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COMMUNITY OF  
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# ESF Community of Experts

A quality-driven College of experts across all scientific disciplines

Since 1974 the European Science Foundation (ESF) has constructed a network of international academics, science policy experts, key decision-makers and stakeholders across the European and global research landscape. During that period over 300,000 scientists from 186 countries have benefited from participation in ESF's programmes.

Building on this heritage, we are now bringing together the world's leading scientists and researchers to develop the ESF Community of Experts.

## Three colleges to support scientific decision-making

The ESF Community of Experts plays a vital role in sustaining scientific collaboration, supporting excellence in peer-review and in research grant and proposal evaluation across all areas of research. It is structured around three colleges:

- **The College of Review Panel Members:**  
members use their broad expertise to build consensus on the scientific merit of research proposals during dedicated in-person meetings.
- **The College of Expert Reviewers:**  
members are invited to use their specialised expertise to undertake online scientific assessments and evaluations of research project proposals and fellowship applications.
- **The College of Research Associates:**  
members are invited to collaborate with ESF on temporary missions, by supporting our science services, identifying scientific peers, and checking the scientific validity and quality of evaluation or peer-review reports.

## Specialised experts across all scientific disciplines

Members are internationally recognised scientists with a proven record of scientific excellence, and either broad knowledge of their disciplinary area, or specific expertise in a given discipline.

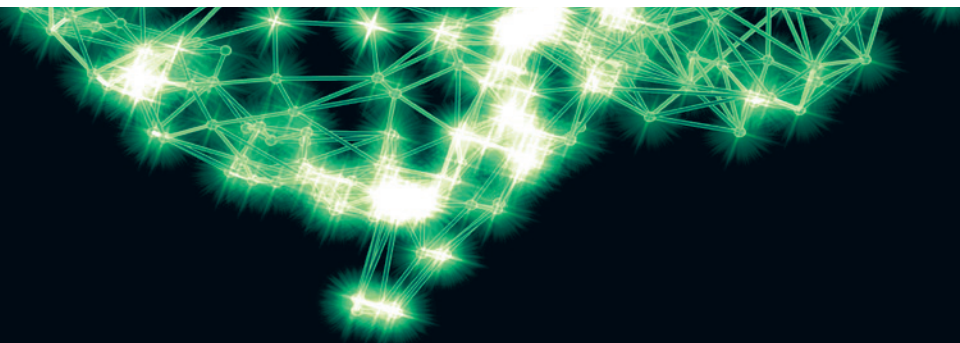
The Community of Experts covers a large range of scientific fields structured around five disciplinary areas:

- **Humanities**
- **Economics and Social Sciences**
- **Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Engineering Sciences**
- **Earth and Environmental Sciences**
- **Life and Biomedical Sciences**

## Apply to join the ESF Community of Experts

Scientists may join the ESF Community of Experts either by invitation, or by submitting an [online application](#) which will be evaluated by ESF on the basis of the applicant's experience and expertise.

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“ For me, participation in ESF-led peer review exercises has been a fulfilling experience for three reasons. First, because I get the opportunity to appreciate the breadth of the scientific talent that exists across several disciplines. Second, because I meet open-minded and engaging leading experts from other disciplines and countries, all dedicated to fairness and to scientific excellence. Last but not least, because the care demonstrated by ESF in the details of the review procedure, and the fair and equitable way the ethical and social issues that arise from time to time are dealt with, strengthen my belief in the value of the independent peer review process. ”

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**Professor Michael Tsimplis**

Professor of Maritime Law and Ocean Sciences  
at the University of Southampton

“ This year, 2017, will be my fourth year of collaboration with the European Science Foundation as a Research Associate. ESF is a great place to work, as it is a diverse organisation with talented people and great leadership. The peer-review process I am involved in never gets boring. We're all exposed to co-workers from diverse educational and technical backgrounds and we participate in varied projects. ”

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**Dr Marie Pelé**

Researcher on Behavioral Biology



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