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ESF Member Organisations



ESF is an independent association of 72 Member Organisations

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

in 30 countries

ESF covers five scientific domains

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Life, Earth & Environmental Sciences

Medical Sciences

- Physical and Engineering Sciences
- Social Sciences

European Medical Research Councils



EMRC is the membership organisation for the medical research councils in Europe under the ESF, founded in 1971.

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EMRC's mission



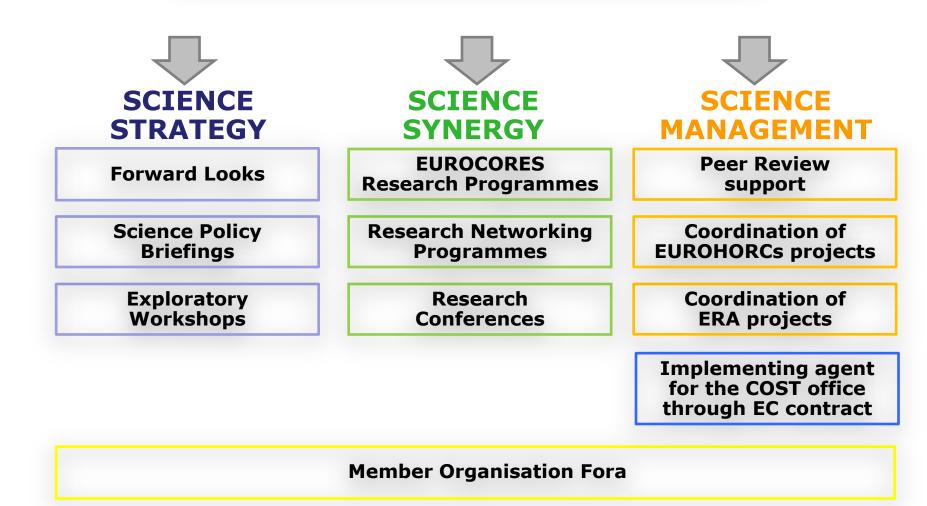
Promote innovative medical research and its clinical application towards improved human health.

Medical research

- 1. Basic Research
- 2. Translational Research
- 3. Clinical Research
- 4. Epidemiology & Prevention



ESF Activities



Science Policy Briefings

- Address science policy issues of key concern to ESF Member Organisations (MOs) and the wider scientific community
- Draw on the advice and expertise of researchers
- Provide consensus on strategy recommendations to policy makers
- Recommendations are intended to trigger targeted efforts by relevant stakeholders: ESF, MOs, governments, EC, EP, other international agencies, industry and academia





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Science Strategy – EMRC highlights

Forward Look

Implementation of Medical Research in Clinical Practice May 2011



Health Research Classification Systems November 2011

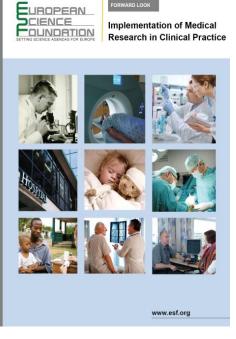
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ESF-EMRC Proposal for a Revision of the "Clinical Trials Directive" (2001/20/EC) and other recommendations to facilitate clinical trials

Position Paper

December 2011









SPB Open Access in Biomedical Research – Task Force

- Chair: Prof. Josef Syka (EMRC and GAČR), CZ
- Geraldine Clement-Stoneham (MRC), UK
- Nathalie Duchange (Inserm), FR
- Isabel Bernal (CSIC), ES
- Lisbeth Söderqvist (VR), SE



SPB Open Access in Biomedical Research - Timeline

- Task Force first meeting on 15 September 2011 in Frankfurt (DE)
- Task Force second meeting on 22 November 2011 in Prague (CZ)

Additional expertise from:

- Jo McEntyre (EBI, UK)
- Bernard Rentier (Liège University, BE)
- David Tempest (Elsevier, UK)
- Expert Group meeting on 21-22 March 2012 in Madrid (ES):
 - Discuss SPB contents (oral presentations)
 - Focus on and finalise recommendations
- Science Policy Briefing to be published in June/July 2012



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Forward Looks

- Medium to long-term scientific perspectives
- Multidisciplinary topics viewed at a European level
- Bring together scientists with policy makers
- Wide consultation
- Produce major reports and action plans



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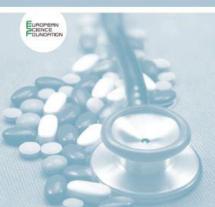


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- Represent a considered opinion of the community represented by the Committee(s) involved
- Not necessarily the opinion of the ESF as a whole



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ESF Member Organisation Fora

- Output-oriented discussion platforms for Member Organisations to develop joint actions on specific issues, involving others as appropriate
- Actions: to contribute to Member Organisation strategy development and/or lead to the development of
 - $\circ\,$ Best practice e.g. peer review
 - Common procedures
 - Cooperative activities
- Time-limited activities, typically two years

