FORM</b>	

An open-ended section was also available for suggesting alternative themes for the conferences

# Data Analysis & Results

- The questionnaire was announced to SSH researchers in the partner countries via,
  - electronic mailing lists,
  - telephone calls, or
  - web-site announcements.
- Data were collected from 844 researchers through the on-line questionnaire.
- Conference themes were identified based on the data analysis results and the opinions of the Project Steering Committee.

# Data Analysis & Results for Switzerland

- Data from 364 researchers
- Mean age of the respondents – 44,20
- 61% - females; 39% males
- Research Disciplines of the respondents ⇨

Discipline	#	Discipline	#
Anthropology	22	Linguistics	23
Archaeology	4	Literature	11
Communication	9	Management	20
Cultural Studies	7	Philosophy	13
Economics	28	Political Science	13
Education	31	Psychology	21
Gender Studies	4	Public Administration	6
Geography	12	Religious Studies	5
History	20	Social Policy	1
History of Art	4	Sociology	33
Journalism & Mass Communication	4	Library & Information Science	4
International Relations	5	Not Specified	59
Law	5	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>364</b>

# Data Analysis & Results for Switzerland

## Overall Weighted Sum of Ratings

1. **Development of a Knowledge-based Society**
2. Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life
3. Citizenship and Cultural Identities
4. Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning
5. Migration and Social Cohesion

# Data Analysis & Results for Bulgaria

- Data from 70 researchers
- Mean age of the respondents – 39,63
- 64% - females; 36% males
- Research Disciplines of the respondents ⇨

Discipline	#	Discipline	#
Anthropology	1	Linguistics	1
Communication	1	Management	1
Cultural Studies	2	Political Science	16
Economics	10	Public Administration	4
Education	1	Religious Studies	1
History	4	Sociology	5
International Relations	13	Other	4
Law	6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

# Data Analysis & Results for Bulgaria

## Overall Weighted Sum of Ratings

1. **Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement**
2. Economic Development Models and Dynamics
3. Governance and Democracy
4. Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice
5. Citizenship and Cultural Identities

# Data Analysis & Results for Turkey

- Data from 410 researchers
- Mean age of the respondents – 37,08
- 45% - females; 55% males
- Research Disciplines of the respondents ⇨

Discipline	#	Discipline	#
Anthropology	5	Linguistics	3
Archaeology	4	Literature	7
Communication	12	Management	36
Cultural Studies	11	Philosophy	3
Economics	44	Political Science	19
Education	73	Psychology	21
Gender Studies	4	Public Administration	8
Geography	15	Religious Studies	8
History	10	Social Policy	4
History of Art	4	Sociology	26
Journalism & Mass Com.	2	Library & Information Science	5
International Relations	17	Not Specified	62
Law	7	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>410</b>

# Data Analysis & Results for Turkey

Overall Weighted Sum of Ratings

1. **Citizenship and Cultural Identities**
2. Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning
3. Development of a Knowledge-based Society
4. Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life
5. Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work

# Project Activities - II

- **Dissemination of research findings of previous FP SSH projects VIA,**
  - Organisation of 2-day conferences
  - Workshop on future SSH research topics (part of the conferences)
  - Participants:
    - Coordinators of previous FP projects
    - Local SSH researchers
    - Policy makers
    - Research policy experts
    - Media

# Schedule for the Project Conferences

- **31st of May - 01st of June 2007 – Sofia Conference, Bulgaria**  
*“Adapting to Integration in an Enlarged European Union”*  
[http://esshra.tubitak.gov.tr/Sofia\\_conference.htm](http://esshra.tubitak.gov.tr/Sofia_conference.htm)
- **12-13 June 2007 – Berne Conference, Switzerland**  
*“Towards a knowledge Society: Is Knowledge a Public Good?”*  
[http://esshra.tubitak.gov.tr/Bern\\_conference.htm](http://esshra.tubitak.gov.tr/Bern_conference.htm)
- **17-19 October 2007 – Istanbul Conference, Turkey**  
*“Citizenship and Cultural Identities in the EU: Old Questions, New Answers”*  
[http://esshra.tubitak.gov.tr/Istanbul\\_conference.htm](http://esshra.tubitak.gov.tr/Istanbul_conference.htm)



## Project Activities - II

- **Scaffolding future transnational research collaborations**

Aims to to raise and compare data about transnational research in the EU and Turkey and to develop policy recommendations for facilitating future transnational research collaborations via;

- Data collection on transnational research practices from researchers via a questionnaire
- Group Discussions with transnational researchers
- Transnational research policy workshop with research policy experts

*Carried out by Dr. Michael KUHN (Knowwhy Ltd., UK)*

# Bern Conference

## *Towards a Knowledge Society: Is knowledge a public good?*

- The Bern Conference covering a variety of sessions on different forms and uses of knowledge; ranging from linguistics to economical issues
- Bern Conference will provide us the opportunity to elaborate on the findings of a variety of FP funded research projects, and
- To discuss on the policies necessary for the development of a knowledge society in the EU!

Wish you a scientifically stimulating  
conference!

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