

Consulting RCN

on MO Forum's main recommendations

Underlining and re-instating:

- Such two way and multiple dialogues demand the development of other competences and knowledges to be sustained in our organisations, than the more «classical» communication and dissemination activities.
- It was against this background that we joined the MO Forum appreciating the **reciprocity** between science and society that we read out of the mandate given to CNRS regarding the Forum; “... a greater need for those involved in research and policy setting to recognise the cultural, economic, ethical and political factors that affect **the development of science** and the adaption of new innovations within society”.

Do you agree on the view that a ‘Common Agreement’ (the so called RCUK “Concordat”) and a High Level Committee are necessary? Institutionally? Nationally? At the European level?

I am a bit hesitant to endorse both these recommendations. According to my experience, common agreements tend to fall down on **the lowest common denominators** and fail to articulate **stretch goals** that could inspire experimentation and learning in our organisations. If the suggested high level committee were set up to **inspire and coach explorative activities for learning and development** in our different organisations, it might have something to offer. I presume, however, that this might be a rather challenging **mode of action** for a high level committee.

How can the recommendations of this report be followed-up?
Does your organisation have an adequate structure/system/funding for implementation?

The way forward might not be through a **premeditated strategy to be implemented**, but rather through **another mode of working** characterized by experimentation and exploration. We have identified several arenas for experimentation and learning relating to what is articulated in your introduction as; “... the issues of scientific cultures and its relations with multiple publics and networks with diverse natures ... “.

The way forward:

Continued discussions, experimentations and exchanges of good practices between research organisations, seem vital for our future success.