

ESF Career Tracking & Monitoring Platform (CTMP)

Breakout group 2 results

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Career tracking pilot/core questionnaire project

Envisaged achievement: European Career Tracking Framework for conducting tracking studies and monitoring, based on evidence of mapping exercise and pilot project(s)

Vision

- Comparison/compatibility of results of different initiatives
 - One part: core questionnaire
- Develop a common approach to be used by others
 - Customising according to respective needs & purposes
- Supply of aggregated data & analyses on the meta-level



Interests expressed by core group

- Purpose
 - Information on quality of the programme
 - Professional career (incl. mobility)
 - Impact & quality of careers & output
 - Do we fund the right people?
 - Developing leaders of tomorrow
 - Choosing best researchers (EMBO),
 - Quality of research (FNP)
- Target groups
 - **R 2 & R 3:** EMBO life scientists, FNP (postdoc fellows, junior research group leaders), LU => Fellowship programmes



Outline Terms of Reference

- Basic data about participants
- Quality of the training/career development (support)
 - Did programme make a difference?
- Careers post-funding
 - (Quality of careers)



Process, methodologies

- Mixed method approach
 - Questionnaire
 - Follow up through alumni network: qualitative approach
- Core questionnaire
 - OECD CDH, Wellcome Trust (additional mapping)
- Target groups
 - Former fellows, control groups of researchers working in projects
 - All disciplines (LU, PL), EMBO (life sciences)
 - Single cohort or different cohorts => share of labour between project partners? To be further discussed!
- Bibliometric analyses & use of IT => to be developed
 - Screening of awards
 - ORCID: availability of identifiers



- Actors
 - Pilot group: FNR, FNP, EMBO
 - Which stakeholders to involve?
 - EC: Marie Curie
 - Advisory panel?



Timeline, funding

- ✓ Needs analysis within wider framework (participants of London CTMP launch workshop), 03/13
- ✓ Composition of a core working group on the pilot project, 03/13
- Definition of project outline (within core group) and outline for survey modules, 05/13
- Presentation of outline in Oslo, 05/13
- 2 meetings of Working group to finalise core questionnaire for the pilot, to select the expert/s to conduct the survey (ESF to establish contract), by 10/13
- Funding: Contributions by to be determined by members 10/13
- Survey phase and draft report, 11/13 - 3/14

