



EUROHORCS/ESF Roadmap

ESF MO Forum meeting

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EUROHORCS/ESF Roadmap Principles



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- Sets out the journey toward a globally competitive European Research Area
 - Timescale – 5 to 10 years
 - Focuses on actions that EUROHORCS/ESF best placed to influence – in 10 sections

Section 6

Common approaches to ex-post evaluation



- Section 6 of the Roadmap – “Develop common approaches to evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes”
- Why?
 - Improve internal operation
 - Strategy development
 - Improve external accountability
 - Return on investment
 - Better communicate benefit/impact to stakeholders

- How will funding organisations achieve this?
 - “exchange knowledge and share experience”
 - Outcome - ESF Evaluation Mapping report
 - Update and disseminate
 - Work to “improve evaluation” approaches
 - Outcome – decision makers accept evidence from evaluations
 - Better dialogue (decision makers, methodological experts, evaluators and *researchers*)
 - Datasets
 - Funding for evaluation

- “Internationalisation” – evaluation beyond single funding organisations/nations
 - Importance of benchmarking
 - “Design and commission multinational studies that allow comparison of framework conditions”
- “Observe the effects/adapt to new insights”
 - Take care to monitor the effects of evaluation e.g. on researcher behaviour
 - Longitudinal studies?
- There is an expectation that the ESF MO Forum will facilitate this

EUROHORCS Mandate



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- MRC accepted responsibility for evaluation
 - The existing MO forum was already actively bringing together all the key actors, and had completed two years of work
 - The plan of work agreed at this meeting will be an opportunity to travel a little further along the roadmap
 - Particular EUROHORCS/ESF interest in evaluation
 - Interest in evaluation is global