

Social Platforms

A new tool for the open governance of SSH Research

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- European Research Programme 2007-2013, a “Cooperation” Theme, addressing major EU challenges, of which “Sustainable development and cohesion”, with emphasis on urban issues;
- “Social platform” in SSH: NEW instrument, decided by European Council and Parliament, aiming at the **involvement of the stakeholders in the definition of the research agenda;**

Expectations (1)

- SSH as a pilot domain; SOCIAL POLIS (cities and social cohesion) is the first experience; another one is being launched (on Families); a third is foreseen for the 2010 work programme;
- A **research agenda is the key expected outcome of the social platforms**; not only useful for the next SSH work programmes of the EU activity; also a reference for “Joint Programming” linked to regional and national research.

Expectations (2)

- “Social Polis” will deliver a good understanding of the issues and existing knowledge related to cities and social cohesion; a shared vision of the future about this challenge would be also welcomed;
- It will provide a research agenda for the coming years, taking into account last social developments like impact of globalisation or economic and social crisis;
- It has created a platform of discussion with the main stakeholders which should be maintained in the future;
- New initiative like « Round World Café » could serve as model for the other platforms.

- « Social platforms » are designed to develop research agendas in the SSH research domain
- What about the socio-economic dimensions and the involvement of civil society organization in Technology platforms?