



ESF Member Organisation Forum on Science in Society Relationships

Setting the Scene

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Outline of the Presentation

What are the ESF Member Organisation Fora ?

Description of current ESF MO Fora

Towards an ESF MO Forum on Science in Society Relationships

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.

ESF MO FORUM ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES: Rationale

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 CNRS

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 / Chairs 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

2 MO FORA completed

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

3 MO FORA running on

- Peer Review
- Research Integrity

4 MO FORA launched in 2010

- Research Infrastructures
- Science in Society Relationships
- Evaluation of Public Research
- Indicators of Internationalisation

2 MO FORA in preparation

- Research Careers Development
- Foresight

MO FORUM on Peer review



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 30 organisations (+ observers)

Action Items

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

Implementation of "*EUROHORCs and ESF RoadMap*"

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

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

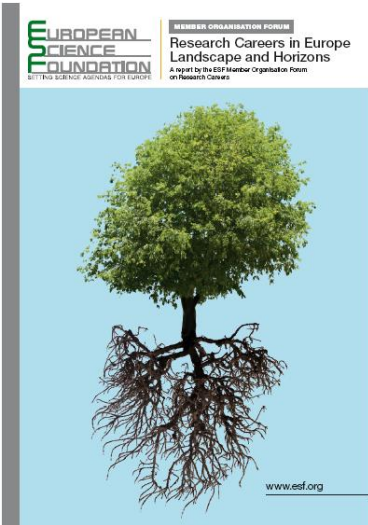
Over 37 organisations (+ observers)

Action Items

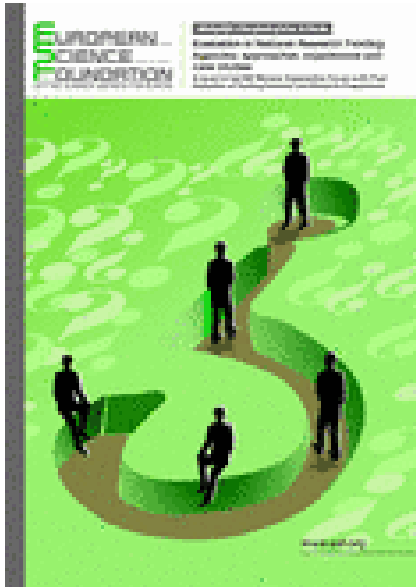
1. Report on Research Careers in Europe Landscape & Horizons (Research Career Structure and Development; Gender Issues and Transferable Skills)
2. Policy Recommendations + Final Declaration

Implementation of "EUROHORCs and ESF RoadMap"

CHAPTER 2: "Promote European Research Careers"



MO FORUM on 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 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: 23 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"

Towards an ESF MO FORUM on Science in Society Relationship

Background

ESF Member Organisations have identified the need to establish a network of stakeholders for discussing and sharing best practice in funding in enhancing the relationships between Science and Society (publics)

- CNRS and the ESF Office organised a road mapping event in July 2009, where stakeholders discussed the specific steps ESF should take to help the scientific community improve its relations with the different publics in society, outlining this MO Forum

- ESF Governing Council in October 2009 decided to launch a MO Forum on this topic

- ESF-EUROHORCs Roadmap recognised this strategic need by acknowledging as an action the creation of this Forum giving a mandate to CNRS

Science in Society Relationship: The Eurohorcs Mandate

The General Assembly of EUROHORCS mandates CNRS-France as the Lead Organisation to "Develop a Programme to Promote Public Engagement between Science and Society".

Goals

- Introduce executives of scientific institutions to the multiple managerial dimensions into which they must translate science policy
- Establish communication standards with social players to reinforce the trust, the credibility and the image of science in society
- Better anticipate possible crisis situations, especially towards the public opinion

Items to be addressed (through Member Organisation Forum, Forward Look)

- develop guidelines and facilities for science institutions to encourage their members (laboratories, scientists and executives) to undertake actions for a better dialogue with society concerning scientific issues
- put in place areas of dialogue with the societal players to identify relevant questions and stakeholders, to develop open, equitable and participative methodologies for addressing these questions, and to open channels to decision makers
- establish observatories to analyze relations among stakeholders in each area

Towards an ESF MO FORUM on Science in Society Relationships

Objectives of the meeting:

1. To define actions and time line for each working group for the next 2 years
2. To define the key questions that will enable to identify recommendations to institutions about “capacity building” and “incentives”
3. To design a draft questionnaire to map and collect best practices
4. To identify the topic and the „public group“ for the next workshop in Genova
5. To identify a topic and mandate ESF to launch a “forward look”

Towards an ESF MO FORUM on Science in Society Relationship - Draft

Aim

To describe the different series of practices of relationships, to make policy recommendations and propose places/interfaces for dialogue.

Focus and Objectives

Making the bridge from public understanding to public engagement by:

- Promoting science at the cultural level by diffusing the “scientific culture” in society
- Raising awareness of the scientific community on the need for dialogue by giving: incentives, support, training, accountability (measuring impact), analysis of practices from MOs and policy recommendations

Participation: 28 Organisations (+ observers)

Duration: 2 years (Jan’10-Nov’12)

Action Items / Topics to be addressed / WGs

1. Capacity building – promote outreach plans providing resources, services (further to press offices) to engage scientists in a dialogue with the different publics, skills, competences, development of culture.
2. Recognition, impact and evaluation - provide incentives and indicators (measure scientist involvement)
3. Best practices – collection and identification of MOs best practices and their impact

Expected Outcomes

Towards an ESF MO FORUM on Science in Society Relationships

What would like to have been achieved at the end of the meeting?

❑ From the breakout Groups / future Working Groups

- Definition of topics
- Draft of work plan: actions, milestones, events, sharing of labour, timeline
- Agreement on WG governance
- List key questions for building the survey

❑ From the Plenary

- Forum description of objectives and list of topics
- Draft MO Forum Action Plan
- Publics to be addressed
- Topic for Forward Look
- Outline next meeting

Thank you for your attention

More info at:

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