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Topic SiS-2007-1.2.2.4: “Capacity Building on Ethics in Developing Countries”

**European Commission
Research DG –
Unit L3 « Governance and Ethics »**





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Place in DG RTD activities (1/3)

- **Work programme Science in Society 2007:
“Capacities”**
 - ➔ Activity “Broader engagement to anticipate and clarify political, societal and ethical issues”
 - ➔ Area “Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science”
 - ➔ Topics “Creation of, and support to, pan-European platforms”
 - ◆ SiS-2007-1.2.2.4 “International dialogue: capacity building on ethics in developing countries”





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Place in DG RTD activities (2/3)

- **FP6 projects *inter alia* :**

- ➔ BESH (Genomics and Benefit Sharing with Developing Countries)
- ➔ EDCEP (European and Developing Countries Ethics Partnership) – now starting working activities with WHO
- ➔ NEBRA (Networking for Ethics on Biomedical Research in Africa)
- ➔ EULABOR (Latin American and European Systems of Ethics Regulations of Biomedical Research)
- ➔ HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS (Global Forum for Bioethics in Research)





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Place in DG RTD activities (3/3)

- **“Ethics, Research and Globalisation”**
 - ➔ Europe and its partners building capacity in research ethics
 - ➔ Conference on 14-15 May 2007, Brussels
- **Further activities being planned for 2008**





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Call: brief description (1/3)

● What?

- Existing networks of experts, existing initiatives in the field of ethics and science
- Research ethics committees, academic education in science ethics...

● Why?

- Lack of co-ordination
- Problems in sustainability
- Difficulties to implement best practices...





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Call: brief description (2/3)

- **Who?**

- ➔ EU + International Co-operation Partner Countries (ICPC)
- ➔ ICPC in particular Africa (ACP), Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) and Asia

- **How?**

- ➔ Funding scheme = Co-ordination and support actions





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Call: brief description (3/3)

- **Special rule:**

- ➔ At least 4 legal entities
- ➔ Including at least 1 established in an International Co-operation Partner Country
- ➔ Including at least 3 established in EU Member States or associated countries
- ➔ All (minimum) 4 legal entities independent from each other

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Impact and benefit

- **Facilitate partner countries to bring science closer to society**
- **Benefit from each other's experiences**
 - ➔ North-South, South-South, South-North
- **Strengthen international and regional networks in the field of ethics and science**
- **Contribute to the further development of international standards world-wide**
 - ➔ Implementation of best practices, compliance with fundamental ethical principles...





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Civil Society Organisations?

● Why?

- ➔ Knowledge in the **topics** that other “classical” partners do not necessarily have e.g. clinical trials in developing countries, environment issues in emerging economies, research and intellectual property rights outside developed countries...
- ➔ Experience in **capacity building initiatives** e.g. training of peers, network setting, contacts
- ➔ Involvement and know-how in **policy making**
- ➔ Experience outside the EU / experience in “**the field**”

● How?

- ➔ Involvement in the **preparation** of proposals
- ➔ **Partners** in consortia...





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Conclusion

- **CSOs can add a lot to proposals/projects**
- **Tough job e.g. financial and legal constraints, reporting... but...**
- **CSOs can gain a lot too e.g. **policy impact**...**





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