



**7th Working Group Meeting
ESF Member Forum on Peer Review
Brussels 19-20 May 2010**

Setting the Scene

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Outline of the Presentation

What are the ESF Member Organisation Fora ?

Description of current ESF MO Fora

Background on the ESF MO Forum on Peer Review

Setting the Scene of the Meeting

ESF Member FORA: Rationale

“ESF Member Organisation FORA” are output-oriented, issue-related venues for ESF Member Organisations, involving others as appropriate, to exchange information and experiences and develop joint actions in science policy.

The EUROHORCs and ESF Vision on a Globally competitive ERA and their Road Map for Actions

- 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**

→ Mandate to ESF

MO Fora Structure

Forum Basis:

- Aim
- Set of Objectives
- Action Plan with deliverables and timeline

Forum Structure:

- Assemblies/Workshops (once or twice a year)
- Working Groups (each dedicated to the development of an Action Plan item)
- A Chair / Rapporteurs for each WG with a group of MO representatives for each one
- A Steering Committee that groups all the Chairs of the WGs.

ESF MO Fora Topics

3 MO FORA completed

- Promoting Internationalisation of Social Sciences in Central and Eastern Europe
- Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes
- Research Careers

2 MO FORA running on

- Peer Review
- Research Integrity

4 MO FORA launched in 2010

- Research Infrastructures
- Science in Society Relationships
- Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research
- Indicators of Internationalisation

2 MO FORA in preparation

- Research Careers Development
- Foresight

MO FORUM on Research Integrity

Focus

Platform that addresses both the individual aspects of research integrity and the structural science policy aspects.

Objectives

- Platform to present each other's approaches, to discuss their strengths and shortcomings; exchange of good practices.
- Support and encourage organisations which do not yet have appropriate structures to learn from the experiences of others and to initiate debates in their respective communities on adequate models.
- Channel European input to the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity (July 2010)

Participation

Over 15 organisations (+ observers)

Action Items

1. Develop an European Code of Conduct
2. Guidelines for Implementation + Check list for Setting up national structures
3. Raising awareness – Survey on activities and identification of good practices



MO FORUM on Research Careers

Focus

Joint platform for the exchange of views and experiences. Interface for ESF Mos, the EC and universities in Europe represented by EUA and LERU.

Objectives

- ❑ To develop a Roadmap for research career development in Europe and by this means
- ❑ to create or improve European-level, including coordinated national, policies and programmes aimed at promoting different career stages and
- ❑ to raise the international visibility of the ERA as a common labour market for researchers.

Participation

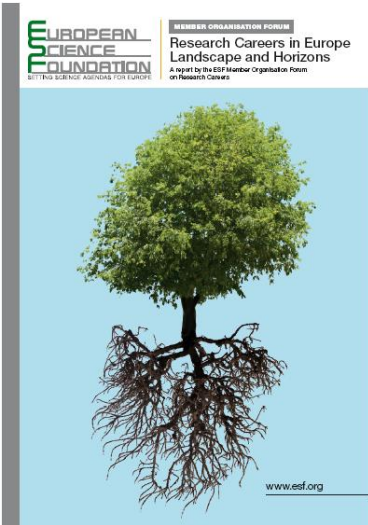
Over 37 organisations (+ observers)

Action Items

1. Report on Research Careers in Europe Landscape & Horizons (Research Career Structure and Development; Gender Issues and Transferable Skills)
2. Policy Recommendations + Final Declaration

Implementation of "EUROHORCs and ESF RoadMap"

CHAPTER 2: "Promote European Research Careers"



MO FORUM on Research Infrastructures

Aim

Platform for discussing joint investments in the creation of, networking, and access to research infrastructures, as well as evaluation and benchmarking.

Objectives

- ❑ Develop comprehensive tools for the adequate treatment of research infrastructure related topics
- ❑ Analyse the impact of the approaches developed by ESF Expert Committees and Boards.
- ❑ Develop into a network by initiating research infrastructure specific user-meetings and interaction with scientists and instrument suppliers
- ❑ Develop recommendations on requirements for research infrastructures and study the merits and applicability of the European legal framework for research infrastructures proposed by the European Commission
- ❑ Update and upgrade the inventory of national research infrastructures with European significance

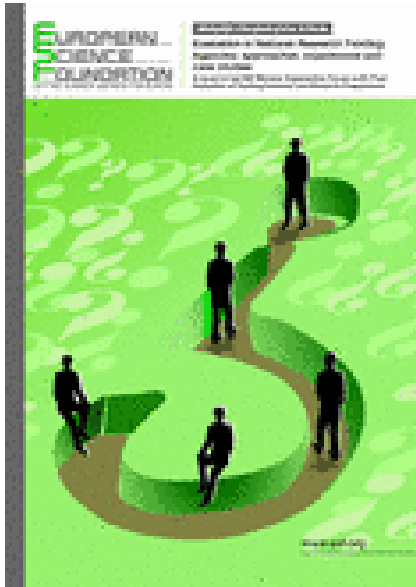
Participation: 30 MOs (+ Observers)

Actions / WGs

1. Access and Standards
2. Funding and Evaluation
3. Mobility and Networks
4. Mapping

Implementation of "EUROHORCs and ESF RoadMap"
CHAPTER 8: "develop shared funding and exploitation of research infrastructure"

MO FORUM on Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes



Focus:

“Post-Grant” Evaluation i.e. if the funding schemes or the research programmes achieve their stated aims.

Objectives

- exchange and document experiences with current practices
- facilitate networking of science officers engaged in evaluation
- explore needs and possibilities for collaboration in future evaluation exercises.

Participation

38 Organisations (+ observers)

Action Items

1. Mapping study on evaluation of funding schemes –finalised
2. A pilot study on international benchmarks – will continue in a new forum

Final Outcome

1. Report: *Evaluation in National Research Funding Agencies: approaches, experiences and case studies*

Implementation of “EUROHORCs and ESF RoadMap”

MO FORUM on Peer Review: 2006-2009

Focus

Provide a platform to exchange experiences and to discuss and promote good practices across Europe.

Objectives

- Exchange and document experiences with current practices
- Identification of good practices
- Working towards Peer Review coordination
- Standardisation of peer review processes
- Development of an European Peer Review Guide

Participation

Over 16 organisations (+ observers)



Action Items

1. Survey to map ESF MOs Peer Review Processes
2. European Peer Review Guide

Final Outcomes

1. Survey: questionnaire developed
2. Core principles

Implementation of "EUROHORCs and ESF RoadMap"

CHAPTER 5: "Addressing common Peer Review Systems at the European level"

ESF MO Forum on Peer Review Activities 2006-2009

The beginning: Launch Event October 2006, Prague

This Forum started with the international conference 'Peer review: its present and future state' in October 2006.

Working groups meetings:

1. Strasbourg 23 May 2007
2. London 6-7 September 2007
3. Brussels 12 November 2007
4. Vienna 7-8 October 2008
5. Brussels 14-15 May 2009
6. Strasbourg
7. Brussels 19-20 May 2010

1st Workshop March 2008, The Hague

- Peer Review standards across borders and cultures
- International Peer Review and the sharing of resources at the European level
- Reviewing specific types of proposals: networks, MIT proposals, infrastructure proposals

Future Perspectives

- ❑ The Forum has been working in developing a Peer Review Guide and needed more time to finalise its work, going further than the period of its mandate.
- ❑ Alignment with **EUROHORCs ESF Road Map:**
Chapter 5. Address peer review of proposals at the European level
- ❑ **ESF Governing Council 2009** approved the extension of this Forum for 2 more years but demanded the delivery of the Peer Review Guide by September 2010.

The EUROHORCs Mandate

The General Assembly of EUROHORCs mandates ESF as the Lead Organisation to "Address peer review of proposals at the European level".

Goals

- ❑ The ESF MO Forum on Peer Review will compile a comprehensive "Peer Review Guide", to be disseminated to all Member Organisations and other interested stakeholders in Europe.

- ❑ The ESF MO Forum will distribute a comprehensive questionnaire with the aim of surveying the different peer review systems and practices.

- ❑ The first draft will be available in October 2010.

Objectives of the meeting:

1. To formally launched the Forum and agree on its aims, objectives and actions for the coming 2 years
2. To agree on the outline and structure of the Peer Review Guide
3. To establish the required Working Groups dedicated to the development of the Guide chapters

Structure of the meeting:

1. General background information on the Forum mandate and former activities
2. Plenary discussion on the outline of the Peer Review Guide
3. Setting up of Working Groups by Guide chapters
4. Identification of Rappateurs by Working Groups
5. Working group discussion on the items to be addressed and included in each Chapter
6. Plenary discussion by Chapter
7. Consolidation of the Guide outline
8. Agreement on next steps
9. Agreement on the aims and objectives of the Forum

ESF MO Forum on Peer Review 2010 - 2012

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Objectives

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Action Items

1. Development of an European Peer Review Guide

2. ...

WGs

1. ...

2. ...

Potential Outcomes

1. Survey Report

2. European Peer Review Guide

Participation

Over 30 organisations (+ observers)

Thank you for your attention

More info at:

<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora.html>