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ESF Peer Review Guide: an overview

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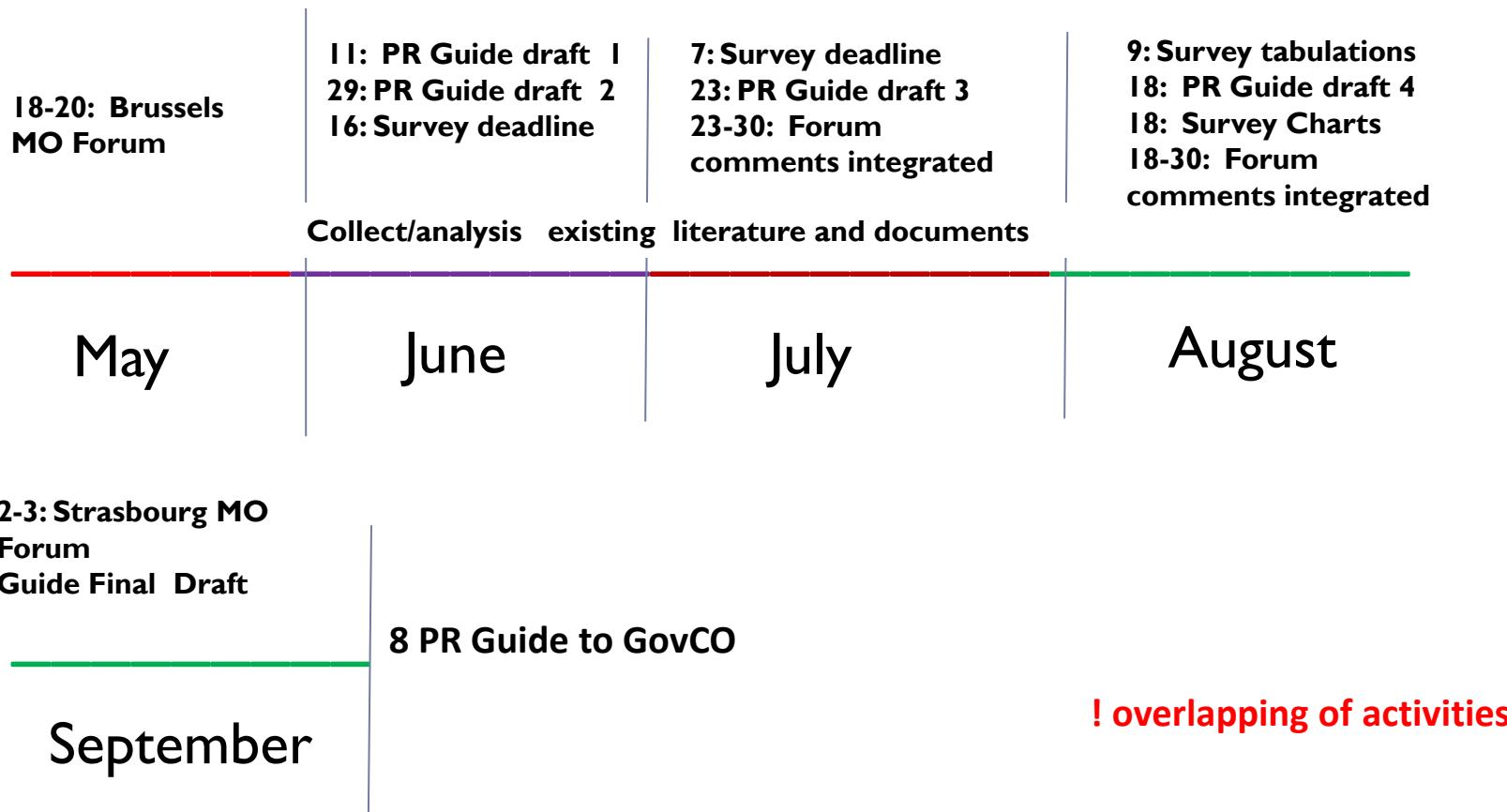
Outline

- I. Rationale
- II. Workflow
- III. Supporting activities
- IV. Overview of the current draft of the Peer Review Guide

1. Rationale

- ▶ Creation of a European reference Body of Knowledge on Peer Review (Roadmap and PR Mandate)
- ▶ Mapping of current practices
- ▶ Recommendations and good practices

2. Workflow



3. Supporting activities

- ▶ **Mapping of the available documentation**
 - PR guides and manuals, programmes guidelines, literature, organizations codes, road maps, EU docs, etc...
- ▶ **Joint programme**
 - Core principles
- ▶ **Survey**
 - Analysis of the results
 - Charts, Summary report
- ▶ **MO Forum**
 - Inputs on the scope
 - Structure of the Guide: May- Forum and drafts 2 and 3
 - Contents: Comment on Guide, drafts 3 and 4

4. Current version of the Guide

- ▶ **Part I: Complete - to be approved today by MO Forum**
- ▶ **Part II: under construction – to be finalised by tomorrow**
- ▶ **References: to be updated**
- ▶ **Annexes:**
 - Glossary (sent to proofread)**
 - ? Research Classification (s)**
 - ? EU code on research**

4/1. Peer Review Guide, Part I

Preface

PART I: Overview of the Peer Review System.....

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Background

1.2 Key definitions.....

1.3 Applicability.....

1.4 How to use this guide.....

Chapter 2: Typology of funding instruments

2.1 General description of main funding instruments.....

2.2 Typical variants of funding instruments.....

Chapter 3: Pillars of good practice in peer review

3.1 Core principles of peer review

3.2 Integrity of the process of peer review.....

3.3 Quality assurance.....

3.4 Governance structure

3.5 Methodology.....

Chapter 4: Peer review methodology

4.1 Preparatory phase.....

4.2 Launch of the programme

4.3 Processing of applications.....

4.4 Selection and allocation of experts.....

4.5 Expert assessments

4.6 Final decision.....

4.7 Communication.....

4.8 Quality assurance.....

4.9 Variants of funding instruments and their implication on Peer Review.....

4.10 Programmes explicitly designed for breakthrough research.....

4/2. Discussion

Three points of discussion

1. Scoring Scheme

1. MICT

1. Breakthrough research