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Update on the ESF MOF on Evaluation

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1. 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](#)

1. 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

- Discuss the advantages and shortcomings with different methods for impact assessment
- Try to identify good practices in order to avoid pitfalls
- Conduct an in-depth analysis of impact studies

▶ 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

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2. Where are we now?

Timeline

- ▶ First Meeting in Stockholm May 2010
 - ▶ Second Meeting in Smolenice November 2010
 - ▶ Third Meeting in Paris in May 2011
 - ▶ Fourth Meeting in Bern in November 2011
 - ▶ Fifth Meeting in Oslo May 2012
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- ▶ End of the Forum in December 2012.

2. Where are we now?

Activities since last meeting

- Launch of the EMRC Special Policy Brief on 22 November 2011
- All WG have developed drafts of their reports (circulated before this meeting)
- Editorial Board Meeting on March 27 in Brussels



2. Where are we now?

Outreach activities since last meeting

- ▶ Presentation at the ESF MO Forum on Research Careers on 21-22 November 2011 in Strasbourg
- ▶ Presentation at the meeting of the G8 Horcs Working Group on Research Assessment on 14-15 November 2011 in London
- ▶ Presentation at the workshop "Assessing the performance of ERC funded projects, impact assessment and ex-post evaluation of results" 24-25 November 2011 in Brussels
- ▶ Co-hosting the FNR-ESF Workshop on Career Tracking on 9-10 February 2012 in Luxembourg <http://www.researcherscareers.lu/>

The screenshot shows the website for the "Joint ESF-FNR Workshop 'How to Track Researchers' Careers' 9-10 February 2012 - Luxembourg". The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Programme, Speakers, Registration, Call For Posters, Practical Info, Career Tracking Initiatives, and Links. The main content area includes a "Media Gallery" section with a "you are here: home" breadcrumb. Below this, there is a section titled "About the International Workshop 'How to Track Researchers' Careers'" which provides details about the workshop's location, dates, and organizers. A "REGISTER NOW HERE" button is prominently displayed. To the right, there is an "Organisers" section and a "Partners" section. At the bottom, there are three columns of text with links: "What is Career Tracking?", "Why track Researchers' Careers?", and "Why Attend?". The website also features logos for the European Science Foundation, Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg, and Marie Curie Actions.

2. Outreach activities since last meeting

ESF-FNR Workshop on Career Tracking

- ▶ Wide participation: more than 100 participants
- ▶ Aim of the workshop
 - a mix of theory and practice through presenting career tracking initiatives, their purposes and methodologies as well as their major findings,
 - a forum of learning how to set up a tracking of doctorate holders / researchers in a funding agency, university, region or country.
- ▶ Covered by NatureJobs, now with its own blog
<http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2012/02/15/how-would-you-define-a-successful-career-in-science>
- ▶ Report to be published this summer.



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Timeline of future activities

▶ This Meeting in Oslo:

- Further input – presentations by experts
- discussion of final report(s) with the whole Forum and the Indicators Forum
- decision on marketing/dissemination activities

- See Agenda

▶ Spring until end of 2012:

- final editing of the report(s)
- final layout of the report(s)
- implementation of dissemination and marketing activities
- Final launch event

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Thank you for your attention!