

The image shows the logo of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), consisting of the letters 'DFG' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The logo is set against a blue background with a blurred, architectural structure, possibly a building facade, in shades of blue and white.

Update on the ESF MOF on Evaluation

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General Aims and Objectives of the Forum

▶ 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 Member Organisations, identifying gaps and lessons learned
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

▶ Strategic Alignment

- With Action 6 of the [EUROHORCs and ESF Vision on a Globally Competitive ERA and their Road Map for Actions](#)

Fields of activities of the Working Groups

▶ WG 1. Evaluation Guidelines

- Draw up guidelines for ex-post evaluation of funding schemes
- Do a survey among the members on evaluation organisation and practices
- Develop a website repository containing evaluation reports and guidelines

▶ WG 2. Impact assessment on Science and Society

- Inform about existing impact studies
- Produce a template for categorising the impact studies
- Conduct an in-depth analysis of impact assessment practices (methodology, criteria, best practice)

▶ WG 3. Classification systems and Categorisation of output data

- Examine feasibility of common systems to classify research portfolios
- Produce a short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data

Expected Outcome

▶ WG 1:

- Website repository of evaluation studies
- Recommendations on Ex-post Evaluations
- Report with Results of Mapping Exercise on evaluation practices/the evaluation function within the Member Organisations

▶ WG 2:

- report with in depth-analysis of practices of impact assessment

▶ WG 3:

- short paper on the classification of research portfolios
- short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data
- recommended approaches, “core” set of outputs + guidance on definitions
- potential for pilot exercise

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Timeline

- ▶ First Meeting in Stockholm May 2010
- ▶ Second Meeting in Smolenice November 2010
- ▶ Third Meeting in Paris in May 2011
- ▶ Fourth Meeting in Fall 2011
- ▶ Fifth and Final Meeting in Spring 2012

- ▶ Meetings of Working Groups in between, if required
- ▶ Support by Sarah Chen from April-June 2011

Activities of the Working Groups since last meeting

▶ WG 1:

- Email feedback on draft of „Evaluation Standards and Good Practices“
- Survey about Evaluation Practices among MOs
- First ideas on Web-based depositories

▶ WG 2:

- Collection of relevant Impact Studies
- First ideas on how to structure/analyse impact studies

▶ WG 3:

- Meeting on classification of research portfolios and collection of output data (December 2010)
- Survey on approaches used to collect output data among MOs and others
- Finalised two reports summarising discussions so far on; i) classification of research portfolios
ii) collection of output data
- input into the EMRC special policy briefing on research classification approaches
- Discussion of Pilot Studies

Timeline of future activities

- ▶ **Third Meeting in Paris in May 2011:**
 - work on the material (e.g. surveys)
 - develop ideas on the reports
 - summer: further work on the material and drafting of reports

- ▶ **Fourth Meeting in Fall 2011:**
 - discussion of drafts of the WGs,
 - ideas on dissemination of Forum activities and outputs,
 - ideas about the future of the Forum
 - winter: revision of the draft reports

- ▶ **Fifth Meeting in Spring 2012:**
 - discussion of final report(s) with the whole Forum
 - implementation of marketing/dissemination activities

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Interaction with other MO Fora

- ▶ Indicators: Participation in the survey
- ▶ Peer Review: Peer Review Guide has been published and introduced in this Forum
- ▶ Infrastructures: Phone Conference with Chair of WG 2
- ▶ Science and Society: Comments on Draft of Collection of Output data on Science-Society Interaction
- ▶ Research Careers: plans a Workshop on Career Tracking, participation of our MO Forum very welcome.



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Thank you for your attention!