Towards a consultation of MO Executives about our « Science in Society draft report »

ESF MOF SiS Vienna meeting
Objective: Reinforce recommendations

- SiS is a new view of science policy (3 pillars)
- Our recommendations analyse why, and propose:
  - a realistic view of the current situation
  - concrete ways to the future
- We wonder how to make it easier for MOs to take into account our recommendations
- A consultation of MO executives would permit a fine tuning of recommendations
The core recommendations

- Scientists ask for a *shared* responsibility
- So Institutions have to declare SiS as a normal activity (to engage)
- If they do, activities:
  - should be organised (planning, funding)
  - should be evaluated (criteria ?)
  - Practices should be exchanged to gain ideas and time
Executives are « key people » for science policy

- Executives are at the cross point between State policy, economic demand, public and scientific activity
- They are just the right people to convince, because they know the real potential and constraints of research
- Change can’t really happen without the support of Executives
To consult Executives

- Ask for a critical discussion of the SiS concept (reciprocal/multiway)
- Ask for transformations planned in institutional design to support SiS activities
- Ask for ADVICE on our recommendations
How to do that?

- Consultation should concern all ESF members (and not only members of the Forum)
- A questionnaire should be addressed directly to Executives with a very few questions
- Members of the F should have a role in presenting what has been done by the forum to their executives, to facilitate answers
- Guidelines should be established to help the presentation, and to facilitate the collection of answers
Use of answers

- A summary of answers to be written and discussed by the Forum

- Use of answers:
  - Changes in the Report?
  - Annex to the Report?
Time table

- Draft questions during the meeting
- Set up a volunteers group during the meeting
- Report ready by 1st week of December 2011
- Questionnaire for interviews ready by 1st week of December 2011
- Guidelines for interviews ready by 1st week of December 2011
- Each MO sends the questionnaire filled to us by end of February 2012
- Analysis of the questionnaire by end of March 2012
- Input of the results into the report April 2012
- Next Forum workshop May 2012