



**ESF Member Organisation Forum on
European Alliance for Research Career
Development**

Setting the Scene

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Outline of the Presentation

The ESF Member Organisation Fora instrument

Examples of current ESF MO Fora

Setting the Scene of the Workshop

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.

MO Fora channel the implementation of joint actions by identifying best practices, developing common guidelines and making policy recommendations.

ESF MO FORUM on Research Infrastructures: Context

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**

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ESF Member Organisation Fora & the Road Map Actions

The EUROHORCs and ESF Vision on a Globally competitive ERA and their Road Map for Actions	ESF MO Fora on...
1. Strengthen the relations between science, society and the private sector	Science in Society Relationships
2. Promote European research careers	Research Integrity European Alliance on Research Career Development
3. Develop scientific foresight for joint strategy	Scientific Foresight for Joint Strategy Development
5. Address peer review of proposals	Peer Review
6. Develop common approaches to ex-post evaluation	Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research
8. Develop shared funding and exploitation of research infrastructure	Evaluation: Indicators of Internationalisation Research Infrastructures

ESF Member Organisation Fora

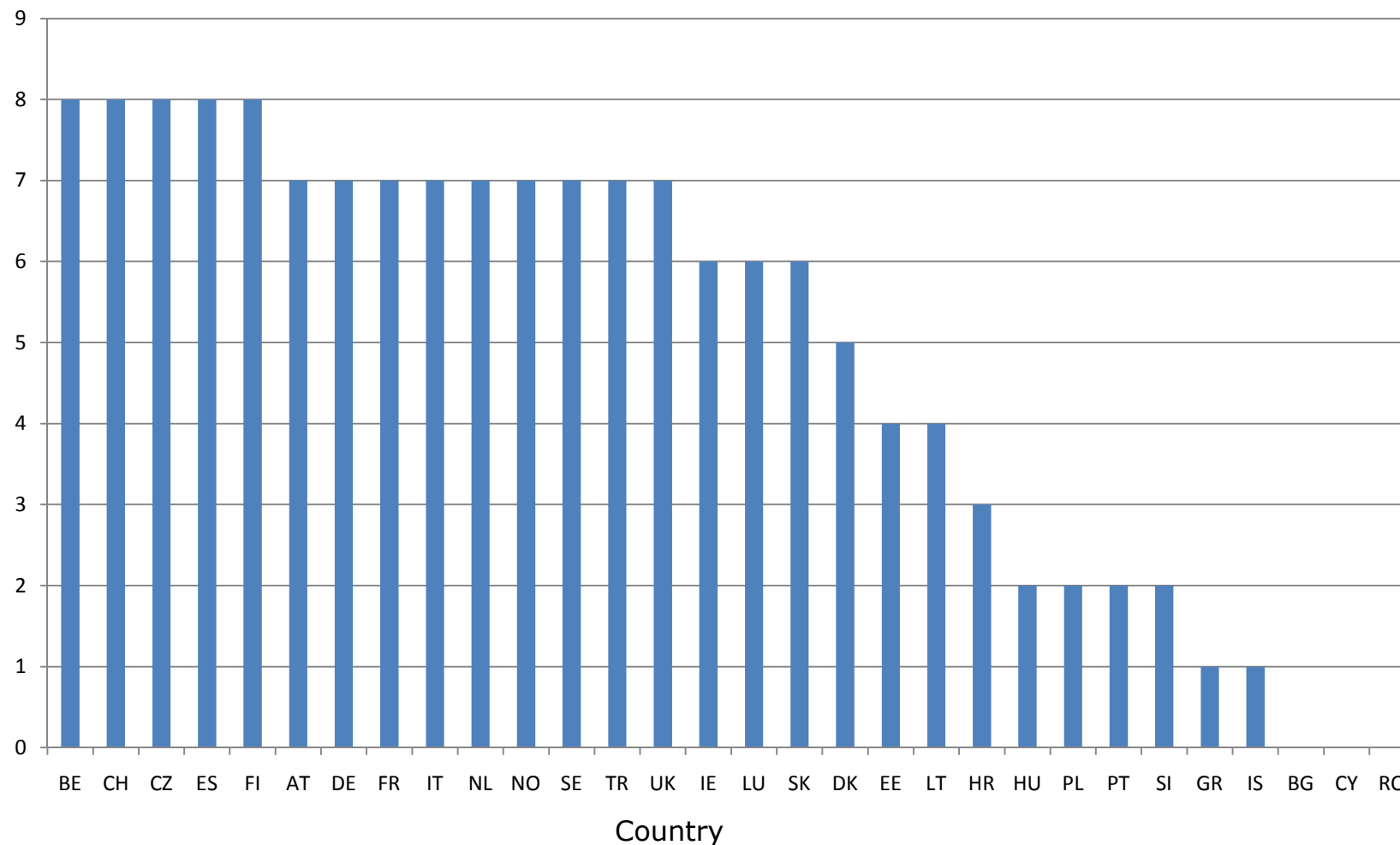
Participation per Forum

Titles of MO Fora	Chairs & Co-Chairs	# Delegates Nominated by MOs	# Observers
Research Integrity	Sonia Ftacnikova (SK) ; Pieter Drenth (ALLEA); Maura Hiney (IE); Livia Puljak (HR)	36	6
Research Infrastructures	Johannes Janssen, Chair (DE); Christian Renner (DE); John Womersley (UK); Nicoletta Palazzo (IT); Christian Rolando (FR)	30	8
Science in Society Relationships	Manuela Arata (IT); Camilla Mod�er (SE); Stefan Bernhardt (AT); Pirjo Hiidenmaa (FI)	35	1
Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research	Anke Reinhardt, Chair (DE); Gro Helgesen (NO); Per Janson (SE); Ian Viney (UK)	36	7
Evaluation: Indicators of Internationalisation	Elisabeth de Turckheim (FR); Valerio Vercesi (IT)	23	1
Peer Review	Marc Heppener, Chair (ESF); Fiona Kernan (ERC) Stephen Simpson (IE); Alan Cross (EC)	32	7
Scientific Foresight for Joint Strategy Development	Thierry Damerval (FR); Karel Aim(CZ) and Andreas Trepte (DE); Jenny Nordquist (SE)	22	1
European Alliance on Research Career Development	Nuket Yetis (Tubitak). Co-chairs To be determined	19	5
Total		227	33

ESF Member Organisation Fora

Representation by country in the 8 MO Fora

Number of
MO Fora



MO Fora Structure

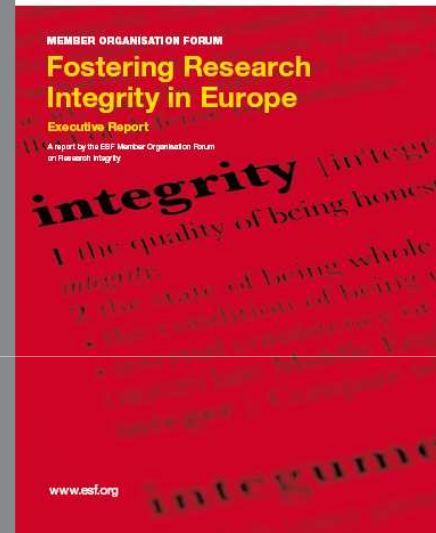
Forum Basis:

- 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.

MO FORUM on Research Integrity : example of current MO Fora



Published July 2010

Aim

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

Objectives

- 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 36 organisations (+ 6 observers)

Action Items / WGs

1. Raising awareness and sharing on good practices
2. Develop a European code of conduct
3. Check list for setting up national structures
4. Research on research integrity

Outcomes

1. European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
2. Report: Fostering Research Integrity in Europe

MO FORUM on Peer review: example of current MO Fora



***To be published
February 2011***

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 32 organisations (+ 7 observers)

Action Items / Outcomes

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

MO Forum on Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research: example of current MO Fora



***Published
September 2009***

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 MOs
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

Participation

36 Organisations (+ 7 observers)

Actions / WGs

1. Evaluation Guidelines
2. Impact assessment on Science and Society
3. Comparative Research Portfolios

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MO Forum on Research Infrastructures: example of current MO Fora

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 (+ 8 Observers)

Actions / WGs

1. Access and Standards (Chair: DFG)
2. Funding and Evaluation (Chair: STFC)
3. Mobility and Networks (Chair: CNR)
4. Mapping (Chair: CNRS)

Potential outcomes

- Policy recommendations

DRAFT: MO Forum on *European Alliance on Research Career Development*

Aim

Implementable recommendations in order to make Europe an attractive place to work as a researcher

Objectives

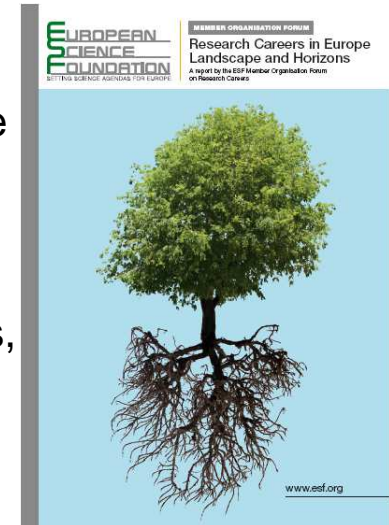
- Ensuring career and transferable skills development for researchers, including international or inter-sectoral mobility
- Creating attractive conditions for a research career
- Providing equal playing fields for researchers of all backgrounds.

Participation

19 organisations (+ 5 observers)

Actions

- Description of European research career structures and taxonomy encompassing private, public and higher education research
- Joint statement of the skills required for ongoing career development and recommendations for its implementation
- Scientific visa/work permits – mapping exercise leading to identification of best practices
- Guidelines for peer review encountering the issue of inclusiveness (in collaboration with the Peer Review Forum)



Activities

- 1st Steering Committee Meeting: Brussels, 21 September 2010
- MO Fora Conference: Strasbourg, 17 November 2010
- Reporting to Mo Forum on Research Infrastructures 2nd Workshop: Strasbourg, 3-4 February 2011
- 1st Workshop: Brussels, 09-10 February, 2011

Objectives of the meeting:

1. To address the EUROHORCS-ESF Road Map Action nr. 2 on Research Careers
2. To identify and work further on the WGs action plans
3. To define the Forum workplan and time line
4. To discuss linkages with other MO Fora
5. To identify the potential final outcomes of the Forum

Towards an ESF MO FORUM European Alliance on Research Career Development

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

❑ From the breakout Groups / future Working Groups

- ❑ Definition of topics
- ❑ Setting-up of work plan: actions, milestones, events, sharing of labour, timeline
- ❑ Agreement on WG governance and/or leadership

❑ From the Plenary

- ❑ Mission statement: description of objectives and list of topics
- ❑ Draft MO Forum Action Plan
- ❑ Proposal governance structure

Thank you for your attention

More info at:

<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora/esf-member-organisation-forum-on-european-alliance-on-research-career-development.html>