



ESF Member Organisation Fora

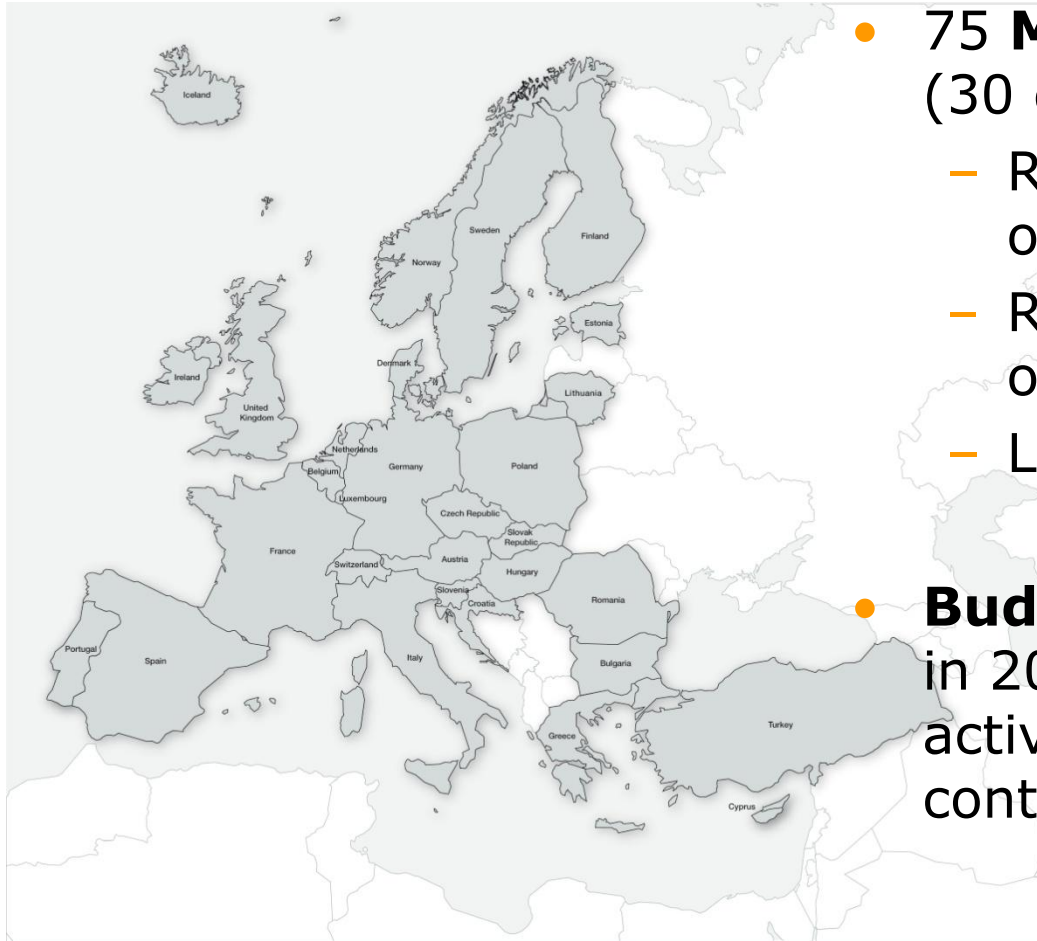
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**Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes.
Expectations, Practices and Experiences
Berlin 22 and 23 October 2007**

Outline of the Presentation

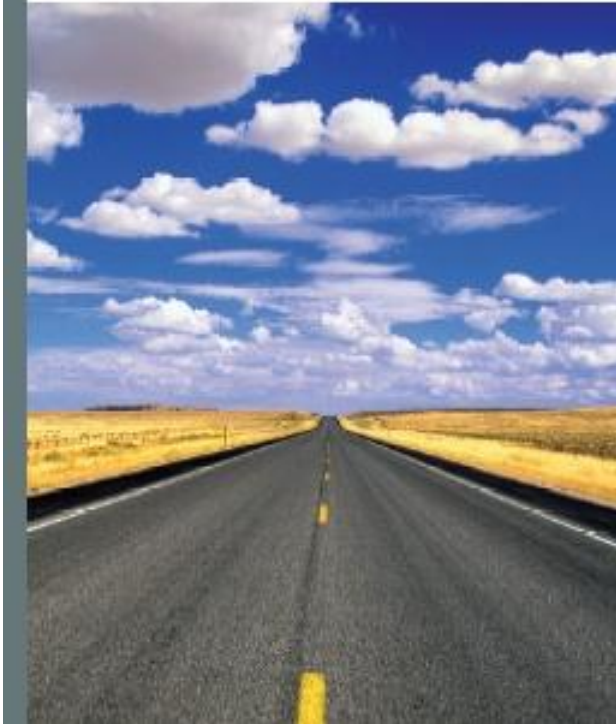
- Briefly about ESF
- ESF MO FORA: Rationale and procedures
- Two other MO FORA
 - ❖ Peer Review
 - ❖ Research Careers
- Other ideas being discussed
- Other ESF activities to link MOs

Briefly about ESF



- **75 Member Organisations** (30 countries)
 - Research funding organisations
 - Research performing organisations
 - Learned Societies
- **Budget:** about € 40 million in 2006, including à la carte activities and external contracts.

MO FORA: Rationale



Developed in response to clearly expressed needs from MOs in the consultations on the strategic plan, MO FORA are

"output-oriented, issue-related venues for MOs, involving others as appropriate, to (exchange information and experiences) and develop joint actions".

"ESF aims to be the actor of choice and preferred partner when national research organisations develop joint activities."

Timeline 2006

26 June 2006

Call for suggestions

Deadline November 2006

19-20 April
2007

Gov Co agrees to launch
- Research Careers
- Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes

24 May 2007

Call for expression of interest

Deadline 18 June 2007

Launch and activities

Timeline 2007

22 June 2007

Call for suggestions

Deadline 1 December 2007

Two other MO FORA

- ❖ Peer Review
- ❖ Research Careers

Peer review I



Start

At ESF/EUROHORCS/CSF
Conference ***Peer Review: Its
present and future state*** Prague
October 2006

Objectives

- exchange experiences
- develop best practices across Europe.

Participation

10 Organizations

Peer review II

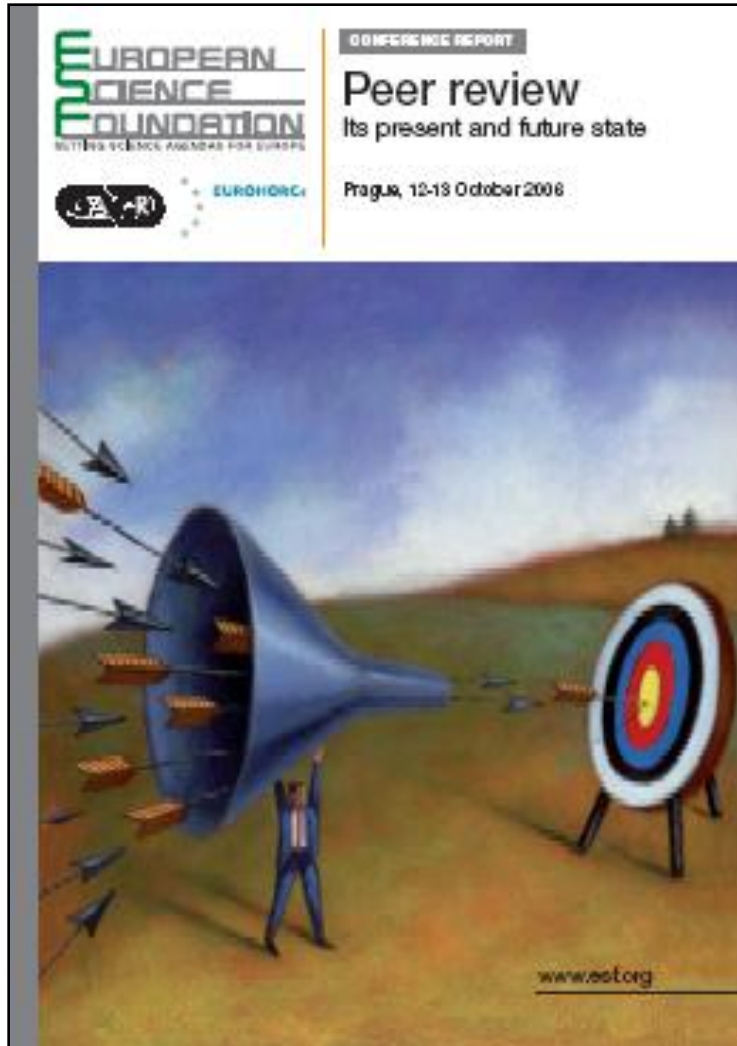
Activities

Initial meeting during the Prague Conference October 2006

Working group meetings

- April 2007, Strasbourg
- September 2007, London
- November 2007, Brussels

An interactive workshop on Peer Review for ESF member organizations, March 2008



Research Careers I



Start

An idea from the European Network on Research Careers

Objectives

- joint platform for the exchange of views and experiences and for the development of strategy concepts.

long-term goals

- create or improve programmes aimed at promoting different career stages
- work on marketing campaigns to raise the international visibility of the ERA in the global competition for research talents.

Research Careers II



Participating organizations

38 Organizations and European University Association and European Commission

Activities

Launch Conference

8th November 2007, Brussels

Fostering good scientific practice



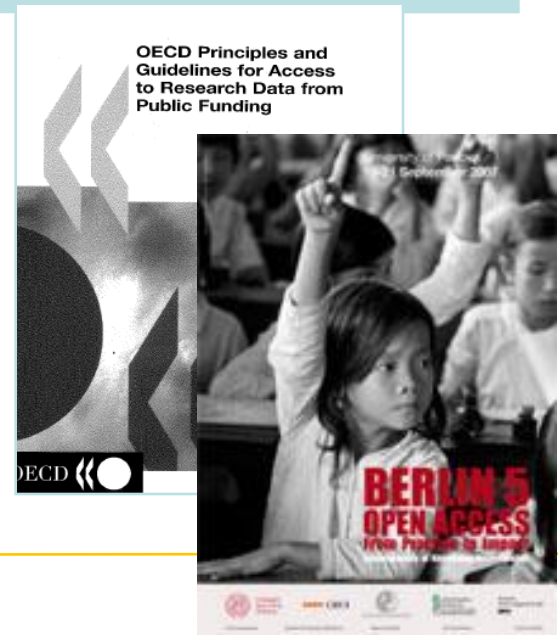
Following the 1st World conference "**Research Integrity: fostering responsible research**", Lisbon 16-19 September 2007

ESF Office is currently compiling an overview of approaches, policies and procedures to foster good scientific practice

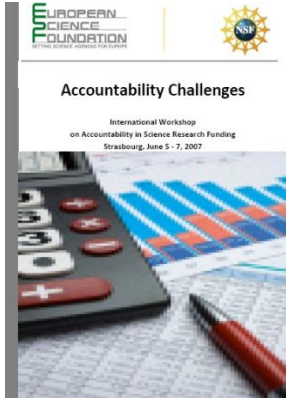
Open access policies

(to publications and **research data**)

Shared Responsibilities in Sharing Research Data . An ESF - DFG Workshop on Sharing Research Data, Padua 21 September 2007



Other activities to link MOs

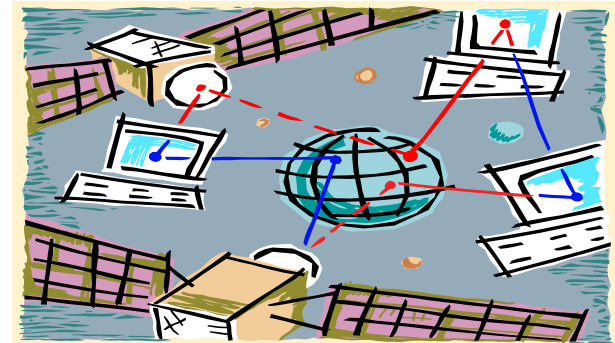


Accountability in Science and Research Funding.

An workshop organized together with NSF (Office of the Inspector General) , Strasbourg, 5-7 June 2007

EUROHORCS Working Group on Research Information systems of European Organizations

Recommendations to EUROHORCS:
December 2007



Network of Communication officers
1st Meeting :
18 – 19 October 2007 , Strasbourg

For further information

<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora.html>

- Information on specific MO FORA
- Contact details of ESF Officers who coordinate the activities member fora
- Call for suggestions, call for expression of interest and relevant governing council papers

Thank you for your
attention