

ESF MO Forum

Evaluation: Indicators of Internationalisation

Results of the pilot study

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Evaluation of the international orientation of research organisations:
A pilot study for designing a comprehensive set of indicators

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Executive Summary

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Tasks to be achieved until December 2012

- Discussion on the report draft
- Feedback from MOs and from experts about
the process
the output and its immediate usefulness
- Discuss about Forum recommendations and suggestions
for future work
- *Finish writing the report*
- *Design a communication event for the end of 2012*

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Objectives, expectations, motivations

- Design a set of indicators that could account for the internationalisation of European research activities and programmes and be useful for MOs policy and piloting processes and in their relationships with the European Commission as well as their governments for benchmarking and policy evaluation.
- Such a set of indicators would enhance the development of a common strategic analysis of internationalisation among the institutions that are gathered within ESF.
- A common set of indicators was considered as fully relevant to help and foster the convergence of strategic analysis among its MOs.

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Discussion 1

▪ About the process

Starting proposal of participative process involving MOs and experts is definitively relevant:

- ▶ this is a robust basis for indicator development
 - other ways are possible (*experts coming with proposals*) but less productive
 - it takes time... but consciousness that building correct indicators is difficult

Discussion 2

▪ About the indicators development state

We reached better understanding of the present state of the indicators, having now

- mature indicators (3 FA, 4 RPO)
- indicators in development: need more data to confirm their definition and feasibility (3 FA, 4 RPO)
- blue sky indicators: need more conceptual work for precise definition (3 FA, 1 RPO)

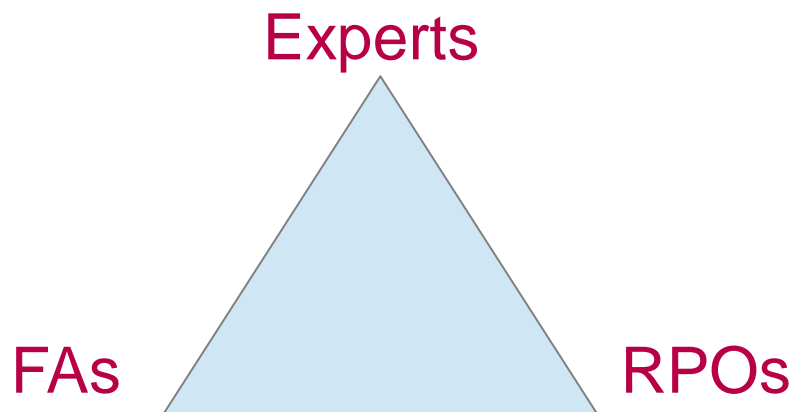
Discussion 3

- About the process

- ▶ it provided a “perspective from outside”, useful to see different ways of thinking

- useful to hear about “the others” MOs, perspective of FA vs RPO, shows different approaches and experiences

- deep understanding of the topic provided by the experts was essential as well as their skills in indicator design



Discussion 4

▪ Interaction with WG Monitoring on Indicators under SGHRM

-Exchange and compare the proposed indicators between the 2 groups

-Consider how a common presentation of the 2 processes could support the promotion of the indicators and their production

-(different scale: ROs vs countries, different perimeter: career development vs internationalisation)



To 2: Categories of Mobile Researchers

Proposers	Proposed classifications			
1 EU Towards a European framework for research careers	First stage researchers (up to the point of PhD)	Recognised researcher	Established researchers	Leading researcher
2. ESF report on Research Careers in Europe	Doctoral training stage	Post-doctoral stage	Independent research stage	Established researchers (professors, research professors, directors, senior scientists, etc.)
3. LERU report Harvesting talent: strengthening research careers in Europe	Doctoral candidate	Post-doctoral scientist	University scientist	Professor
4. Nomenclature European Funding Programs Marie Curie Actions/FP7 European Research Council (ERC)	Early stage researcher (max. 4 year research experiences)	Experienced researcher		
	-	StG-Starter (2-7 year post PhD)	StG-Consolidator (7-12 years post-PhD)	Advanced Investigator

Source: Academic Careers Observatory www.eui.eu/ProgrammesAndFellowships/AcedemicCareers

Develop further the categories of mobile researchers

Towards European taxonomy on stages of research careers



Tasks to be achieved after this workshop

- Last round of data collection (middle June)
- Experts' meeting on June 26th (Amsterdam)
- Finish to write the report and circulate for comments
- Prepare a communication event (late 2012)