



International Cooperation

International cooperation is an integral part of the Health Theme and project consortia in all areas are encouraged to include organisations from third countries, especially from the International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC) and from countries with Scientific and Technological cooperation agreements with the EU according to the participation rules. Funding can be provided to participants from the ICPCs, whereas funding for organisations from industrialised third countries may be provided on a case by case basis if considered essential for carrying out the project.

International cooperation will be implemented via two mechanisms:

1. Opening of all activities of the Theme to international cooperation. Third country participation is particularly emphasised (enhanced international participation) in the areas addressing global health problems: Anti-microbial drug resistance, HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, and emerging epidemics, as well as in certain individual topics in the other areas of the Theme, as indicated in the text.
2. Specific International Cooperation Actions (SICA) which aim to generate, share and use knowledge through research partnerships with third countries in the areas identified through bi-regional dialogues with third countries/regions and international fora, on the basis of mutual interest and mutual benefit. Research areas may include: health policy research, health systems and health care service research, neglected infectious diseases and emerging unforeseen policy needs in those regions, as well as other topics of strategic importance. Collaborative projects must involve at least two participants from two different Member States or Associated countries and at least two partners from two different ICPCs.

The European interest in opening the themes to international partners can be seen in the context of globalisation and the need to remain competitive by collaborating widely, while at the same time aiding sustainable development in lower income countries and strengthening ties to third countries in general, including industrialised countries. In this way the inclusion of a third country partner in a project can be regarded as enhancing the European added value of the joint effort. Any such participation has though to be carefully weighted with regard to the benefits to the projects and the European research community. Furthermore the participation has to be balanced and well justified in the proposal.

For the calls corresponding to the first Work Programme of the Health Theme, the SICA topics are mainly to be found in the second call. For these first two calls an amount of 64 million Euro has been earmarked for SICA projects. This is expected to rise in the later years. For international collaboration in other topics there is no such specified budget.



List of Specific International Cooperation Actions (SICA)

1st Call

Topics	Targeted Country/Region
HEALTH-2007-2.3.3-8: Influenza research in collaboration with Asian partners (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	Asia

2nd Call

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HEALTH-2007-2.1.2-7: Traditional Chinese Medicine in post-genomic era (Coordination or Support Action)	China
HEALTH-2007-2.2.1-10: Childhood and adolescent mental disorders (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	EECA and Western Balkans
HEALTH-2007-2.3.2-12: Highly innovative research in HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis between Indian and European partners (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	India
HEALTH-2007-2.3.2-13: Coordination of European research activities with global initiatives, including Public-Private Partnerships (Coordination or Support Action)	ICPC
HEALTH-2007-2.3.2-14: Next generation of researchers for HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and neglected infectious diseases (Coordination or Support Action)	ICPC
HEALTH-2007-2.4.1-14: Studying cancer aetiology in Latin America (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	Latin America
HEALTH-2007-2.3.4-1: Development of new tools to control infectious due to parasites of the Trypanosomatidae family (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	ICPC
HEALTH-2007-2.3.4-2: Development of a Leishmania vaccine (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	ICPC
HEALTH-2007-2.3.4-3: Bioprospecting for drug leads (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	ICPC
HEALTH-2007-3.5-1: Epidemiological investigations into long-term trends of population health as consequence of socio-economic transitions, induced health problems (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	MPC, Russia including life-style and EECA
HEALTH-2007-3.5-2: Universal and equitable access to health care and health financing (Small or medium-scale focused research projects)	MPC, ACP, Asia and Latin America
HEALTH-2007-3.5-3: Health care intervention research – optimising hospital care (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	Western Balkans
HEALTH-2007-3.5-4: Health care intervention research – improving pre-natal and maternal care (small or medium-scale focused research projects)	ACP and MPC
HEALTH-2007-4.1-8: Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation in areas relevant to the objectives of this Theme (Coordination or Support Action)	ICPC

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