



ESF Scientific Programmes

Call for Proposals 2004 in the Social Sciences

The ESF Standing Committee for the Social Sciences (SCSS) is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals for new scientific Programmes.

An ESF Scientific Programme is a networking activity, bringing together key researchers and research groups, usually for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue at the European level.

Key objectives include

- sharing knowledge and expertise
- developing new techniques
- training young scientists
- bringing together nationally funded programmes in a European coordinated activity and creating interdisciplinary fora.

ESF Programmes are funded on an *à la carte* basis by the Member Organisations of ESF which decide to contribute. These programmes can only be launched if sufficient financial support is obtained.

It is essential to consult the general ESF Programme guidelines for further information (<http://www.esf.org/guidelinesp>).

Proposals must be sent by email to Ms. Caroline Eckert at ceckert@esf.org. You are expected to submit one single file, in either *.doc* or *.rtf* format, in English, containing the proposal (max. length 4000 words), the curriculum vitae of the main applicant(s) as well as a number of standard sections (abstract, requested budget etc.). The proposal will be assessed by the SCSS based on findings of an external peer review on a range of criteria.

Deadline: 1 November 2004
Decisions will be announced in
May/June 2005

For further details of the call and guidelines for applicants, please consult www.esf.org/scss/progcall

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