

# **ESF MO Forum Research Careers Annual Assembly 2009**

**Introduction  
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# Topics

- 1. How it all began**
2. Where we are now
3. Annual Assembly 2009
  - What we hope to achieve
  - How to proceed

# The Roots

## 1. European Network on Research Careers

- Established in 2003 on the initiative of DFG
- Experts on strategies and policies of research careers

[http://www.dfg.de/en/research\\_careers/focus/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/en/research_careers/focus/index.html)

## 2. EURYI Award Management Committee

- Management & programme development of the EURYI Award
- Experts on programme administration & strategies

<http://www.esf.org/activities/euryi.html>

# The Aims

## Vision

- Creation of a think tank for advice on research career policies

## Primary goals

- Policy recommendations to member organisations on the basis of surveys and analyses
- Mutual learning of MOs ⇒ programme development and inspiration to new programmes
- Provision of an interface between the national and the supranational level (EU, EUA, LERU etc.)
- Contribution to global visibility of the ERA as RTD labour market

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# The Timeline – Milestones

**November 2007**  
Launch Meeting

Progress  
Report

**November 2008**  
Annual Assembly

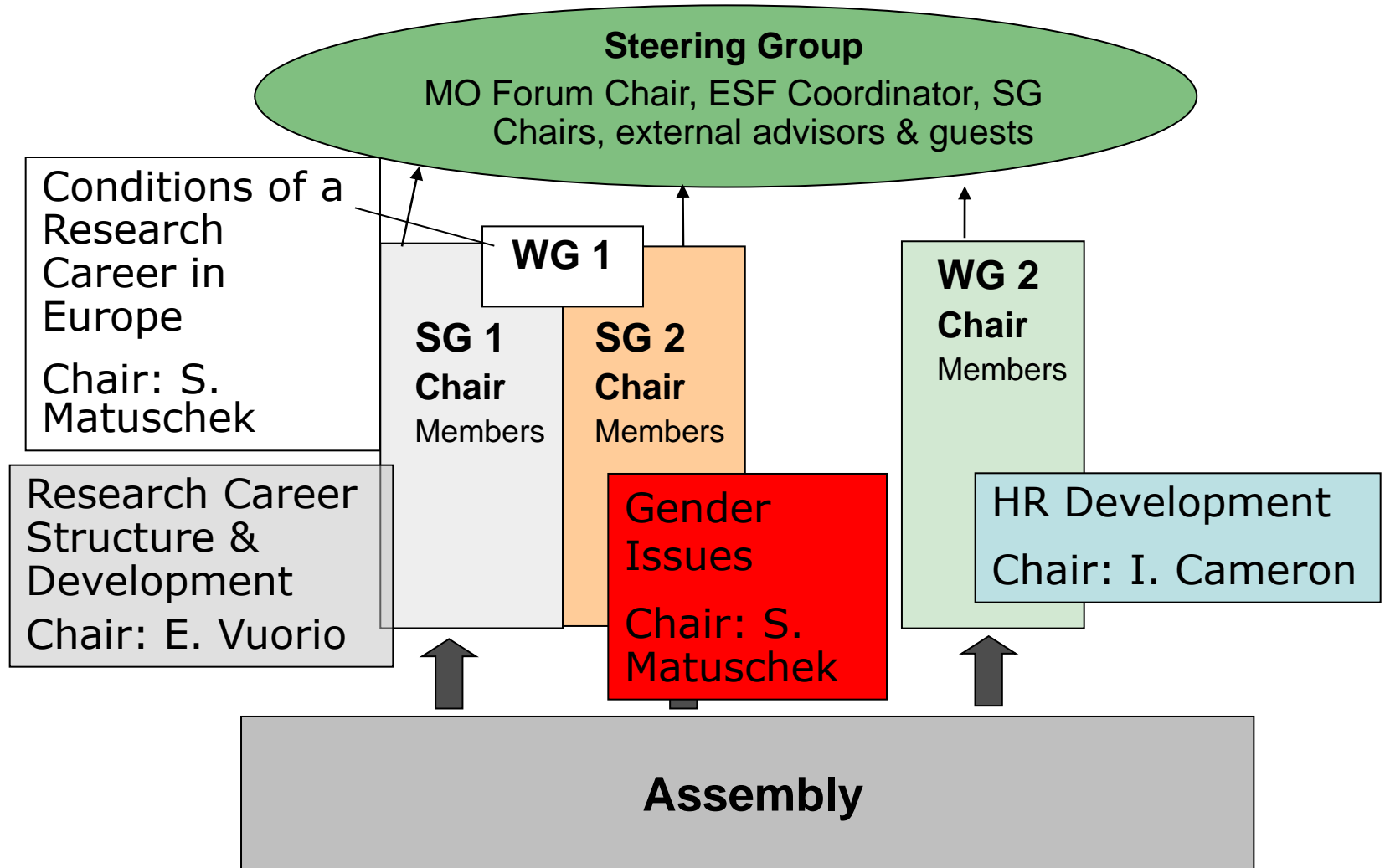
Draft  
Report

**September 2009**  
Annual Assembly

Report

**November 2009**

# The Structure



# The Actors

- **Steering Group**

- Chair: Beate Scholz
- ESF Coordinator: Neil Williams ⇒ Laura Marin
- Subgroup/working group chairs: Eero Vuorio, Susanne Matuschek, Iain Cameron
- Advisors: Martin Hynes, Zsolt Kajcsos
- Guests: Massimo Serpieri (EC), Lidia Borrell Damian, John Smith (both EUA)

- **Subgroups/working groups**

- Representatives of ~ 40 MOs
- Guests: Katrien Maes (LERU), Gerlind Wallon (EMBO), Maren Jochimsen (EPWS) et al.
- Stakeholders: researchers of different career stages, e.g. Svetlana Berdyugina et al.



# Data & Methodology

- Some figures
  - 9 meetings of the Steering Group
  - 4-6 meetings of working groups/subgroups
  - 3 plenary meetings
- Procedures
  - Joint decision on topics
  - Mapping
    - Questionnaire exercises
    - Analyses of existing surveys/publications
  - Preparation of the report

# Draft report

## 'Research Careers in Europe – Landscape & Horizons'

- Summary & Declaration
- Introductory Part
  - Motivation, Mission & Objectives, Scope & Structure, Methodology
- Cross-cutting conclusions & recommendations
- Annex
  - Working group/subgroup chapters
  - Questionnaires
  - Membership list

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# What we hope to achieve

- Draft report
  - Feedback
  - Discussion
  - Ideally: consensus
- Ways forward
  - Dissemination of results
  - MO Forum on Research Careers ⇒ new format?
  - Agenda-setting for the future

# How to proceed/ 1

- 'Appetizer'
  - ESF MO Fora: Laura Marin
  - National examples: Annette Schmidtman, Carl Jacobsson, Iain Cameron
- Presentation of the Report
  - Contributions by working groups/subgroups: Eero Vuorio, Susanne Matuschek, Iain Cameron
  - Cross-cutting conclusions & recommendations: Beate Scholz
- Feedback by Stakeholders
  - Universities: Katrien Maes
  - Early career researchers: Karoline Holländer
  - Private sector: Padraig Ó Murchú

## How to proceed/2

- **Break-out**
  - Topical working groups
  - Report back
- **Dissemination & way forward**
  - ESF: Marc Heppener
  - EUROHORCs: Nüket Yetis
  - EUA: John Smith
  - European Commission: Massimo Serpieri
  - Researchers: Svetlana Berdyugina

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