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A new funding scheme for civil society organisations to benefit from research

RTD – L3
Governance and Ethics





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Research for the benefit of specific groups **BSG – CSO**

- Extension of CRAFT for SMEs in FP6
- Specific groups:
 - SMEs or their associations
 - Civil society organisations and their networks – **BSG-CSO**





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BSG – CSO

Its purpose

- **Aims** to develop scientific knowledge related to CSOs activities in order to contribute to public debate
- Civil society organisations – **CSOs**
 - ➔ Non governmental, non for profit, not representing commercial interests, pursuing a common purpose for the public interest





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How it works

- CSOs bring research needs in relation to their activities
- RTD performers and CSOs form a partnership and combine their knowledge:
 - ➔ RTD performers carry out the bulk of the research
 - ➔ CSO may carry out some research, management, coordination, training, dissemination strategy ...
 - ➔ Other participants possible if relevant /project





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Where it is used in 2007

- Work Programme on Environment

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=6

- Work Programme on Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=39





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Minimum participation

- Overall minimum participation: Three independent legal entities established in three different MS or Associated Countries
- Specific provisions for BSG-CSO
 - ENVIRONMENT: one CSO, one RTD performer
 - SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCIENCES: three CSOs (or a European Network (composed of at least 3 CSOs established in 3 MS or AC); two RTD performers
- Act as eligibility criteria





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BSG – CSO Project size

- Maximum EC grant
 - Set in the Work Programme
 - ENVIRONMENT : ≤ 2 million €
 - SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCIENCES and HUMANITIES: ≤ 1 million €
- Act as an eligibility criterion





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Ownership of the foreground

- Other funding schemes:
 - ➔ Property of the participant carrying out the work generating that foreground
 - ➔ When respect share cannot be ascertained, joint ownership
- BSG – article 41 of the Rules of participation
 - ➔ Jointly owned by participating CSOs, or ..
 - ➔ If owners of foreground are not CSOs, ensure that CSOs are provided with all the rights to use and to disseminate the foreground
- Provisions in consortium agreement between grant beneficiaries





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- Specific form to fill
 - available on Cordis – end of March
 - ➔ Part A
 - ➔ Identify CSO, RTD performers and other participants
 - ➔ Questions on legal status – EU definition of SMEs
 - ➔ Part B





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Part B of the application

- Constructed on basis of criteria for evaluation
- Excellence and relevance to topics of the call
 - ➔ Explain the extent to which the proposal addresses a scientific/technological need/activity of CSO participants
 - ➔ Describe issues at stake in terms of policy and public debate
- Implementation
 - ➔ Describe the participants /their roles in the proposal
- Impact
 - ➔ Explain arrangements on ownership, use and dissemination of foreground





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BSG-CSO grant agreement

- Standard core text
- Part B will become the annex 1 to the grant agreement
- Ownership, use and dissemination of the foreground in a consortium agreement between beneficiaries
 - ➔ Commission is not part of it but
 - ➔ check if consistent with annex1





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Research for the benefit of civil society organisations Novelties

- Address explicitly CSOs
- Allow CSOs to present their research needs
- Fund partnerships between CSOs and Research Organisations
- Provide CSOs with all rights required to use and disseminate the results in the public interest





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- These slides are based on the rules and conditions contained in the legal documents relating to FP7 (in particular the seventh Framework Programme, Specific Programmes, Rules for Participation and the Work Programmes), all of which can be consulted on Cordis.
- These slides do not in themselves have legal value, and thus does not supersede those documents

