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Introduction to the 2nd meeting of the ESF Member Organisation Forum on Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research

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ESF MO Forum on Evaluation of Publicly funded Research

- ▶ New Forum on Evaluation of Publicly funded Research, approved by **ESF Governing Council**
 - Second Forum „Indicators of Internationalisation“
- ▶ **Participation:** 36 Organisations (+ 7 observers, i.e. ALLEA, EC, ERC, Wellcome Trust + guests)
- ▶ **Focus:** on ex-post evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes

ESF MO Forum on 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 facilitate networking
- 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 MOs
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

► Strengthen Workshop format

ESF MO Forum on Publicly Funded Research

Plans for 2010-2012

- ▶ First meeting 10th to 11th May 2010 in Stockholm
- ▶ Second meeting 29th to 30th November 2010 in Smolenice
- ▶ two more meetings within the next two years

- ▶ set up three working groups that drafted their work plan:
 - Ensuring and Improving quality in ex-post evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes (Chair: Gro Helgesen/RCN)
 - Assessing the Impact of Funding Schemes on Science and Society (Chair: Per Janson/VR Sweden)
 - Classification systems and Categorization of output data (Chair: Ian Viney/MRC)

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Working Group 1 on “Ensuring and Improving quality in ex-post evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes”

- ▶ **Chair:** Gro Helgesen, Research Council Norway

- ▶ **Aim:** To improve evaluation studies on funding schemes, make them accessible for good practice-learning and improve the evaluation process.

- ▶ **Expected Outcomes:**
 - Website repository of evaluation studies
 - Recommendations on Ex-post Evaluations
 - Report with Results of Mapping Exercise on evaluation practices/the evaluation function within the Member Organisations

Working Group 2 on “Assessing the Impact of Funding Schemes on Science and Society“

- ▶ **Chair:** Per Janson, Swedish Research Council
- ▶ **Aim:** to learn about good practices of impact assessment of research and research funding
- ▶ **Expected Outcomes:**
 - review of existing impact studies and the literature/discussion of them
 - report with in-depth analysis of practices of impact assessment (categories of impact studies, methodology, criteria, best practices)
 - contribution to discussion of approaches and usefulness from the viewpoint of MO.

Working Group 3 on “Classification systems and Categorization of output data”

▶ **Chair:** Ian Viney, Medical Research Council

▶ **Aims:**

- to enable research organisations and funding agencies to combine and compare information about research in creating common understanding concerning the way that research portfolios and the outputs from research are defined and
- to identify the challenges in conducting “trans-national” comparative/joint evaluation, recommending how these may be overcome, and facilitating some joint evaluation between funding agencies

▶ **Expected Outcomes:**

- Produce short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data
- Generate recommended “core” set of outputs that could/should be collected by research organisations, plus guidance on definitions etc.
- Plan pilot exercise in which data on “core” outputs is brought together across a number of research organisations.
- Collate information and produce an analysis of output
- Produce a short paper guiding research funding organisations on the collection of standardised data on outputs

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Recent activities

- ▶ Preparation of this workshop:
 - establishment of the working groups
 - first activities started
- ▶ Creation of the Secondment position
- ▶ Presentation on the ESF Science Policy Conference on 17th Nov. 2010 – exchange with other MO Fora
 - close links to MO Fora “Indicators of Internationalisation” and “Peer Review”
 - to establish links with MO Fora “Science and Society”, “Infrastructures” and “Research Careers”
- ▶ Alignment with EUROHORCs/ESF Road Map:
 - *Chapter 6. Develop common approaches to ex-post evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes*

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Agenda for the next two days

- ▶ Define the final output
- ▶ Set up work plans
- ▶ Define responsibilities



Thank you for your attention!

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