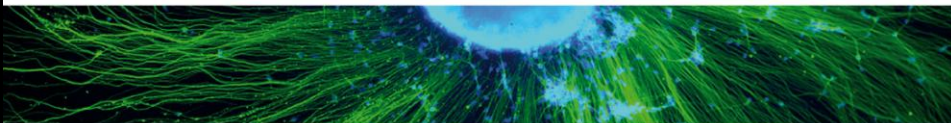




European Science Foundation



ESF Member Organisations



ESF is an independent association of 78 Member Organisations

- research funding organisations
- research performing organisations
- academies and learned societies

in 30 countries



Setting Science Agendas for Europe

The European Science Foundation provides a common platform for its Member Organisations in order to:

- **advance European research**
- **explore new directions for research at the European level**

Through its activities, the ESF serves the needs of the European research community in a global context.

Its mandate is underpinned by the values of excellence, openness, responsiveness, pan-European, ethical awareness and human values. It coordinates the programmes that are funded directly by national organisations.



ESF covers all scientific domains

Standing Committee domains

Humanities
Life, Earth & Environmental Sciences
Medical Sciences
Physical and Engineering Sciences
Social Sciences

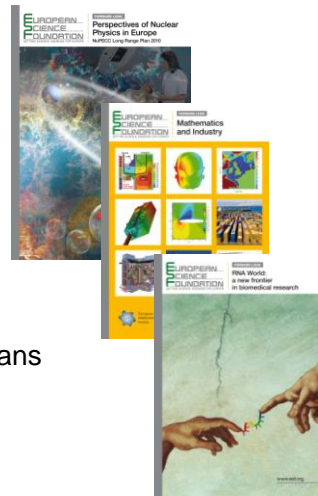
Expert Board/Committee domains

Marine Sciences
Materials Science and Engineering
Nuclear Physics
Polar Sciences
Radio Astronomy
Space Sciences



Forward Looks

- Medium to long-term scientific perspectives
- Multidisciplinary topics viewed at a European level
- Connecting scientists with policy makers
- Wide consultation of stakeholders
- Producing major reports and action plans



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Science Policy Briefings

- Addressing science policy issues of key concern to Member Organisations and the scientific community
- Drawing on the advice and expertise of top-level European researchers
- Providing evidence-based strategy recommendations to policy makers



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A time of change

ESF is in discussion with EUROHORCs (European Heads of Research Councils) about a possible merger of the two organisations:

To create a united voice for science in Europe and a powerful driving force to lead the future of the European Research Area

Currently being developed:

strategy activities priorities membership structure

Decisions to be taken in Spring 2011



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