



International Workshop

ESF Member Organisation Forum on Peer Review

Setting the Scene

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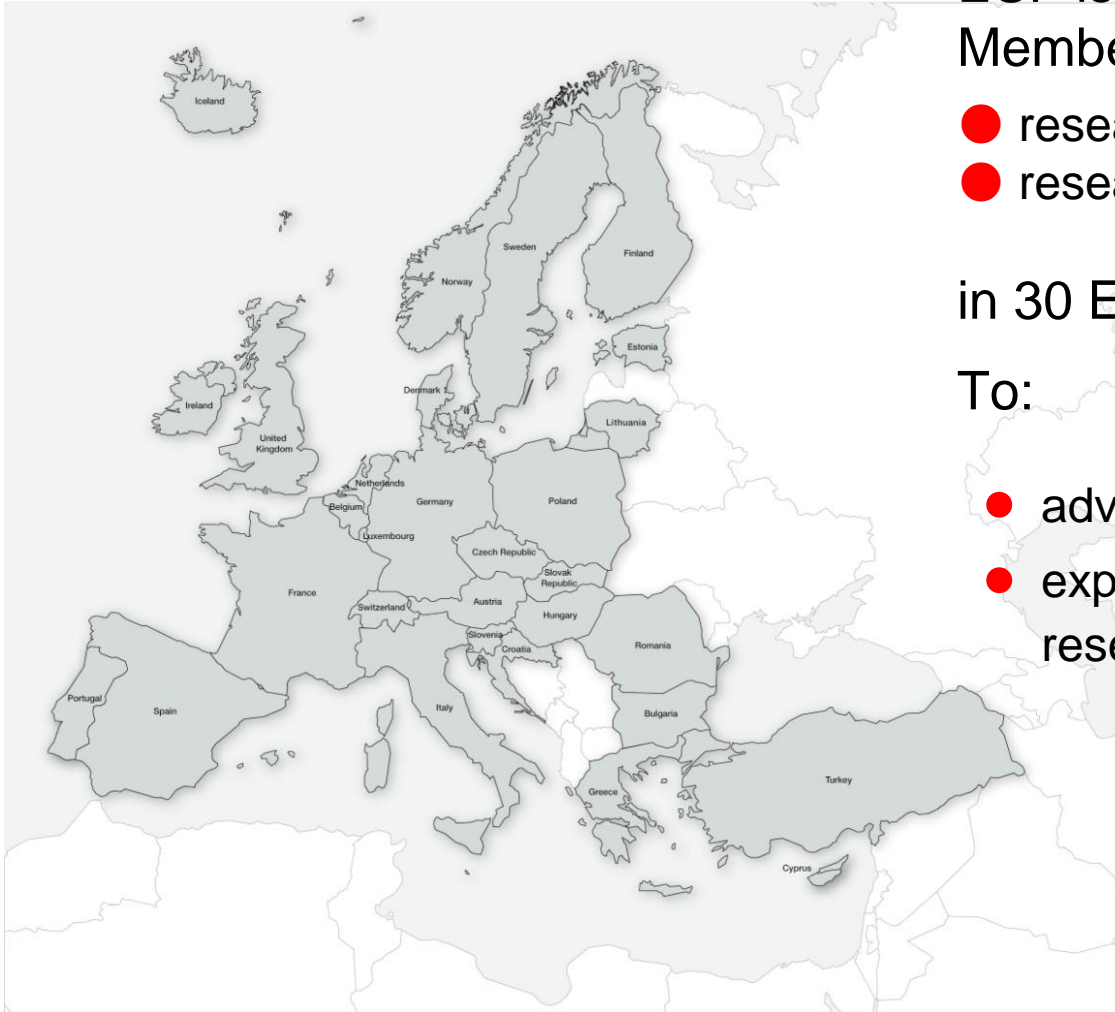




Presentation outline

- The ESF Member Organisation Fora
- ESF Member Organisation Forum on Peer Review
- Objectives of the International Workshop

About European Science Foundation



ESF is common platform for its 78 Member Organisations

- research funding organisations
- research performing organisations

in 30 European countries

To:

- advance European research
- explore new directions for research at the European level



A time of change

At the moment ESF is in a period of transition and is currently developing a multiannual plan which will be presented in 2012.

It is continuing discussions with its Member Organisations and the recently launched **Science Europe** to define future roles and activities.

In the meantime, ESF's existing commitments will be unaffected by these developments.

Updated information regarding ESF activities is available on our website:

<http://www.esf.org/about-esf/latest-esf-developments.html>

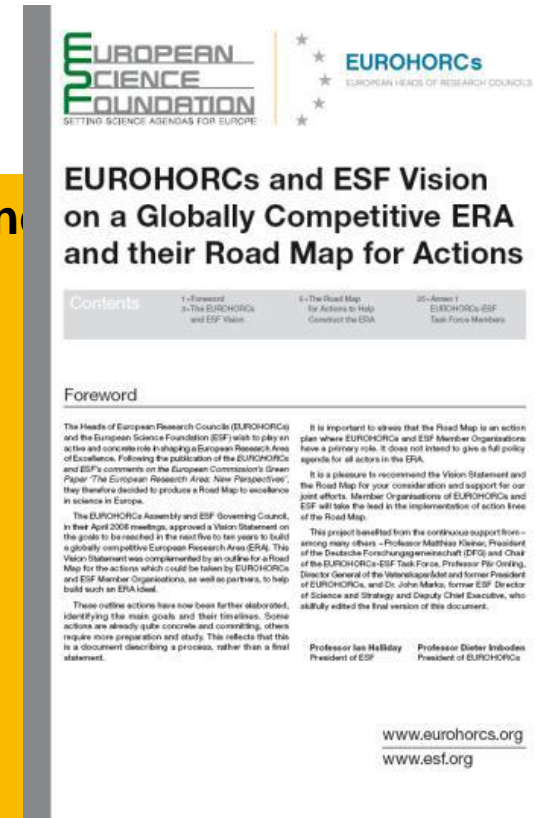


ESF Member Organisation Fora & the ERA Road Map Actions

Science Policy and Strategy

- *Published in 2009*
- *10 Actions:*

1. strengthen the **relations** between **science, society and the private sector**
2. promote **European research careers**
3. develop **scientific foresight** for joint strategy
4. create a **European Grant Union**
5. address **peer review** of proposals
6. develop common approaches to **ex-post evaluation**
7. create **ERA Connect** and **Regional Clusters of Excellence**
8. develop shared funding and exploitation of **research infrastructure**
9. implement common policy on **Open Access**
10. connect **European research to the world**





ESF Member Organisation Fora & the Road Map Actions



The EUROHORCs and ESF Vision on a Globally competitive ERA and their Road Map for Actions	ESF MO Fora on...
1. Strengthen the relations between science, society and the private sector	Science in Society Relationships
	Research Integrity
2. Promote European research careers	European Alliance on Research Career Development
3. Develop scientific foresight for joint strategy	Scientific Foresight for Joint Strategy Development
5. Address peer review of proposals	Peer Review
6. Develop common approaches to ex-post evaluation	Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research
	Evaluation: Indicators of Internationalisation
8. Develop shared funding and exploitation of research infrastructure	Research Infrastructures

ESF Member Organisation Fora

- Output-oriented discussion platforms for Member Organisations to develop joint actions on specific issues, involving others as appropriate
- To contribute to strategy development and/or lead to the development of
 - Good practice
 - Common procedures
 - Joint activities
- Duration: typically two years
- Recent results: European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity ● European Peer Review Guide ● Research Careers in Europe Landscape and Horizons



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ESF Member Organisation Forum on *Peer Review*

Aim

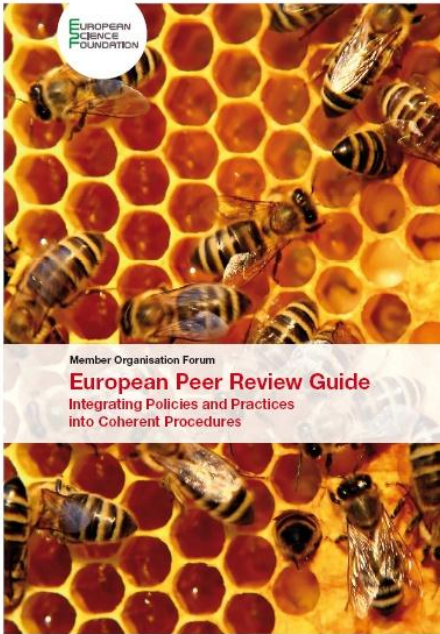
Platform to exchange experiences and to promote good practices across Europe.

Objectives

- Document experiences on current practices
- Identify good practices
- Promote Peer Review coordination
- Standardise peer review processes
- Develop a European Peer Review Guide

Participation

32 organisations (+ 7 observers) from year 2006



Actions / Outcomes

1. *"The ESF Survey Analysis Report on Peer Review Practices"*
2. *"The European Peer Review Guide"*



ESF MO Forum on Peer Review

List participating organisations and countries

Research Councils

- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- Ireland
- Iceland
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Poland
- Sweden
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK

Research Performing Organisations

- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Italy
- Spain

European partners

- European Commission
- European Research Council
- Research Executive Agency



ESF MO Forum on Peer Review Activities

Launch Conference

October 2006, Prague

1st Workshop March
2008, The Hague

Closing Conference

December 2011, Brussels

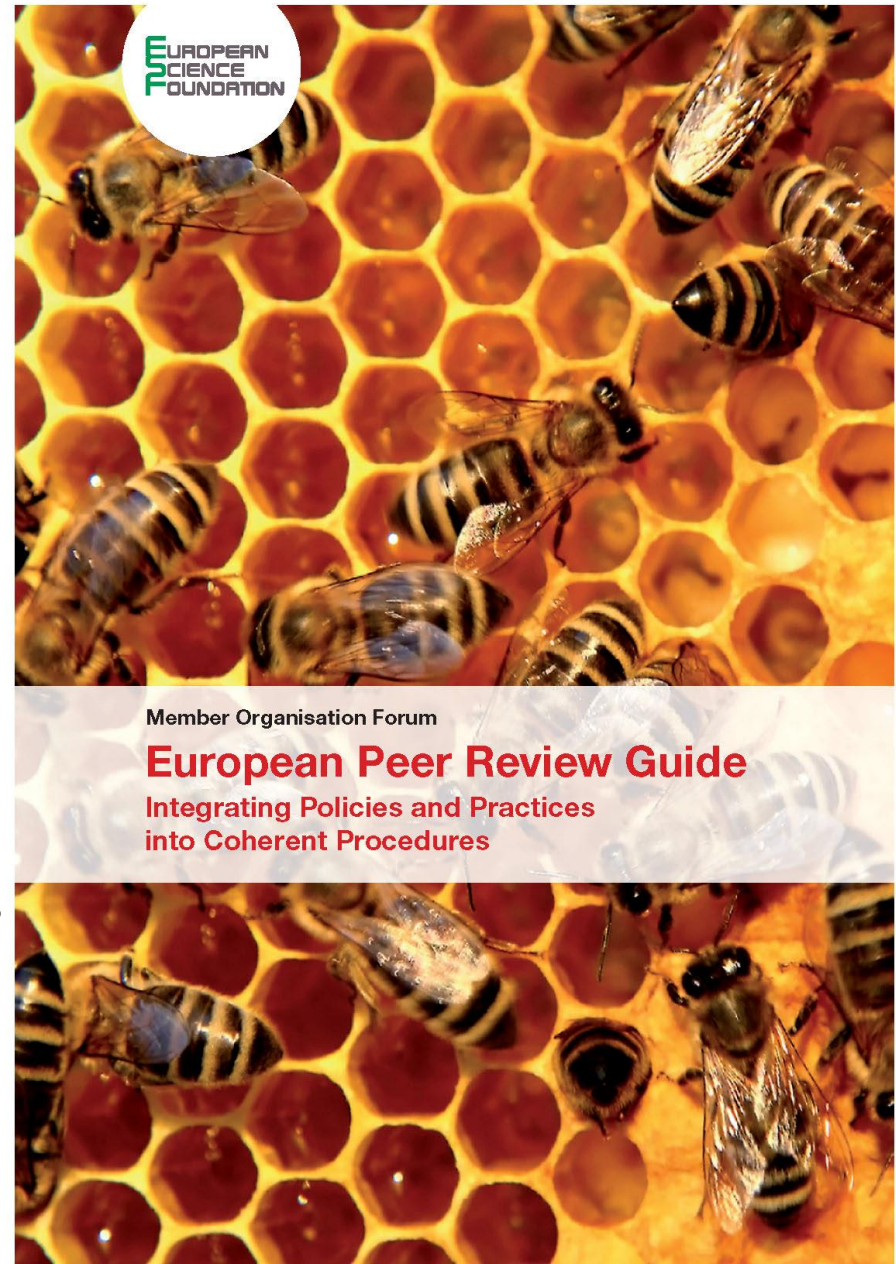
Working groups meetings:

1. Strasbourg 23 May 2007
2. London 6-7 September 2007
3. Brussels 12 November 2007
4. Vienna 7-8 October 2008
5. Brussels 14-15 May 2009
6. Strasbourg 3-4 November 2009
7. Brussels 19-20 May 2010
8. Strasbourg 2-3 September 2010
9. Strasbourg 17 November 2010
10. Brussels 8-9 February 2011
11. Brussels 6-7 December 2011

- Conference Report: "Peer review - Its present and future state". Prague, October 2006
- Core Principles of Peer Review development from October 2008
- Survey development from May 2009
- Guide development from April 2010 to April 2011

Congratulations!

- *Several National Seminars*
- *Extended disseminations*
- *Publication orders*
- *Feedback from around the world*
- *Media Coverage*
- ...
- *Role model for the global principles for peer review*





ESF MO Forum on Peer Review Ongoing Steps

- Disseminate the Guide
- Implement the Guide at national level
- International Workshop on Peer Review &
- European Workshop: regional preparatory meeting
Brussels 6-7 Dec. 2011

- Global Summit on Merit Review Washington May 2012
 - Drafting of the “**Global Statement of Principles on Merit Review**”

Structure of the meeting

- **International Workshop on Peer Review** 6-7 Dec. 2011
to discuss key issues and challenges in Peer Review
common to research funding organisations :
 - Peer Review of Pluridisciplinary Research
 - Use of Bibliometrics in Peer Review
 - Quality assurance in Peer Review
 - Defining and Measuring Broader Impact
- **Global Summit on Merit Review** May 2012



Timeline principles

- Dec. 2011, Peer Review Forum agree on the European Draft Statement on Peer Review Principles
- European representatives attend ISC meeting in Paris on December 12 to:
 - Draft a Statement of Principles on Merit Review
 - Develop an Agenda for the May 2012 meeting
 - Communicate the Statement of Principles with regional funding agencies prior to the May 2012 meeting.
- January 2012, distribute draft statement of principles for comments within the Forum's members
- February 2012, deadline for feedback on draft statement of principles
- March 2012, finalize statement of principle on Merit Review
- Debriefing to European HORCs, date to be determined.
- May 14-15 Global Summit of HORCs in Washington DC



Debate principles – questions to be addressed

the debate during the meeting accordingly:

- what is essential from the European principles
- which principles are not negotiable
- how much on the implementation part we would like to have in
- which format should be submit? Just the principles? Longer document with measures?
- List of organisations
- Endorsement procedure? Timeline:



Thank you for your attention

More info:

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

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