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ESF Science Policy Briefings / ESF Committee Science Position Papers General Considerations

- ✓ Science Policy Briefings / Position Papers with a major impact
- ✓ ESF Committees and the scientific community have a need for publications to prompt discussion and communicate ideas.
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- ✓ Scientific quality control & external peer review prior to publication, under the responsibility of the ESF disciplinary Committee(s) or ESF CEO (with ESF Science Advisory Board)

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Typical Contents

- ✓ What is the issue? (balanced presentation of the case; state of the art in the field; key questions to be addressed?)
- ✓ Why is it important for science in Europe /globally?
- ✓ Why must ESF / Partners address this issue, now? (Why a ESF Science Policy Briefing or a ESF Committee(s) Position Paper?)
- ✓ Analysis of the issue, within a wider context (audience?)
- ✓ Recommendations for action; on priorities, key areas, target actors, stakeholders and audiences
- ✓ [Recommendations on how to organise the quality check?]

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Any Questions?



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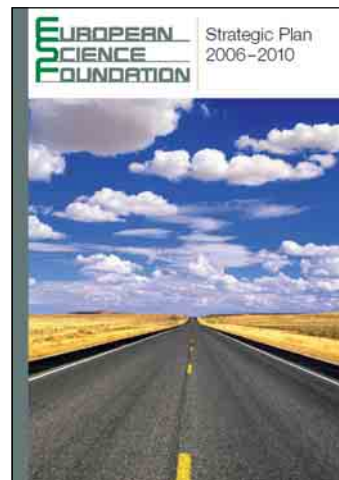
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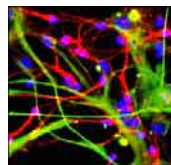


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