

Roadmapping Science in Society Impact, Evaluation, Accountability

Outcomes of the Workshop

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ESF mission

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

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

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About ESF

- Independent organisation
- Established in 1974
- Budget 52 M€ in 2008
Staff 104
- Member Organisations'
General budget 8 M€
Staff 50



ESF headquarters, Strasbourg



Marine Board, Ostend



Research Conferences
Unit, 15th floor, Tour Louise, Brussels

ESF Member Organisations in 30 countries



80 Member Organisations

- Research Funding Organisations
- Research Performing Organisations
- Academies
- Learned Societies

Scientific domains covered by ESF

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



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SCIENCE STRATEGY

**Member Organisation
Fora**

Forward Looks

**Science Policy
Briefing**

**Exploratory
Workshops**

SCIENCE SYNERGY

EUROCORES

**Research Networking
Programmes**

**Research
Conferences**

SCIENCE MANAGEMENT

**Peer Review
services**

COST

**Coordination of
ERA-NETS**

Science in Society



- Management of dialogue on SiS from national to European/international level
- Discussants: EUROHORCs, ALLEA, ESF Member Organisations, EC, other intl organisations
- The SiS theme proposed to CNRS (ESF MO)
- ESF has instrument for **management** of discussion: **Member Organisation Forum**
- ESF has an instrument for **scientific exploration** of the impact of science on society and its evaluation: **Forward look**

Member Organisation Fora



- Output-oriented, issue-related venues for MOs, involving decision-makers and target groups as appropriate
- To manage dialogue at European level
- To develop joint actions
- Actions to lead to development of
 - Best practices
 - Common procedures
 - Cooperative activities

Current MO Fora

- Researchers' Careers (37 Orgs)
- Peer Review (11 Orgs)
- Evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes (41 Orgs)
- Research Infrastructure (launched)
- Research Integrity (to be launched)

Forward Looks



- Forsighting activities
- Themes from MOs, other Partners
- Analysis of *status quo* and evolution of a scientific domain at European level
- Medium/long term perspectives
- Bring together scientists and policy makers from ESF MOs, using wide consultation
- Result in recommendations for national and supra-national levels, for setting research agendas and priorities

ESF Forward Looks since 2008

• Central and Eastern Europe beyond Transition	05/2009	12/2010
• Mathematics and Industry	05/2009	12/2010
• Responses to Environmental & Societal Challenges for our Unstable Earth	05/2009	12/2010
• New Media and New Media Literacies	01/2009	12/2010
• Implementation of Medical Research into Practice	01/2009	12/2010
• Religion and Belief Systems	01/2008	12/2010
• Ageing, Health and Pensions in Europe	05/2007	12/2009
• RNA World: a new frontier in biomedical research	01/2008	12/2009
• Security: advancing a framework for enquiry	12/2006	12/2009
• Investigator-Driven Clinical Trials	07/2007	12/2009
• The Lincei Initiative: froms computers to scientific excellence	05/2006	12/2008
• Higher Education in Europe and beyond 2010	05/2006	12/2008
• European Food Systems in a Changing World (<i>partnership with COST</i>)	03/2006	12/2008

Expectations



- Key experts and stakeholders in this meeting
- Invited to consider using ESF instruments
Member Organisation Forum, Forward Look
- To explore the impact of science on society and how to evaluate it
- To promote accountability of science to society
- Special attention to dissemination and ensurance of impact of your work
- By involving the end-users of your work from the very beginning