
Info Sheet

Proposing Member Organisations

- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France
- Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS), Bulgaria
- The Danish Council for Independent Research, Denmark
- Danish National Research Foundation (DG), Denmark
- Academy of Finland, Finland
- l'Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale, Inserm, France
- Union of the German Academies of Science and Humanities, Germany
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), Italy
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain
- Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Sweden

Rationale

Science in Society Relationships is a new strategic question in science policy as expressed in the ESF-EUROHORCs Road Map. CNRS and the ESF Office organised a road mapping event in July 2009, where the representatives of 24 ESF Member Organisations as well as further stakeholders and experts of science-society relationships discussed the specific steps ESF should take to help the scientific community improve its relations with the different publics in society, outlining this MO Forum.

Timeline

January 2010 – November 2012

Aims, Objectives and Actions

The MO Forum may consist of four to six workshops that may be organised partly according to the different publics science has to deal with and partly according to the overarching aspects of relationship management.

- Early 2010: Overarching Workshop on the situation of science-society relationships.
- Autumn 2010: Workshop on science-citizens and science-education relationships: with NGOs, teachers, students, administrators, education policy makers.
- Early 2011: Workshop on science-media relationships: with journalists from electronic, print and web media, from quality and tabloid media.
- Autumn 2011: Workshop on science-industry and science-politics relationships: with politicians from national and European politics, the representatives of industry and further users of scientific results.
- Early 2012: Overarching Workshop on the specific issues and best practices of relationship management.
- Autumn 2010: Final Conference on Science-Society Relationships

Expected Outputs

- Guidelines for MOs to improve their relationships with their publics and their stakeholders.
- Practical examples to be disseminated among members.
- Network of MO representatives aware of science interaction with society.
- Network of stakeholders having experience with dialogues between scientists and society.