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Richiesta di una accademia polacca di studi economici e sociali, interessata ad una partnership per un progetto inserito nella tematica SSH: SSH-2007-5.1.1. Democratic "ownership" and participation.

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<Project Title: Participation and Exclusion: In Search of the Patterns of Social, Political, and Legal Attitudes in the EU Member States>

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<Description: Our project has an interdisciplinary character. It is aimed at scholars from the fields of social, political, and legal thought as well as opinion poll institutions, government and non-government organizations which deal with the implementation of the findings concerning participation and exclusion.

Our project is a comparative one. It implies the analyses of the data collected in various social groups in different political settings. Particularly important are the comparisons between the old and new EU member states. Given the wide dimension of our project two coordinators are necessary - one for the old member states and one for the new ones. We are ready to assume the responsibilities of the coordinator for the new member states but we do expect one of our partners to coordinate the other part of the project.

The aim of the project is to analyze social, political, and legal attitudes of EU politicians, civil servants, civil society members, and ordinary citizens. These attitudes take a behavioral dimension.

They are to be found in social discourse which will constitute the hard core of our research interest. It is in this discourse that two alternative sets of attitudes are to be discovered. First, there are attitudes shaping what we call, following Karl Popper, open society which implies dialogue, negotiations, and compromise. As such, they advance participation in democratically structured civil society. Second, there are attitudes responsible for close society which includes nationalism, religious fundamentalism, and homophobia. As such, they lead to exclusion or, indeed, self-exclusion from democratically structured civil society. These two kinds of attitudes also take a declarative dimension which should confirm, in form of opinion polls, the findings of our research on social discourse. Our project implies a close cooperation with government and non-government organizations at regional, national, and European level. We will organize conferences, prepare publications, launch internet campaigns concerning the problems of civic participation and the challenges of social exclusion. This should lead to formulating legislative postulates and political solutions addressed to both parliamentarians and local authorities and encouraging civil society institutions (including trade unions, business associations, and minority organizations) to act their behalf.

<Organisation Type: Università>

<Partner Sought: We call for research institutions, in the old as well as new EU member states, ready to collaborate in the Seventh Framework Programme in search of the reasons for civic participation and social exclusion. We assume that these reasons contain a whole range of ideological motivations for acceptance or rejection of democratic institutions. >