

Conclusions

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Topics

- **The Agenda – Further process**
- **The Goals – What to achieve**
- **The Priority Areas – Where to go into detail**
- **The Timeline – Endeavours until Nov. 2009**
- **The Structure – Suggested governance**
- **Next Steps – Documentation, communication**

The Agenda – Further Process

Working Groups

- ⇒ Definition of topics and priority areas
- ⇒ Setting-up of work plan: milestones, events, share of labour, timeline
- ⇒ Agreement on leadership

■ Plenary

- ⇒ **Goals, list of topics**
- ⇒ **Draft programme: next two years**
- ⇒ **Proposal on an overall structure**

Goals

- Platform for dialog between different kinds of institutions
 - ⇒ Research funding and performing organisations, universities, learned societies)
- Mutual learning of participants and their institutions
- Provision of an interface between the national and the supranational level (EU, ERC, EUA, LERU etc.)
- Policy recommendations to member organisations on the basis of surveys and analyses
 - ⇒ Strategy and programme development
 - ⇒ Potential for interaction with MO Forum on Programme Evaluation (career development)

Priority Areas – Conditions For a Research Career

What to deal with?

1. Research careers path/development

Chair: Eero Vuorio

2. Gender issues

Chair: Susanne Matuschek

- Invitation of key players: DG Research, Helsinki Group
 - Slovenian presidency: priority topic, ESF => input

3. Working conditions

Next step: documentation of ideas and classification

Priority Areas – Doctoral Education: Structure, Functions

‘Structured’ doctoral programmes

- Key drivers to set up programmes
 - ⇒ Who takes the initiative

- Other stakeholders apart from universities
 - ⇒ **Role of research funding and performing institutions**
e.g. evaluation criteria

 - ⇒ Industry
e.g. demand side

- Benefits of structured programmes?
 - ⇒ **Lack of evidence**

Common denominator for three topics???

Priority Areas – Human Resources Development

What to deal with?

- Identification of gaps in generic skills provision
- How can funders/performers support delivery of these skills?

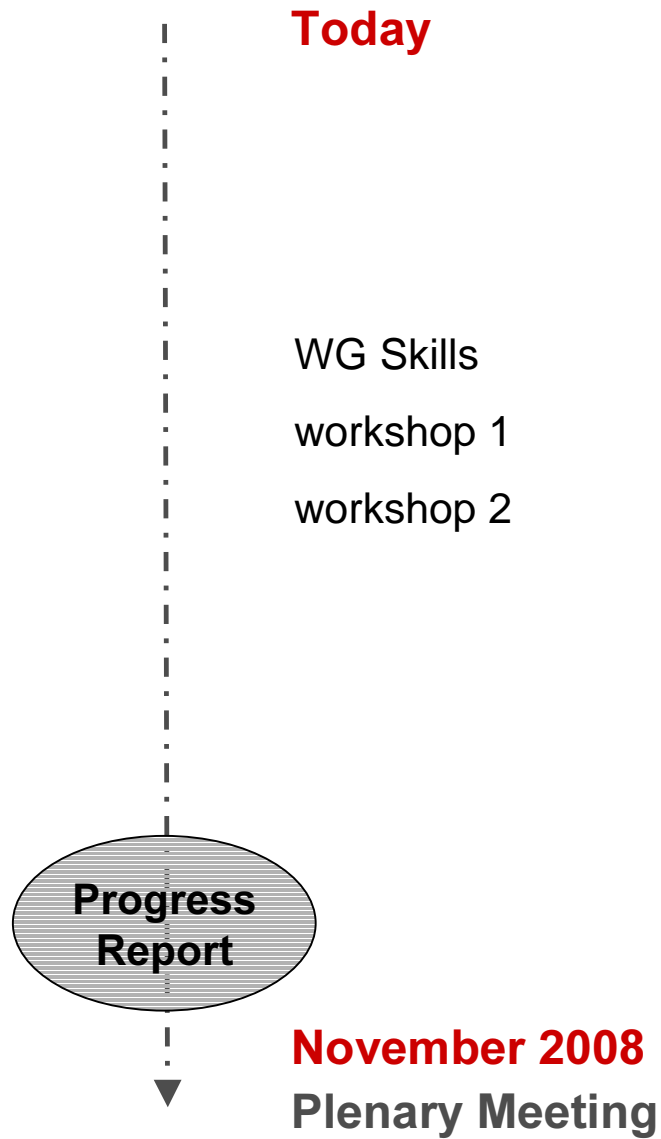
What to achieve when?

- Define exchange of good practice: mapping of good practice
- EC support
- Workshop 1 to address mapping issues
- Analyses of workshop outcomes: identification of gaps
- Workshop 2: conclusions for funders/performers

The Timeline – Milestones



The Timeline – Milestones 1st Year



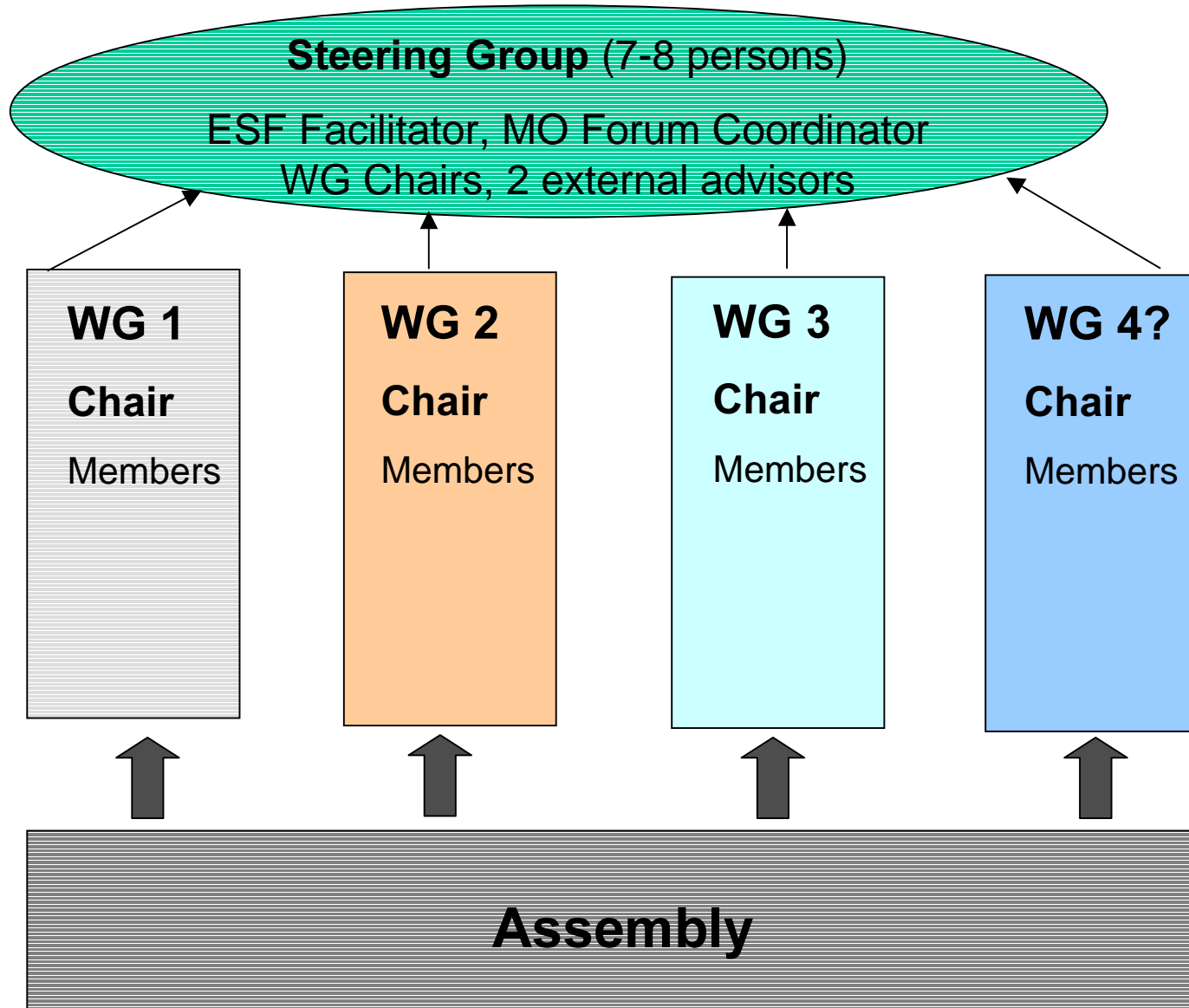
The Timeline – Milestones

November 2008
Plenary Meeting



November 2009
Conclusive Meeting (potentially topic for accompanying conference to ESF General Assembly)

Proposed Structure



Next Steps

- Documentation of the launch meeting
<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora.html>
- Mailing groups for different working groups
- Limit access members area
- Start of the work of working groups