

FP7 FINAL CALL FACT SHEETS ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – IMPROVING DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Facts & figures

The financial and economic crisis, alongside on-going demographic change, has exacerbated the challenges facing the public sector in Europe. Most European governments are again considering measures to cut public spending in order to reduce public debt. Successful economic recovery, raising employment and ensuring the long-term sustainability of public finances require new approaches to public policy and the role of the state, including the modernisation of public administrations and the way public services are delivered.

How much money do we plan to invest?

Approximate budget of €45 million, including:

ICT Work Programme

- ICT for governance and policy modelling (€19 million)

b) Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities Work Programme

Total budget of €20 million, including research projects on:

- Role of intangibles (e.g. education levels) in the public sector (€2.5 million)
- Overcoming youth unemployment in Europe (€5 million)
- The impact of ageing societies on public finances in Europe (€2.5 million)
- Integrating financial markets into policy-focused, macro-economic models (€2.5 million)
- The future of the welfare state (€6 million/ERA-NET PLUS)
- Addressing governance of trans-national mobility/temporary migration (€2.5 million)
- Addressing demand in anti-trafficking efforts and policies (€ 2.5 million)

c) Security Work Programme

- Evidence based and integral security concepts for government asset protection – Capability Project (several calls)

Innovation Prize

DG Research and Innovation will reward innovation in public administrations at the national, regional or local level with a prize for existing initiatives in three categories: innovations addressed to citizens, to firms, and those aimed at researchers and education. There are expected to be up to nine awards of €100,000 each with the prize money going to scale up and expand the winning initiatives.

What results do we expect in which area?

Research projects in the field of the public sector are expected to improve the role of ICT for governance, to enhance the recognition of the role of intangibles (such as levels of education and ICT-use) in the public sector, to improve the employment of young people and their economic and social independence, to ensure a more effective management of public finance and to support EU macro-economic policymaking, to stimulate a transition to a sustainable society in line with the Europe 2020 strategy, and to advance knowledge on the effects of crisis situations on citizens.