ESF-EUROHORCs Roadmap Peer Review Mandate:

Background and Next Steps

Member Organisation Forum on Peer Review

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Outline

1. **Background**
2. **Mandate by ESF-EuroHORCS Roadmap**
3. **Next Steps**
4. **Connections the MO Forum**

1-Background

- **Peer Review and Evaluation at ESF**
  - ESF's ambition is to play an active and decisive role in mobilizing dialogues and joint actions towards setting the agenda for Peer Review

- **Three main groups of activities currently support this ambition:**
  - Internal Peer Review Activities
  - External Peer Review and Evaluation Activities
  - Policy and Strategy

1-Background

- **Internal peer review activities**
  - assuring quality and integrity of the science operations
  - enhancing competencies and building capacity

- **External activities on peer review and evaluation**
  - providing support to Member Organisations and others
  - promoting standardization and common practices
  - leveraging capacities and resources
  - enhancing ESF's positioning in science management

1-Background

- **Policy and Strategy towards peer review and research evaluation activities**
  - **ESF-EuroHORCs Roadmap**
    - Chapters 5 on Peer Review (and 6 on Evaluation)
    - The Peer Review Guide

    ➔Comprehensive Survey of Peer Review Practices
  - **MO Forum on Peer Review** (2 year extension)
  - **MO Forum on Evaluation**

2-Roadmap and PR Mandate

- **In response to clear needs:**
  1. Renewed commitments of the ESF, MOs and EuroHORCs for playing a key role in shaping an ERA of excellence
  2. Peer Review and its role in science management are increasingly under scrutiny (if not *under stress!)*
  3. Joint actions and dialogues are necessary in order to fulfil ERA requirements but also to guide future directions
- **ESF is in a unique position to:**
  - Initiate the dialogues and facilitate the discussions
  - Coordinate the activities and actions

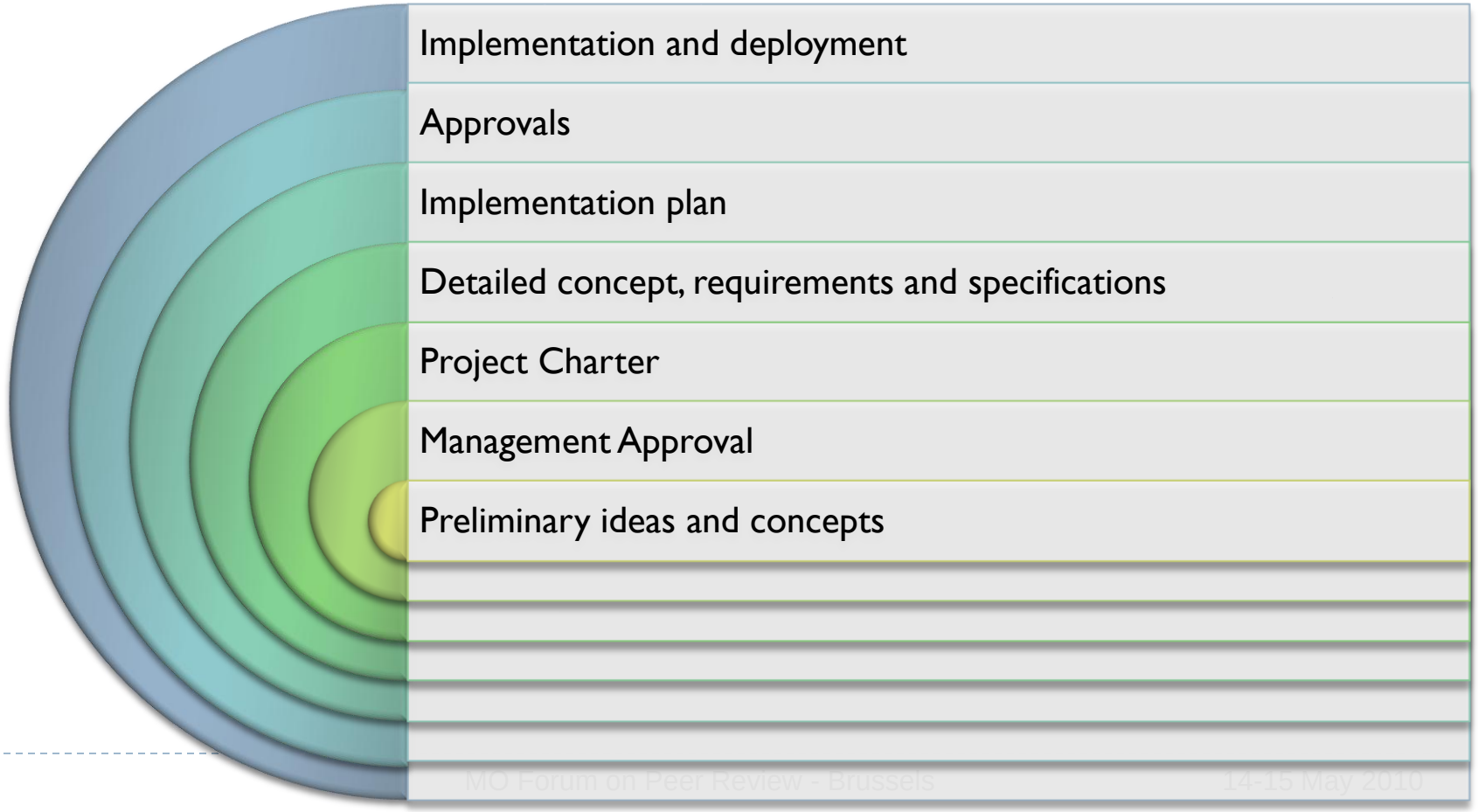
  ➔ **high levels of ambitions and expectations**

2-Roadmap and PR Mandate

- **Two main thrusts:**
  1. **Creation of a European reference Body of Knowledge on Peer Review**
     a. The Peer Review Guide
     b. Web-based repository: surveys, tools, other resources
     c. Role of Incentives for Peer Reviewers?
     d. Scope and application of *Bibliometrics?*
  2. **Creation of an International *assembly* of peer reviewers:**
     a. A formally established entity managed by the ESF
     b. Closely linked to the evolution of ESF Pool of reviewers
     c. Project and implementation plans are being developed

2-Roadmap and PR Mandate

- **ESF assembly (College) of expert reviewers:**



3-Next Steps

- **Survey**
  1. **Full Launch of the questionnaire**
  2. **Analysis of the results**
- **Finalising the structure of the Guide**
- **Developing content for the Chapters**
- **Approval**
- **Tracking of the changes and approvals**

4-Connections to the forum

- **Inputs on the scope and structure of the Guide**
- **Contributions to the content**
- **Inputs on analysis of the survey**
- **Contributions to the concept of the assembly of peer reviewers – the “cohorts” or the “college”**

The concept of ESF Assembly of Peer Reviewers ("college" or "cohort")

Food for thoughts!

1. **The need for such an assembly**
   - Europe, International
2. **Ownership and usage**
   - Joint or sole custody
   - Maintenance and access
3. **Structure and membership format**
   - Selection/constitution of members
   - Stratifications
   - Quality of content
   - Credibility and appeal

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