All European Academies
ALLEA

Founded in 1994
Federation of 53 Academies of Sciences and Humanities
40 European countries
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Among the members are

- National Academy of the Lincei, L’Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, fondata nel 1603, è la più antica accademia scientifica del mondo; annoverò tra i suoi primi Soci Galileo Galilei

- Pontifical Academy of Sciences
  Pontificia Academia Scientiarum
ALLEA goals

- promote the exchange of information and experience between Academies
- offer European science and society advice from its Member Academies, and
- strives for excellence in science and scholarship, high ethical standards and independence from political, commercial and ideological interests
organisation

- general assembly
- member academies

- managing office (KNAW)
- working groups
- standing committees
- expert panels
Evaluating for Science
ALLEA working group

Netherlands, France, UK (Royal Society), Germany, Sweden, Poland, Spain and Turkey, start summer 2008
**Proposed activities**

- Produce a best practice overview of evaluation methods and existing protocols, including for example the Dutch experiences with the Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP) and the British Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

- Based upon common elements in these protocols we will propose a minimum set of standard guidelines which will be supported by all Academies. This could act as a kind of an ALLEA evaluation code

- We will not set up a register of experts
How will we work?

- early summer: kick off meeting with members of the working group
- start inventory among all ALLEA members, ask for relevant documents and other information. This will include ideas to reduce the evaluation workload for scientist and to prevent referee fatigue
- fall: analyse the data and search for common elements. Based upon these we will write a draft for a European Evaluation Protocol
- early 2009: discuss the draft protocol at a meeting of the working group and after revision it will be sent out to ALLEA members.

Before summer 2009 we produce a document with a proposal for a European protocol
Relation with other European evaluation initiatives

- ESF member organisation fora:
  - on Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes
  - on Peer Review
  - on Research Careers

- RTD evaluation network (6th framework)

- Other initiatives (see inventory)