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Brussels Science News for University of Southern Denmark is a monthly newsletter targeting SDU researchers, scientists, management and staff. The newsletter will focus information on funding options, network events and partnership possibilities in the EU.

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❖ Humanities in Horizon

“Where does humanities fit into Horizon 2020? It’s all natural sciences, energy and pharmaceuticals.” This is a sentence we hear a lot. For this reason we took a look at what we can expect for humanities in Horizon 2020. We expect that the most obvious places for scientist from the humanities to apply are:

- **Europe in a Changing World – Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies:** The final outlay of the programme is not yet know, but we expect that it will consists of a number of sub-challenges each dealing with different aspect of challenges facing societies today. This can be understood as humanities and social science “own” programme.
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions:** The European programme for strengthening skills, training and career development for researchers. Open for all research fields.
- **European Research Council (ERC):** Supports research in any field of basic scientific and technological research. This bottom-up programme support exploratory, challenging, cross-disciplinary research and will give special attention to fast-growing and emerging areas on the fringe of knowledge and on the interface of disciplines.
- **Societal Challenges** The signals from the European Commission are that Horizon 2020 is truly a new programme. Topics will no longer be ‘topics’, but formulated as challenges. This, according to the European Commission should give greater room for humanities in *all* the programmes and they encourage humanities to apply in all the societal challenges of Horizon 2020.



We advise all future applicants to take a look at the Horizon 2020 specific programme:

- Europe in a Changing World – Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies: **Page 145**
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: **Page 42**
- European Research Council (ERC): **Page 32**
- Societal Challenges: **Page 81**

See the Horizon 2020 Specific Programme - [here](#)

❖ Professor Teresa Cadierno on her EU-project LanPercept: an interdisciplinary network

Looking at the numbers, there is room for improvement regarding the humanities at University of Southern Denmark engagement with the EU. More could be done. Therefore we’ve interviewed SDU FP7 Grant holder Teresa Cadierno from the Faculty of Humanities at University of Southern Denmark on how to get EU-funding, the process and advise for other potential applicants.

Could you tell us a little about the project?

This is a Marie Curie Initial Training Network, named Language and Perception (LanPercept), funded through the 7th EU Framework Programme with a total of 4.16 million euros.

The network offers an interdisciplinary approach to the investigation of the bidirectional interactions between language and perception. The project consists of three work-packages (1) Language-perception interactions in healthy participants, (2) Language-perception interactions in atypical developing populations and (3) Advanced technologies for language and perception research. The Ph.D. and postdoctoral researcher will receive three types of training: specific training at their respective institutions, cluster-level training within each work-package and global network training for all students.

So, tell us Teresa, was it difficult getting the grant?

Well, it did involve a lot of work and coordination among all the partners when preparing the application, but the network coordinator, Prof. Mila Vulchanova, did a wonderful job in organizing the whole process. We first applied for the grant in 2011 and did not get it. However, we received very good and encouraging comments from the evaluators, and we followed this good advice when applying again. And this second time it worked!

What would you say are the advantages and disadvantages of receiving a EU-grant?

Advantages: It gives the possibility of collaborating with colleagues from leading European universities on a common theme of interest. In our case, there are researchers from three main areas, linguistics, cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience, so this is a truly interdisciplinary network cutting across three faculties –humanities, social science and life and health sciences.

Disadvantages: In this early stage it is difficult to talk about disadvantages. Of course this is a big network with many partners and it requires a lot of planning and agreement among its members in terms of common procedures to follow. For example, common principles and procedures about how to hire the Ph.D. and postdoctoral positions: how to advertise the positions, how to go about the selection process etc. Sometimes these common procedures are different from the local procedures of the institution, and these matters need to be resolved as they come along, and this is time-consuming for all of us.

What would you recommend other SDU humanities scientist if they have EU in mind when applying for funds?

Well, first, as with all applications, to come up with a good research idea, to find a niche, an area that is not well understood. Then find leading researchers across Europe who can complement each other in terms of their expertise in the area to be investigated. And then of course, write up a well-structured

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LanPercept: The network is coordinated by the Norwegian University of Language and Technology and it includes eight universities all over Europe and seven industrial and private sector partners in Europe. The network will train a total of 11 Ph.D. researchers (one at SDU) and 4 postdoctoral researchers. The network started in January 2013 and will last for four years.

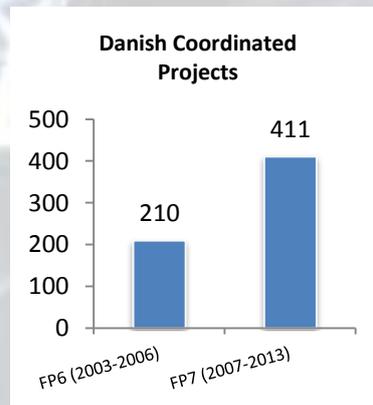
application that can “convince” the evaluators about the innovative aspects of the proposal and its benefits for the research community and for society at large.

Thank you Teresa. Good luck with your project.

❖ Double number of Danish coordinators

The newest numbers reveal a significant increase in the number of EU-project coordinated by a Danish institutions, when comparing 6th Framework Programme with the 7th Framework Programme. A total of 411 FP7-project were coordinated by Danish institutions, whereas in FP6 from 2003-2006 this number was only 210.

Challenges from research to project management to strategic communication are some of the issues a coordinator have to deal with. For more information about the number, and signing up for a course in “How to be successful as a coordinator” (deadline 25th of April) see [here](#).



❖ International Network Programme – strengthen your EU-application with Non-EU-partners

In the proposal for the specific programme for Horizon 2020 the European Commission writes:

“International cooperation with partners in third countries is necessary to address effectively many specific objectives defined in Horizon 2020, in particular those relating to Union external policies and international commitments. This is the case for all the societal challenges addressed by Horizon 2020, which are common in nature.”

In Horizon 2020 a greater emphasis will be put on involving partners from so called third countries such as China, USA, Korea, India etc. Involving researchers from these countries may be a plus in your application.

The Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation have the last years had a programme that funds:

- **Workshops and conferences**
- **Visiting Scientist Grant**

The funds cover travel expenses, stay, transport, board etc. The call is not public yet, but it is expected to be in the coming months, which will also be announced here. Collaboration with researchers from a number of countries is covered – last year these countries were: **Brazil, China, Korea, Japan, India, USA and Israel**. For more information on the programme and contact information to DASTI – look [here](#)

International Network Programme
Fourth call for proposals for bilateral network activities in R&D with China, India, Israel, Japan, USA, Brazil and the Republic of Korea


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❖ The Ministry launches Horizon 2020 reference groups

The Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education officially launched the nine reference groups from universities, the central administration, organization and companies. The purpose is to give input the Danish members of the Programme Committees of Horizon 2020. March 18 the members of the reference groups met the Danish representatives to prepare the work for the first work programme for 2014-2015 under Horizon 2020. Reference groups have been established on the following areas:

- ❖ Health, demographic change and well-being,
- ❖ Bio-economy challenges: food security, sustainable
- ❖ agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and in land water research,
- ❖ Secure, clean and efficient energy,
- ❖ Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials,
- ❖ Europe in a changing world, inclusive, innovative and reflective societies,
- ❖ Information and Communication Technologies, Nanotechnologies, advanced materials and advanced manufacturing and processing,
- ❖ Innovation in SMEs,
- ❖ Space and research infrastructures

See the Ministry page on Horizon 2020 and contact information regarding the reference groups – look [here](#).

❖ Preparing an application? Call EuroCenter – it's free

It's an EU-jungle out there. That can be true, but luckily – and wisely University of Southern Denmark has a strong locally anchored support system helping applicants preparing their application. You are probably already familiar with the research support system at your faculty, but did you know that the Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation (Styrelsen for Forskning og Innovation) also have a support office – it's called EuroCenter and they assist with:

- **Personal counseling, in person, on the phone or via e-mail**
- **Information activities around the country when the new calls arrive**
- **Step-by-step guidance on FP7 and Horizon 2020**
- **Checking your application vis-à-vis EU requirements**
- **Contact to the European Commission**

They also have newsletter called "EU-Information": Subscription at eurocenter@fi.dk

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Research Theme/programme	Contact directly	Research Theme/programme	Contact directly
Energy	Anne-Mette Mikkelsen	Security	Stefanie Bondy Jørgensen
EURATOM	Jakob Just Madsen , DANRO	SME's	Anne-Mette Mikkelsen
Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology	Ulrik Kjølsten Olsen	Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities	Melanie Büscher
Information and Communication Technologies	Kim L. Kryger , Bodil Elisabeth Palmberg	Health	Kim L. Kryger
IDEAS	Jan Corner-Walker , Ulrik Kjølsten Olsen	Science In Society	Gilles Laroche , European Commission
INCO	Jakob Just Madsen	Legal Finance	Bodil Elisabeth Palmberg , Melanie Büscher
Research Infrastructure	Herve Per – European Commission	FP7 Statistics and analysis	Ulrik Kjølsten Olsen

Environment	Elsebeth Hagen	Artemis, JTI	Kim L. Kryger
Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies (NMP)	Stefanie Bondy Jørgensen	Clean Sky, JTI	Hélène Barbier , European Commission
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Space	Jakob Just Madsen	Fuel and Fuel Cells FCH, JTI	Anne-Mette Mikkelsen

WHERE TO LOOK FOR SUPPORT ON EKSTERNAL FUNDING?

For support on all external funding incl. EU Funding please contact the research funding unit at your faculty:

- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Engineering](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Humanities](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Science](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Health Sciences](#)

If you have any specific EU science and innovation related questions, are planning initiatives towards EU and Horizon 2020 in Brussels or at SDU or questions about this newsletter to please direct them to: Christian Walther Bruun, + 32 4 777 77 587 or cwb@southdenmark.be

IN BRUSSELS? – STOP BY

Sometimes it's easier to talk face to face. For this reason the South Denmark European Office would like to invite you to a talk about how we can assist you in your EU-endeavors – and maybe a cup of coffee at South Denmark House. So if you are planning to come to Brussels please contact us and we will set up a meeting. We are located just next to the European Commission - a 5 min. walk from Shuman and Maelbeek Metro Stops.

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THE SDU EUROPEAN SCIENCE EVENT CALENDAR

Please let us know (at cwb@southdenmark.be) if you are planning to attend or have questions about the conferences

Event	Date	Place	Relevant for:						
			Engineering	Sciences	Health	Humanities	Business and Social	ment/policy	Science manage-
The 1st International conference on Internet Science	10-11 th of April 2013	Brussels	X	X					
Icon Conference 2013 (cultural heritage)	10-12 th of April 2013	Glasgow	X				X		
BPI Europe 2013 (biomanufacturing)	17-18 th of April 2013	Düsseldorf	X		X				
3rd EERA Annual Congress 2013	18.-19 th of April 2013	Brussels	X	X					
Stimulating Innovation in Plant Genetic Resources: A role for the EIP on Agriculture	23 th of April 2013	Brussels		X					
ImagineNano 2013	23-26 th of April 2013	Bilbao		X					
EUCHIS 2013 - 11th International Conference of the European Chitin Society	5-8 th of May 2013	Porto		X					
eHealth week 2013	13-15 th of May 2013	Dublin	X		X				
Researchers Careers and Mobility	14-15 th of May 2013	Dublin							X
Green Week 2013	22-25 th of May 2013	Brussels	X	X	X			X	
Pioneers in Healthcare	5-6 th of June 2013	Brussels			X				
The RCPCH Annual Conference 2013 (pediatrics)	5-8 th of June 2013	Glasgow				X			
European Wolfram Technology Conference 2013	11-12 th of June 2013	Frankfurt	X						
EuroNanoForum 2013	18-20 th of June 2013	Dublin		X					
3rd Annual General Conference of The European Political Science Association	20-22 nd of June 2013	Barcelona	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EHMA Annual Conference 2013 (Health management)	26-28 th of June 2013	Milan			X			X	
Sustainable Energy Week	24-28 th of June 2013	Brussels	X	X					
Inaugural European Conference on the Arts and Humanities 2013	18-21 st of July 2013	Brighton					X		
28th Annual Congress of the EEA (economy and econometrics)	26-30 th of August 2013	Gothenburg						X	
Open Days	7-10 th of October 2013	Brussels	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
The European Public Health Association	13-16 th of November 2013	Brussels			X			X	
Euro Science Open Forum	21-26 th of June 2014 (Deadline for applications May 9, 2013)	Copenhagen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
The 7th European Public Health Conference 2014	2014	Glasgow			X			X	

Background: (www.atomium.be - SABAM 2009 - DJ Sharko)