

Common Workshop of ESF MO fora on Evaluation

Presentation of the forum

Indicators of Internationalization Pilot Study

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Main features of this forum

- ◆ the project was born during the former Forum *Ex-post evaluation of funding scheme and research programmes*
- ◆ is conceived as a **collaborative project** between MOs
- ◆ is aimed at **producing a common toolbox** for evaluation purposes

Main features of this forum (2)

Expected output

- ◆ the design of a set of indicators to be used at the scale of organizations
- ◆ operational recommendations to produce these indicators
- ◆ a test phase with the production of these estimators for a set of MOs

Why internationalization?

- ◆ topic strongly related to the concept of European Research Area and the ERA goal of strengthening cooperation within Europe to better compete and collaborate at the international level
- ◆ change in the meaning and the patterns of internationalization
- ◆ and strong expected benefits

But little empirical evidence available

→ **need to improve information** about internationalization for evaluation purposes

Why indicators?

- ◆ indicators are used in evaluation processes to provide facts to the panels
 - ◆ they are instruments to support policy makers with a synthetic representation of the reality
 - ◆ if they are based on conceptual framework, they provide definitions and a normative understanding of the reality
- the design of a common set of indicators should contribute to a common strategic analysis among various kind of institutions

Why a pilot study?

- ◆ the set of indicators is to be useful for MOS themselves, starting from their own needs
 - choice of a bottom-up process
- ◆ European bodies are possible users
 - we aim at finding convergence with EU needs
- ◆ in a multi-level decision system, indicators are to be understood and shared between the different strategic actors
 - need for clear underlying concepts

Why a pilot study? (2)

- ◆ need for research work because:
 - ▶ the topic deserves innovative indicators
 - ▶ they have to be based on clear theoretical assumption and clean methodology to be shared

→ *collaboration with experts in science policy and indicator design: 5 experts invited by ESF to support the study*

Why a pilot study? (3)

Many actors, different phases...

→ project management in 4 steps
the first of them to achieve during this work

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