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## **Info Sheet**

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### **Proposing Member Organisations**

- National Research Council (CNR), Italy
- National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN), Italy
- Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), The Netherlands
- National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA), France
- Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS), Sweden

### **Rationale**

During the ESF Member Organisation Forum on “Ex-Post Evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes”, whose purpose was to identify the main topics that are encompassed within the issue of ex-post evaluation, the topic of indicators has been strongly noted as a major one. At the same time, the “EUROHORCs and ESF Vision on a Globally Competitive ERA and their Road Map for Actions” acknowledges the work of the Forum which can help to implement activities within Action 6 of the Road Map (Develop common approaches to ex-post evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes).

**Timeline:** January 2010 – December 2011

### **Aims, Objectives and Actions**

The pilot study aims to design and to produce a set of indicators that could account for the internationalisation of European research activities and programmes and be useful for Member Organisations themselves and in their relationships with the European Commission as well as their governments (for benchmarking and policy evaluation).

- STEP A: A review of current policies and practices in the MOs with respect to the internationalisation in view of the ERA ambitions.
- STEP B: A review (‘best practices’) on indicators.
- STEP C: Selection of a set of possible indicators and operational recommendations to develop and maintain them.
- STEP D: Test phase. One or more indicators will be tested in a number of selected Member Organisations and at the European level.

### **Expected Outputs**

- STEP A: A document in which an overview of existing policy developments in view of internationalisation in the light of the ERA (green paper, Ljubljana agreement), and practices to assess internationalisation in MOs.
- STEP B: Report to the ESF / MO Forum in September/October 2010. The report should summarise the results of Steps A and B, and present a set of indicators and a review of the available data.
- STEP C: Report including a set of indicators ready for testing, to be presented at a small conference of the ESF MO Forum.
- STEP D: Final report including test results and a vision on internationalisation in view of the ERA / Ljubljana ambitions.