

ESF Member Organisation Forum on Peer Review
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European Peer Review Guide

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Outline

- I. **Report on Survey Peer Review Practices:** additional patterns and supplementary analysis.

- II. **European Peer Review Guide:** a. State of the art; b. Discussion on Part II; c. Plan of remaining activities and work-schedule.

Workflow/1

May

19-20: MO Forum; PR Guide draft 1;

Docs collection

June

11: PR Guide draft 2; **16:** 1st. Survey deadline

July

7: 2nd. Survey deadline; **23:** PR Guide draft 3

August

9: Survey tabulations; **18:** PR Guide draft 4; **18:** Survey Charts

30: PR Guide Final Draft;

September

2-3: MO Forum approved Part I; **17:** WGs on Part II;

29: GovCo approved PR Guide Part I; **30:** PR Guide Part II: Chapter 5 sent to the chairs of MO Forum on Research Careers and chapter 8 to RIs.

Workflow/2

October

18: feedback from MO Fora on RIs and Research Careers

27: PR Guide Part II sent to the MO Forum for feedback

November

5-14: MO Forum sent feedback on PR Guide Part II

12: results of the additional analysis on *Survey on Peer Review Practices* for Part I of the PR Guide

17: MO Forum 9th WG in Strasbourg

PR Guide current draft/1

- ▶ **Part I:** is adopted by the MO Forum and approved by GovCo. It will now include some recommendations based on the results of the additional analysis on the *Survey on Peer Review Practices* discussed today.
- ▶ **Part II:** is based upon the work made by the WGs work , and the Forum's feedback and it includes more data from the PR Survey (not from additional analysis). Each chapter is currently under elaboration and discussion.

PR Guide current draft/2

- ▶ **References:** to be updated.

- ▶ **Annexes:**
 - a. Glossary (to be updated).
 - b. *Report on Survey on Peer Review Practices* (link).
 - c. Code of Conducts (link).
 - d. List of the MO Forum participants (completed).

Peer Review Survey

Additional Analysis made by T. Zimmermann and C. Fischer:

- Data are small, they do not allow to strong conclusions

BUT

- There are some interesting data that serve well to underpin the recommendations in Part I of the PR Guide
- The additional analysis will be included in the *Summary Report on Survey on Peer Review Practices*

Recommendations/1

- ▶ 2. Research Classification: use OECD/Frascati classification or at least a compatible system.
- ▶ 3. Quality Assurance: a. infrequent evaluations useful for small organizations and for lowering the costs; b. add a few lines commenting the list of criteria for evaluating quality of the reviews.
- ▶ 4. Managing data on reviewers: add some comments.
- ▶ 5. Incentives: encourage to avoid use of incentives.
- ▶ 6. Right to Reply: include the range of good procedures and the reason why most organizations don't have them.

Recommendation/2

- ▶ **7. MICT proposals:** add a few lines mentioning the specific measures used to support the evaluation on MICT proposals both in conventional and dedicated instruments. Stress the need for interdisciplinary panels and interdisciplinary reviewers.
 - ! There are organizations moving away from the experience of interdisciplinary panels
- ▶ **8. Breakthrough research proposals:** see above MICT ; identification by the applicants of the potential risk and outcomes.

Chapter 5: Individual Research programmes and Career Development Opportunities

Chapter 6: Collaborative Research Programmes and Creation or Enhancement of Scientific Networks Programmes

Chapter 7: Centres of Excellence Programmes

Chapter 8: New Research Infrastructures Programmes

Individual and Career

Inputs from:

- ❑ ERC;
- ❑ MO Forum on Research Careers;
- ❑ EC: Marie Curie Mobility Fellowships= add a distinct section on it?

! Keep the two programmes together?

Collaborative and SN

- ! Keep the two programmes together?
- We need to find an equilibrium/balance between texts, data, and tables.

Center of excellence

No major comments

RIs

- ❑ Include a chapter on RIs
- ❑ Reduce it to very basic statements
- ❑ Refer to MO Forum on Research Infrastructures for further details

Agenda/Guide

- ▶ **26 November** – PR Guide including the results of the current discussion send to MO Forum.
- ▶ **10 December** - PART II: additional contribution and revision from MO Forum and others (i.e. EC: Marie Curie Mobility etc.).
- ▶ **17 December** – Inputs from MO Forum on Ris.
- ▶ **14 January**- send an update version of the Guide to the Mo Forum (including additional survey analysis on Part II).
- ▶ **16-25 January** - last round of feedback.
- ▶ **31 January** - approval of the Guide Part II from the MO Forum.

Agenda/Survey Report

- ▶ **30 December** Additional analysis on Part II of the survey data (T. Zimmermann and C. Fischer)
- ▶ **31 January** *Summary Report on Survey on Peer Review Practices*

! To decide:

Electronic file (pdf.) available online + printed copy of an executive summary.