



ESF's 50th anniversary

Catalysing research in a changing environment: towards a lasting impact

26 June 2024, Strasbourg, Villa Sturm

14:00 - 18:00

Over the past 50 years, ESF has positioned itself as a major actor in catalysing research management at an international level. In recent years, its main lines of action have focused on connecting stakeholders and enabling the implementation of science operations, adapting to a rapidly changing research area and meeting new societal needs.

As ESF looks towards the years ahead, we reflect on the challenges related to improving the quality of research management, from grant evaluation and research assessment to projects, networks, and programme management. In the light of a changing European Research Area and ongoing crises, what does sustainable science management mean today? This anniversary event will showcase how an organisation such as ESF can meaningfully contribute to the European Research Area by exploiting a unique positioning, while exploring concrete pathways towards developing and implementing research initiatives that are relevant to societal needs and have a lasting and meaningful impact on various stakeholders, from better assessing research to building long-term networks, and encompassing responsible research and innovation values.

Preliminary Programme

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| 14:00- 14:15 | Welcome coffee and registration |
| 14:15- 14:45 | <p>Opening Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Véronique Halloin, FNRS, President of ESF • Representative of Strasbourg city (TBD) • Online addresses |
| 14:45-14:55 | <p>Looking Back to 50 years of ESF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolas Walter, ESF CEO |
| 14:55- 15:25 | <p>Keynote: "Catalysing Research in a Changing Environment."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ursula Bassler, CNRS |
| 15:25- 16:00 | <p>Panel: "Addressing New Challenges in the Assessment of Research Proposals."</p> <p>Moderators: Erzsébet Toth-Czifra, ESF and Julia Boman, ESF</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Emmanuel Faure, European Commission DG RTD • Olivier Boehme, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) • Sarah de Rijcke, Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), University of Leiden |
| 16:00- 16:30 | Coffee Break |
| 16:30- 17:05 | <p>Panel: "Sustained Infrastructures for European Research"</p> <p>Moderator: Oguz Ozkan, ESF</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jana Kolar, Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CERIC) • Thomas Ruhtz, Free University of Berlin, European Facility for Airborne Research (EUFAR) • Nigel Mason, University of Kent, Europlanet 2024 RI |
| 17:05- 17:40 | <p>Panel: "Embedding Inclusivity in Science"</p> <p>Moderator: Ildi Ipolyi, ESF</p> <p>Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gitte Kragh, Aarhus University • Veikko Ikonen, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland • TBC |
| 17:40- 18:00 | <p>Wrap-up with Key Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alain Beretz, University of Strasbourg • Véronique Halloin, President of ESF |
| 18:00 | Networking Reception |