

ESF MEMBER FORUM EVALUATION OF FUNDING SCHEMES AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES - THIRD WORKSHOP 6-7 OCTOBER VIENNA

CONCLUDING SESSION

The closing session was devoted to general feedback about the workshop and its organization and to discussions about the next steps.

It was agreed to continue the work (on the documents/ and identified action items) in smaller working groups.

The WGs will report on their results in the next workshop April 2009.

Overview of the working groups*

WG 1 Documentation of the evaluation approaches and experiences in research funding agencies (based on the classification discussed during the workshop).

Chair : Brendan Curran, HRB IE

WG 2 Mapping of funding portfolio of research funding agencies and their evaluation.

Chair: Frank Bingen, FNR, LU

WG 3 The currently existing and operational working group on “indicators” will (a) design a pilot study on indicators on internationalization and (b) organize a workshop/consultation on bridging the gap between scholarly work on indicators and indicators used in evaluation practice.

* Based on the progress of the WG 1 and WG 2, two other working groups may be convened: (a) to design an internet platform to collect existing evaluation reports and (2) to collect documents / forms used in evaluation exercises. **They would be chaired by Ruth Freeman, SFI, IE and Anke Reinhardt, DFG, DE**

NEXT WORKSHOP

The next workshop will take place **on 27/28 April 2009** and will be hosted by Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) in Budapest.

One of the main objective is to discuss and finalize the documents of the Working Groups.

The workshop will also allow the further exchange of information (especially on recent evaluation exercises taking place in ESF member organization).

The overall thematic focus was not decided , but two suggestions were made: evaluating socio-economic impact and analysis of funding scheme portfolio of organizations.