

“A Dialogue in Evaluation ”

Setting the Scene

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Topics

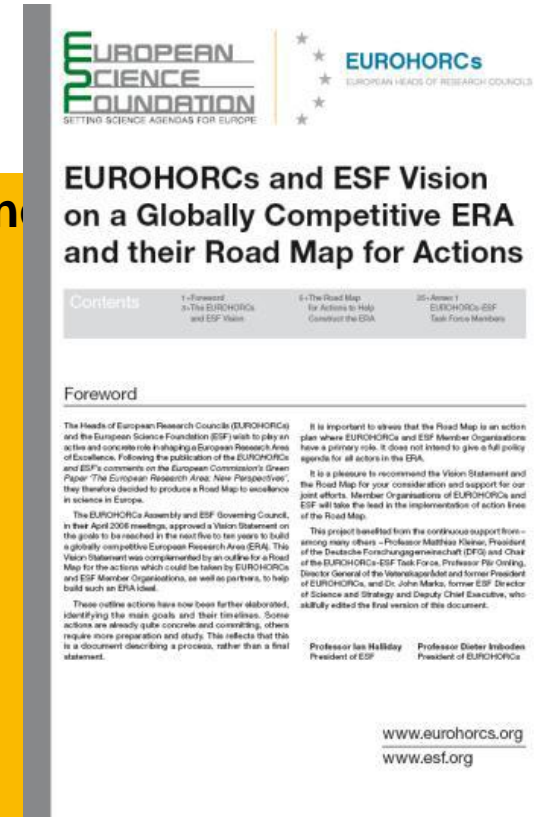
1. Background on ESF MO Fora
2. Activity of the Evaluation ESF MO
Fora
3. Objectives and structure of the
Conference

ESF Member Organisation Fora & the ERA Road Map Actions

Science Policy and Strategy

- *Published in 2009*
- *10 Actions:*

1. strengthen the **relations** between **science, society and the private sector**
2. promote **European research careers**
3. develop **scientific foresight** for joint strategy
4. create a **European Grant Union**
5. address **peer review** of proposals
6. **develop common approaches to ex-post evaluation**
7. create **ERA Connect** and **Regional Clusters of Excellence**
8. develop shared funding and exploitation of **research infrastructure**
9. implement common policy on **Open Access**
10. connect **European research to the world**



ESF Member Organisation Fora: committees to address the Roadmap actions

- Output-oriented discussion platforms for Member Organisations to develop joint actions on specific issues, involving others as appropriate
- To contribute to strategy development and/or lead to the development of
 - Good practice
 - Common procedures
 - Joint activities
- Recent results:
 - European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
 - European Peer Review Guide
 - Research Careers in Europe Landscape and Horizons



► www.esf.org/mo-fora



MO Forum reports (2008–2012)

MO Fora, committees to address the Roadmap actions, contribute to strategy development of Good practice, Common procedures, Joint activities

2008:

- Stewards of Integrity – Institutional Approaches to Promote and Safeguard Good Research Practice in Europe
- Status and Developments of Social Science Research in Central and Eastern Europe

2009:

- Evaluation in National Research Funding Agencies: approaches, experiences and case studies

2010:

- Research Careers in Europe Landscape and Horizons
- Fostering Research Integrity in Europe

2011:

- European Peer Review Guide – Integrating Policies and Practices into Coherent Procedures
- The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (ESF-ALLEA)

2012:

- Science in Society: a Challenging Frontier for Science Policy
- Developing Research Careers in and beyond Europe



MO Forum Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research



Aims

- To improve evaluation studies on funding schemes
- To learn about best practices of impact assessment of research and research funding
- To identify the challenges in conducting transnational comparative evaluation

Objectives

- To exchange and share information on evaluation studies of funding schemes and practices
- To produce an inventory of current and past impact evaluation practices/methodologies across Member Organisations, identifying gaps and lessons learned
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

Chairs

Anke Reinhardt
(DFG, Germany)

Co-chairs: Ian Viney (MRC, UK), Per Janson (VR, Sweden) and Gro Helgesen (The Research Council of Norway)

Actions / WGs

1. Evaluation Guidelines
2. Impact assessment on Science and Society
3. Comparative Research Portfolios & Output Data

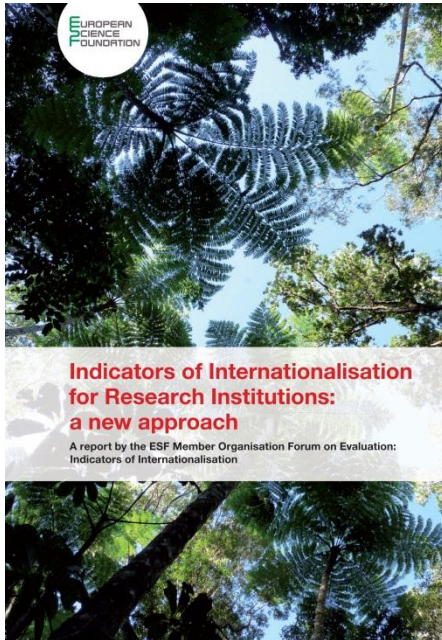
Participation

33 national research funders and performing organisations in Europe (+ 7 observers e.g. EC, ERC, Wellcome Trust)

MO Forum Indicators of Internationalisation

Aims

Design and produce a set of indicators that could account for the internationalisation of European research activities and programmes.



Objectives

- Provide a conceptual framework
- Involve MOs in a collaborative project: develop indicators for their own needs
- Develop a set of indicators adapted
 - to the different types of MOs,
 - to their different missions,
 - to the different research domains.
- Take into account the work and expectations of the European Commission on indicators and internationalisation.

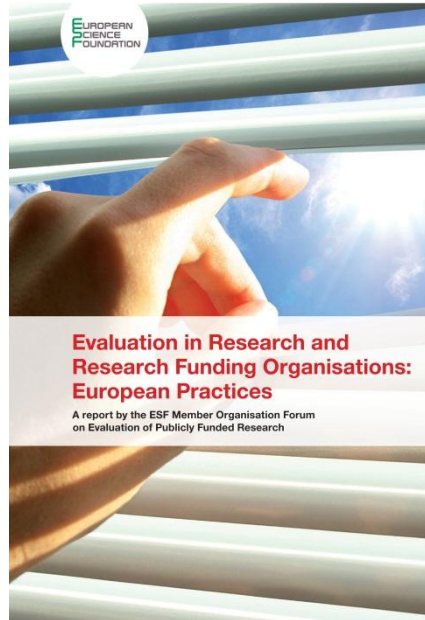
Participation

20 Organisations
(+ 1 observer)

Chairs

Élisabeth de Turckheim(INRA,FR)
Valerio Vercesi (INFN, Italy)

New MO Forum reports (November 2012)



- Indicators of Internationalisation for Research Institutions: a new approach
- Evaluation in Research and Research Funding Organisations: European Practices
- EMRC Special Policy Brief: Health Research Classification Systems



Next step:

Conference: Bonn, 6-7 December 2012

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Structure of the Conference

Objectives of the meeting:

To discuss key issues and challenges in the practical implementation of Research Evaluation.

1. To offer a platform for ESF MOs who are evaluating their funding schemes to learn from existing experiences.
2. To define and communicate common standards.
3. To establish a discussion with practitioners.
4. To take the discussion to a broader (global) audience.
5. To encourage uptake of the recommendations developed in the ESF MO Forum on Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research and the MO Forum on Indicators of Internationalisation by other organisations and by the “width” of the MOs and to find ways to implement them.
6. To encourage a follow-up and future collaboration.



Outline of the Conference

Meeting Structure:

Day 1

Morning

- General presentation of the 2 MO For a outcomes
- Plenary session with keynote speaker – international outlook

Afternoon

- Breakout interactive sessions
- Plenary session with keynote speaker – international outlook

Day 2

- Breakout interactive sessions
- Plenary session with keynote speaker – international outlook
- Concluding remarks

Thank you for your attention

More info:

<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora/evaluation-of-publicly-funded-research.html>

<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora/evaluation-indicators-of-internationalisation.html>