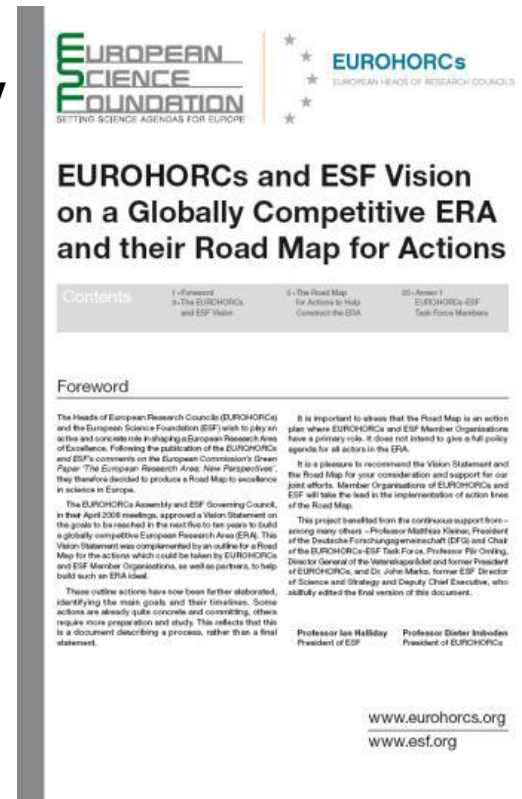


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# The ESF MO Forum on Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research

# Background of the ESF MO Forum: ESF/Eurohorcs Road Map 2009

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**



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# General Aims and Objectives of the Forum on Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research

## ► Aims

- To improve evaluation studies on funding schemes
- To learn about best practices of impact assessment of research and research funding
- To identify the challenges in conducting transnational comparative evaluation

## ► Objectives

- To facilitate networking
- To exchange and share information on evaluation studies of funding schemes and practices
- To produce an inventory of current and past impact evaluation practices/methodologies across Member Organisations, identifying gaps and lessons learned
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

## ► builds on the work of the former Forum (2007-2009)

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# Organisation

## ► Participation:

- 33 Member Organisations (RFO, RPO) from 19 countries,
- 6 Observers (e.g. EC, ERC, Wellcome Trust)

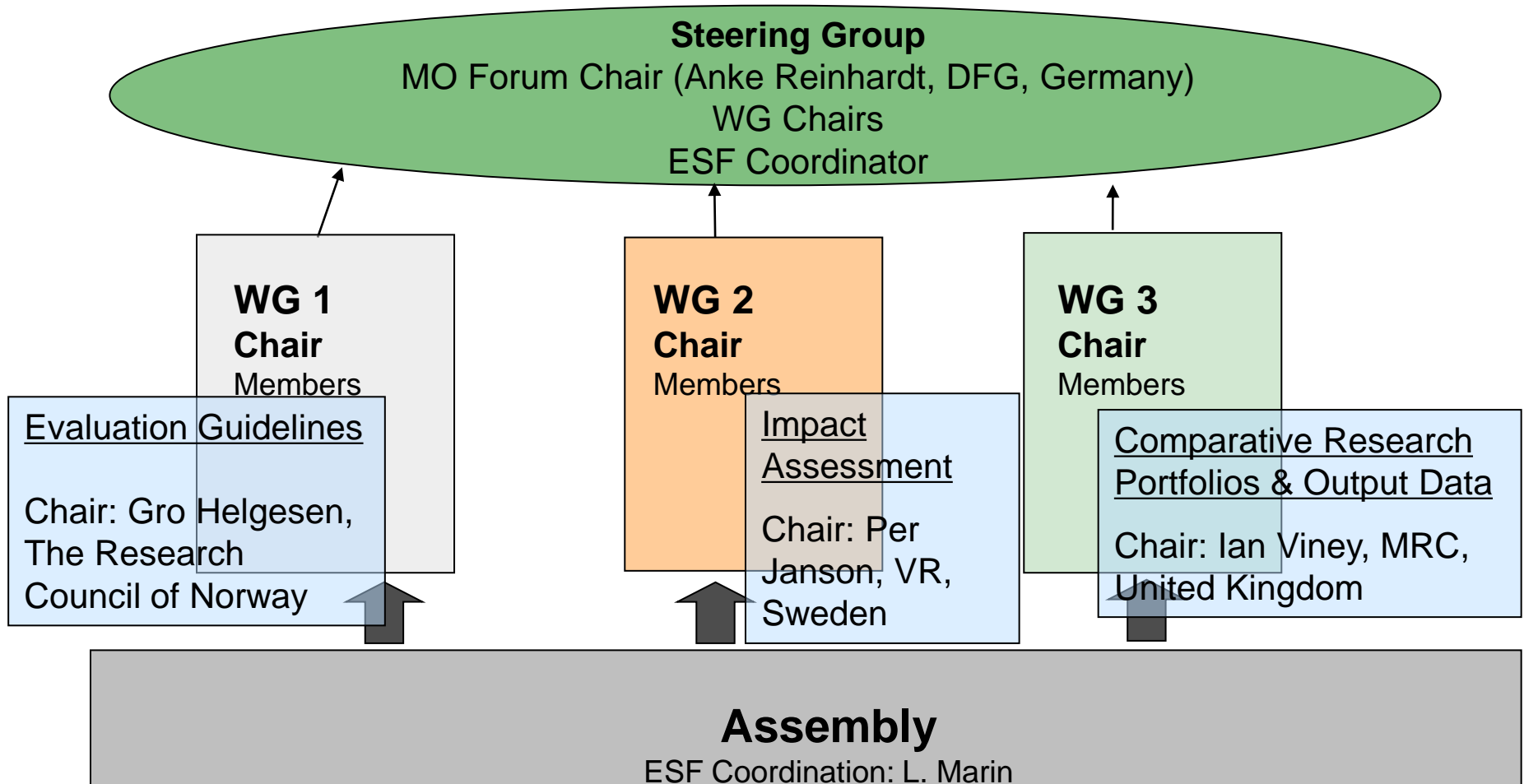
## ► Organisation

- Five Forum meetings (plenary session, working group meetings)
  - 1st Stockholm May 2010 – 5th Oslo May 2012
- Meetings of Working Groups in between, if required
- Monthly Steering Committee Teleconferences

## ► Additional Resources

- Support by Seconded National Expert April – August 2011 (Sarah Chen, CNR)

# Organisation



# Fields of activities of the Working Groups

## ▶ **WG 1. Quality assurance and Evaluation Guidelines**

- Draw up guidelines for ex-post evaluation of funding schemes
- Do a survey among the members on evaluation organisation and practices
- Develop a website repository containing evaluation reports and guidelines

## ▶ **WG 2. Impact assessment on Science and Society**

- Discuss the advantages and shortcomings with different methods for impact assessment
- Try to identify good practices in order to avoid pitfalls
- Conduct an in-depth analysis of impact studies

## ▶ **WG 3. Classification systems and Categorisation of output data**

- Examine feasibility of common systems to classify research portfolios
- Approaches for the collection and analysis of output data

# Expected Outcome

## ▶ **WG 1. Quality assurance and Evaluation Guidelines**

- Collection of evaluation studies and links to MO's evaluation activities
- Description of Evaluation practices and Recommendations („Golden Rules“)

## ▶ **WG 2. Impact assessment on Science and Society**

- report with in depth-analysis of practices of impact assessment
- potential for joint project

## ▶ **WG 3. Classification systems and Categorisation of output data**

- short paper on the classification of research portfolios
- short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data
- recommended approaches, “core” set of outputs + guidance on definitions
- potential for pilot exercise

## ▶ **Report on overarching topics, (policy) recommendations, outlook**

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# Outreach Activities

- ▶ Interaction with other Fora:
  - 2nd Evaluation Forum: Indicators on Internationalisation (joint meetings),
  - Science in Society, Research Infrastructures...
- ▶ Article in Research Europe (26.5.2011): „The Public’s Right to know“;
- ▶ Publication of EMRC special policy briefing on research classification approaches (Launch on 22.11.2011)
- ▶ International Workshop on „Career Tracking“, February 2012 (jointly with the ESF MO Forum on Research Careers)
- ▶ Presentation in other arenas; eg G8 meeting
- ▶ Dissemination and marketing of final report

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**Thank you for your attention!**