ESF MO Forum on Evaluation

Working Groups

WG1: Guidelines
FI, DFG (A.R), NWO, OTKA, CSIC, CAS, RCN

WG2: Impact
FNR, Academy of Finland, Inserm, TUBITAK, SFI, Welcome Trust, DG, MICINN, FAS, VR

WG3: Output datasets
HRB, FNRS,SNF,DFG (J.G.), UPSAV, MRC

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WG1

Evaluation Guidelines
Aim
EUROHORCs/ESF Roadmap, Action 6: Improve evaluation studies…..
Objectives

- Exchange and share information on evaluation studies of funding schemes and practices. Disseminate the results of our work: on the ESF website, in our Evaluation Forum, and back home in our own organizations. ……
- P**articipation:**

Gro Helgesen (N), Margreet Bouma (NL), Jose Gonzalez (ES), Anette Jesseb (DK), Veronicka Paleckova (CZ), Anke Reinhardt (DE), Gyula Szigeti (HU), Farzan Ranjbaran (ESF, observer)

Actions / WGs

1. **Draw up guidelines for ex-post evaluation of funding schemes**
2. **Do a survey among the Forum members on evaluation organization & practices….**
3. **Develop a website repository containing evaluation reports and evaluation guidelines**
4. **Describe our needs for a secondee at ESF**
5. **Communicate draft versions of output with the full Evaluation Forum**

Expected Outcomes:

1. **Report with evaluation guidelines**
2. **Website repository**
3. **Report with results of our mapping exercise on evaluation practices/the evaluation function within our organisations.**

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WG2

Impacts on Science and Society (economic, social, cultural and environmental)
Aim
To learn about best practices of impact assessment of research and research funding

Objectives
- To produce an inventory of current and past impact evaluations practices/methodologies across MO:s, and lessons learned
- To identify potential gaps in impact assessment (methods and form of impact)

- P**articipation: Per Janson, Graham Love/Helen O'Connor, Frank Bingen, Inger Jonsson, Mustafa Ay, Jaana Roos, Briony Rayfield, Isabelle Henry, Marinne Gauffriau, José Ignacio Alonso Montes**

Actions / WGs
1. **Inform about existing impact studies (country list)**
2. **Produce a template for categorising the impact studies**
3. **In-depth analysis of practices of impact assessment (methodology, criteria, best practice)**

Expected Outcomes:
1. **Review of impact studies and literature review**
2. **Report with results of our mapping exercise.**

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WG3

Aim

- To identify the challenges in conducting transnational comparative evaluation

Objectives

- Focus on processes leading to i) analysis of research portfolios and ii) analysis of research output

Participation:

Brendan Curran (HRB, Ireland)
Jurgen Gudler (DFG, Germany)
Iveta Hermanovska (Slovak Academy of Sciences)
Katrin Milzow (SNF, Switzerland)
Jenny Nordquist (VR, Sweden)
Pascal Perrin (F.R.S. – FNRS, Belgium)
Ian Viney (MRC, UK)

Actions

- Examine feasibility pilot for HRCS coding of portfolios in FNRS and DFG
- Produce short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data

Expected Outcomes:

- Sharing of experience and expertise in the classification of research portfolios and the collection and analysis of output data
- Support for coding of portfolios using the HRCS (link to EMRC taskforce)
- Guidance to research funding organisations concerning the collection of standardised data on outputs

Next MO Forum Meeting

HOST: Slovak Academy of Sciences

LOCATION: Bratislava, Slovak Republic

DATE: 29-30 November 2010