

# ESF MOF on Science in Society Relationships

## Recommendations

**Improving interaction with society – urge for  
strategy & action**

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# Recommendations to Member Organisations

## General conditions

- **Diversity of context and cultures in countries/organisations**
- **No one model to fit all**
- **Yet, a number of conclusions in common**



## Recommendations to Member Organisations

### Needs of each MO

- 1) Commitment in policies and strategies – shared by all employees
- 2) Actions (funding, activities etc) appropriate to the objectives and context/culture



## Recommendations to Member Organisations

### 1) Policies

**Commitment to SiS in policies and actions**

**Mission Statement appropriate for each MO**

- All sciences
- Raise awareness of all: individuals, groups, institutions
- Listen to different actors in society
- SiS incorporated in MOs operations
- Individuals and Institutions be rewarded
  
- Start with internal audit and analysis
- Communication - internal and external



## Recommendations to Member Organisations

### 2:1) Actions

# Better SiS practices needed, recommendations for Research Funding Organizations, RFOs

## FOCUS:

- Ensure sufficient funding
- Evaluate quantity, quality and impact
- Reward accordingly

## MEASURES:

- Survey current situation. Does it fit with SiS mission statement?
- How to monitor audience, impact, quality, cost...
- Ways to enhance researchers' participation in SiS relations
- Identify gaps where extra funding or support could improve



## Recommendations to Member Organisations

### 2:2) Actions

# Better SiS practices needed, recommendations for Research Performing Organizations, RPOs

## FOCUS:

- Influence researchers' decisions, motivations and actions
- Consider SiS for promotion, salary and funding

## MEASURES:

- Survey current practices and funding.
- Identify areas of strength and weakness
- Ways to enhance researchers' participation in SiS activities
- Identify gaps and make plans to provide funding or support
- Integrate researchers' education with communication
- Raise awareness of stakeholders
- Set up infrastructure for SiS activities



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### 3:1) Policies and Actions

# Learning and improving – Principles and instruments for better policies and practices

## PRINCIPLES:

- Common views on SiS are emerging in Europe
- Sharing experiences, exchange of best practices, joint activities improve the processes
- Join capacities to develop common needs of eg indicators, methods of evaluation, impact assessment etc





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### 3:2) Policies and Actions

# Learning and improving – Principles and instruments for better policies and practices

## INSTRUMENTS:

- A Common Agreement on SiS on a national or European basis
- European network for regular exchange of experiences and best practices
- Network to jointly develop systems for indicators and measurements
- Initiate common research programs on SiS and its impact



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### 3:3) Policies and Actions

# Consider Rewarding Researchers and Institutions

- **Introduce evaluation methods and indicators**
  - **Activities – time spent**
  - **Resources – budget and human resources**
  - **Income**
  - **Develop impact measurements**
  - **Indicators should be simple, transparent, easy to collect, generally accepted**
  
- **Make SiS intrinsic part of funding and merits**
  - **SiS requirements at grant application stage and in reports**
  - **Use SiS as a differentiator in peer reviews**
  - **Begin to collect data on SiS**
  - **Allocate money for SiS in grant awards**
  - **Allocate money for SiS-promoting activities**



Recommendations to member organizations

## Conclusions

- Much is done, more is needed, development required
- Diversity of context and cultures
- Commitment in science policies and strategies vital
- Researchers and organizations must be rewarded
- Sharing experiences and best practices
- Network to jointly develop systems for indicators, evaluations and measurements
- Experiment with different instruments

SiS-dialogue means Science for the benefit of Society  
and Society for the benefit of Science



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# The ongoing Process

in and among the MOs and with the surrounding  
society is the most important achievement

# Continuation required!

