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## **Info Sheet**

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### **Proposing Member Organisations**

- German Research Foundation (DFG), Germany
- Health Research Board (HRB), Ireland
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Netherlands
- Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Austria
- National Research Fund (FNR), Luxembourg
- Research Council of Norway, Norway
- Swedish Research Council (VR), Sweden
- Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), Hungary

### **Rationale**

The ESF Member Organisation Forum has been successful in exchanging practices and facilitating the networking of sciences officers engaged in evaluation. The Feedback on the MO Forum has been very positive. In course of its work, new questions were raised, which were not answered yet but deemed to be worthwhile exploring.

There is a need for the continuous exchange of information on evaluation practices and practical approaches. The ESF Member Organisation Forum on Evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes is the sole dedicated platform for European research organisations that provides a continuous forum to exchange information and work together on common projects. The EUROHORCs and ESF Road Map acknowledges the work of the ESF MO Forum. The ESF Member Organisation Forum on Research Evaluation can help to implement activities within the Action 6 of the Road Map (Develop common approaches to ex post evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes).

**Timeline:** January 2010 – November 2012

### **Aims, Objectives and Actions**

- To exchange and document experiences with current practices,
- To facilitate networking,
- To regularly update, elaborate and disseminate the report on evaluation,
- To explore possibilities for collaboration in future evaluation exercises,
- To identify best practice examples in research evaluation that could possibly lead to a Guideline for Evaluation Processes

### **Expected Outputs**

- A collection of recent evaluation studies, e.g. an web-based repository,
- A final report on the activities and results of the MO Forum,
- If possible: coordination of common activities, e.g. comparative evaluative study.