

## **EU FP7 Project**

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### **Expert meeting on social capital**

#### **Call for papers**

**Workshop organized by Maastricht University**

**May 25-26th, 2012 in Maastricht, the Netherlands**

GDP per capita has long been used as a proxy measure for the prosperity and progress of nations. However, the relationship between economic growth as measured by GDP and other dimensions of well-being and societal progress is not always straightforward. The ‘Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi commission’ gave further impetus to measuring societal progress by recommending the implementation of reliable measures of ‘social capital’.

On May 25-26th, 2012, Maastricht University wants to bring together experts on social capital. The workshop is organized under the auspices of the ‘European Framework for Measuring Progress’ (e-Frame), which is an FP7 funded consortium of various universities, research organizations and national statistical institutes in Europe. The expert meeting aims to activate debate and promote closer interaction between researchers in the field of social capital.

The workshop focuses on the following topics.

- (1) How can we improve statistics on social capital, theoretically as well as methodologically? What can we learn from the academic debate on social capital and how can this concept be operationalized into reliable measurements? What is the role of national statistical institutes in measuring and disseminating information on social capital? What are the latest developments in data collection on social capital?
- (2) The academic literature suggests that trust and participation are important aspects of social capital. We welcome contributions dealing with theoretical reflections as well as empirical analyses on the associations between trust and participation at various levels (e.g. individual, neighbourhoods, and countries).

(3) What are the main developments in social capital, both cross-nationally and longitudinally in Europe and beyond? What is the role of social media? What are the main effects of social capital (or a lack thereof) on individual well-being and societal progress?

The expert meeting will be held in the historical centre of Maastricht, the Netherlands on May 25-26th, 2012. We encourage contributions addressing the questions raised above. The intention is to publish received papers after a peer-review process.

Contributions of no more than 8,000 words should be sent by e-mail to [socialcapitalfasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:socialcapitalfasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl), by May 1st, 2012. The selection process will be finished by May 4th, 2012. Travel and accommodation will be reimbursed for those authors whose papers are accepted for the conference.

For further questions please contact: [socialcapital-fasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:socialcapital-fasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

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