



## *Setting the Scene*

# **ESF Member Organisation Fora on Science in Society Relationships**

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## 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 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 <b>relations</b> between <b>science, society and the private sector</b> | Science in Society Relationships                    |
|   | Research Integrity                                  |
| 2. Promote <b>European research careers</b>   | European Alliance on Research Career Development    |
| 3. Develop <b>scientific foresight</b> for <b>joint strategy</b>                          | Scientific Foresight for Joint Strategy Development |
| 5. Address <b>peer review</b> of proposals  | Peer Review   |
| 6. Develop common approaches to <b>ex-post evaluation</b>                                 | Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research              |
|   | Evaluation: Indicators of Internationalisation      |
| 8. Develop shared funding and exploitation of <b>research infrastructure</b>              | Research Infrastructures                            |



## ESF MO Fora Participation 2007-2010

| MO Forum  | Chairs & Co-Chairs   | Delegates nominated by MOs | Observers | Total Participation in meetings |
|---|--|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes 2007-2009 | Jurgen Gudler (DE)   | 57                         | 6         | 204                             |
| Peer Review 2007-2009 ext. 2011                                 | Marc Heppener, Chair (ESF); Fiona Kernan (ERC) Stephen Simpson (IE); Alan Cross (EC)                                     | 49                         | 8         | 202                             |
| Research Careers 2007-2009 ext. 2010                            | Beate Scholz (DE); Iain Cameron (UK), Eero Vuorio (FI); Susanne Matuschek (CH)   | 45                         | 19        | 221                             |
| Research Integrity 2008-2010                                    | Sonia Ftacnikova (SK) ; Pieter Drenth (ALLEA); Maura Hiney (IE); Livia Puljak (HR)                                       | 36                         | 6         | 99                              |
| Research Infrastructures 2010-2011                              | Johannes Janssen, Chair (DE); Christian Renner (DE); John Womersley (UK); Nicoletta Palazzo (IT); Christian Rolando (FR) | 35                         | 9         | 68                              |
| Science in Society Relationships 2010-2012                      | JP Alix (FR); Manuela Arata (IT); Camilla Mod er (SE); Stefan Bernhardt (AT); Pirjo Hiidenmaa (FI)                       | 35                         | 1         | 58                              |
| Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research 2010-2012                | Anke Reinhardt, Chair (DE); Gro Helgesen (NO); Per Janson (SE); Ian Viney (UK)   | 36                         | 7         | 55                              |
| Evaluation: Indicators of Internationalisation 2010-2011        | Elisabeth de Turckheim (FR); Valerio Vercesi (IT)  | 23                         | 1         | 23                              |
| Scientific Foresight for Joint Strategy Development 2010-2012   | Thierry Damerval (FR); Karel Aim (CZ); Andreas Trepte (DE); Jenny Nordquist (SE)   | 21                         | 1         | 16                              |
| European Alliance on Research Career Development (II) 2010-2012 | Nuket Yetis, Chair (TK); Iain Cameron (UK); Hans Borchgrevink (NO); Marie-Claude Marx (LU)                               | 21                         | 5         | 8                               |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | <b>358</b>                 | <b>63</b> | <b>954</b>                      |



# MO Forum on *Science in Society Relationships*

## **Aim**

- Improve and introduce practices of engagement of SiS relationships
- Make policy recommendations
- Propose interfaces for dialogue

## **Objectives**

Bridging public understanding to public engagement by:

- Analysing and mapping MOs practices
- Promoting science at the cultural level
- Raising awareness of the scientific community on the need for dialogue
- Developing 'listening' practices to other stakeholders

**Participation:** 35 MOs (+ 1 Observer)

## **Actions / WGs**

1. Capacity building >> Policy recommendations
2. Recognition, impact and evaluation >> incentives and indicators
3. Best practices and pitfalls for audiences >> Handbook and Forward Look



## MO FORUM Activities

### Activities

- 1st Steering Committee – 5 February 2010, Brussels
- 1st Forum Workshop – 7/8 April 2010, Brussels
  - Survey – launched 17 June 2010
- 2nd Steering Committee – 27 September, Paris
- 2nd Forum Workshop – 3/4 November 2010, Genova
- 3rd Steering Committee – 26 January 2011, Brussels
- Forward Look scoping workshop – 10/11 January 2011, Strasbourg
- 3rd Forum Workshop – 12/13 May 2011, Dublin

### Current Outputs

- \* Draft analysis survey report
- \* Draft rationale on best practices and pitfalls
- \* Draft key bibliography references
- \* Draft rationale indicators
- \* Draft introduction Final report
- \* Contribution Forward Look Proposal

## Forward Looks

- Medium to long-term scientific perspectives
- Multidisciplinary topics viewed at a European level
- Connecting scientists with policy makers
- Wide consultation of stakeholders
- Producing major reports and action plans

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# FL Proposal – The Future of Science in Society

## Steps

- A Scoping Workshop took place on January 2011 in Strasbourg
- First draft of the proposal was circulated to all participants in the scoping workshop for comments at the end of February
- Second draft of the proposal was circulated to Science, Technology and Society experts for final comments on scientific content in early April
- Final draft of the proposal has been circulated to all the Standing Committees for support in early May
- Final draft of the proposal has been circulated to the MO Forum on Science and Society Relationships for information in early May
- Final version of the proposal to be submitted to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- If recommended by the SAB, then the proposal will be approved at the Governing Council on June 22-23
- The FL then will be launched in September 2011





## Link with other MO Fora

### WG2: Impact

Forum on Evaluation

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# Structure of the Forum Workshop

## **Objectives of the meeting:**

1. To work further on the question of public engagement
2. To share views on future challenges with the colleagues from the Communications Network
3. To prepare a session proposal for ESOF2012
4. To work further on the Forum's WGs Action Plans
5. To start drafting the final recommendations of the Forum



**Thank you for your attention**

**More info:**

<http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora/science-in-society-relationships.html>