

Update on the ESF MOF on Evaluation

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1. General Aims and Objectives of the Forum

► 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 Member Organisations, identifying gaps and lessons learned
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

► Strategic Alignment

 With Action 6 of the <u>EUROHORCs</u> and <u>ESF Vision on a Globally Competitive ERA and their</u> <u>Road Map for Actions</u>



1. Fields of activities of the Working Groups

▶ WG 1. Evaluation Guidelines

- Draw up guidelines for ex-post evaluation of funding schemes
- Do a survey among the members on evaluation organisation and practices
- Develop a website repository containing evaluation reports and guidelines
- ► WG 2. Impact assessment on Science and Society
 - Discuss the advantages and shortcomings with different methods for impact assessment
 - Try to identify good practices in order to avoid pitfalls
 - Conduct an in-depth analysis of impact studies
- WG 3. Classification systems and Categorisation of output data
 - Examine feasibility of common systems to classify research portfolios
 - Produce a short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data



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2. Where are we now? Timeline

- ➤ First Meeting in Stockholm May 2010
- ➤ Second Meeting in Smolenice November 2010
- ➤ Third Meeting in Paris in May 2011
- ➤ Fourth Meeting in Bern in November 2011
- ► Fifth Meeting in Oslo May 2012

▶ End of the Forum in December 2012.



2. Where are we now? Activities since last meeting

- Launch of the EMRC Special Policy Brief on 22 November 2011
- All WG have developed drafts of their reports (circulated before this meeting)
- Editorial Board Meeting on March 27 in Brussels

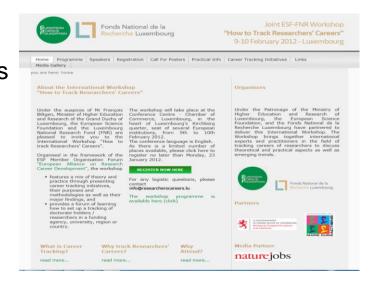




2. Where are we now? Outreach activities since last meeting

- Presentation at the ESF MO Forum on Research Careers on 21-22 November 2011 in Strasbourg
- ▶ Presentation at the meeting of the G8 Horcs Working Group on Research Assessment on 14-15 November 2011 in London
- Presentation at the workshop "Assessing the performance of ERC funded projects, impact assessment and ex-post evaluation of results" 24-25 November 2011 in Brussels

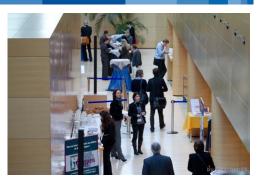
➤ Co-hosting the FNR-ESF Workshop on Career Tracking on 9-10 February 2012 in Luxembourg http://www.researcherscareers.lu/





2. Outreach activities since last meeting ESF-FNR Workshop on Career Tracking

- ▶ Wide participation: more than 100 participants
- Aim of the workshop
 - a mix of theory and practice through presenting career tracking initiatives, their purposes and methodologies as well as their major findings,
 - a forum of learning how to set up a tracking of doctorate holders / researchers in a funding agency, university, region or country.
- ► Covered by NatureJobs, now with its own blog http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2012/02/15/how-would-you-define-a-successful-career-in-science
- Report to be published this summer.









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3. What is happening next? Timeline of future activities

► This Meeting in Oslo:

- Further input presentations by experts
- discussion of final report(s) with the whole Forum and the Indicators Forum
- decision on marketing/dissemination activities
- See Agenda

➤ Spring until end of 2012:

- final editing of the report(s)
- final layout of the report(s)
- implementation of dissemination and marketing activities
- Final launch event





Thank you for your attention!

