The improved EUROCORES Scheme

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New EUROCORES Procedures

Current proposals for timing – most important points (1)

- Call for EUROCORES suggestions
  - Call published in April,
  - Deadline 1 June
- Decision which EUROCORES suggestions will be further developed
  - ESF Executive Board meeting in September
- Preliminary workshops
  - Between October - December
- Pre-Management Committee meeting
  - Mid February
- Publication of the Call for proposals
  - By Mid-July
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Current proposals for timing – most important points (2)

- Deadline for Outline proposals
  ⇒ End September
- EFAs checking Outline proposals
  ⇒ October
- Meeting to sift Outline proposals
  ⇒ Mid-November
- Invitation of Full proposals
  ⇒ December
- Deadline for Full proposals
  ⇒ Beginning February
- Review Panel meeting to prioritise proposals after completion of International Peer Review
  ⇒ By End May
- Start of Funding
  ⇒ September/October/November?
The EUROCORES Phases

1 - EUROCORES Suggestion invitation phase (3)
   ⇒ Before ESF Executive Board approval
2 - Programme and Call Specification Phase (5)
   ⇒ Before publication of the Call for proposals
3 - Project Selection Phase (7)
   ⇒ Before funding
4 - Implementation and Coordination Phase (4)

Currently 19 EUROCORES Suggestions / Programmes
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1 - EUROCORES Suggestion Invitation Phase

- Invitation of ideas for new EUROCORES themes (EUROCORES suggestions)
  - Deadline once a year
  - Detailed guidelines
- Scientific assessment
  - Through ESF Standing Committee members
- Strategic decision
  - EUROCORES Committee + ESF Executive Board
- If both positive
  - Preliminary workshop
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2 - Programme and Call Specification Phase

- Preliminary workshop
  ⇒ Invitation to all potentially interested MO’s and other funding agencies (MO-Plus)
  ⇒ Between October and December
  ⇒ Target: Draft Call for proposals and Define Programme

- Pre-Management Committee
  ⇒ If 8 or more Funding Agencies (“sufficient interest”) are interested the Preliminary Management Committee will be held
  ⇒ Agreement on administrative details of the Call

- ESF CEO seeks formal Commitment
  ⇒ Formal and financial reliable commitment of the EUROCORES Funding Agencies (EFAs)
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3 - Project Selection Phase

- Call for proposals
- Review Panel
- Two-stage Review process
  - Outline proposals
  - Full proposals
- Outline proposals sifting
  - Criteria: Eligibility, Relevance to Call, European added value, Novelty, Feasibility etc., NOT: Scientific quality
- International Peer Review for Full proposals
  - Criteria: Scientific Quality
  - Replies of applicant to referee assessments
- Priority List from Review Panel to EFAs
- Funding multi-logue
Add 3 - Transparency of the International Peer Review Process

The participating Member Organisations will receive (on a password protected website):

- All Proposals (outline and full)
- Anonymous referee reports and responses from proponents
- Review panel info (minutes, records)
- “Master list” on referees, on request

Information to the proponents:

- Anonymous referee reports
- Ranking of their proposals (upon completion of the review process)

Information published on the public ESF Web-site:

- Panel Members
- Funded Collaborative Research Projects (CRPs) Incl. Project Leader, Principal Investigator, Title, Contact details, Supporting EFAs
- List of referees used (upon completion of the review process)
Add 3 - Funding multi-logue
including reassessment

- ESF collects all replies on funding from EFAs
- All Individual Projects (IPs) of a CRP are funded
  ⇒ ok
- One IP of a CRP is not funded
  ⇒ Reassessment of the CRP by RP members
- More than one IP of a CRP is not funded
  ⇒ CRP is out

Reassessment of the not fully funded CRP
- Statement on viability of proponents
- Reassessment of proposals by selected RP members considering viability and remaining sufficient quality
  ⇒ If reassessment is positive and EFA agree, CRP will be funded
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4 - Implementation and Coordination Phase

- Establishment of the Scientific Committee
- Start of Networking activities
  - Scientific meetings e.g. workshops, conferences
- Strong Science Steering
  - Ensure collaboration
- Interim reporting and evaluation
  - At Programme and CRP level
  - Through members of the Review Panel
- Possible second Call within the current EUROCORES Programme
EUROCORES Committees

Management Committee
- One representative (science administrator/manager) from each EUROCORES Funding Agency (EFA) plus ESF Programme Coordinator
- Overall direction of a EUROCORES programme

Review Panel
- Independent experts
- Key role in the Review Process

Scientific Committee
- Representatives of the funded Collaborative Research Projects
- Take decisions on networking activities of the EUROCORES programme