Outline of the presentation

✓ What are the ESF Member Organisation Fora ?
✓ Forum on Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes
✓ New Forum on
“ESF Member Organisation FORUM” was developed in response to clearly expressed needs from MOs in consultations on the Strategic Plan 2006-2010.

“MO Fora is an output-oriented, issue-related venues for MOs, involving others as appropriate, (to exchange information and experiences and develop joint actions in science policy”.

“ESF aims to be the actor of choice and preferred partner when national research organisations develop joint activities.”
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MO FORUM on Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes

Focus:
“Post-Grant” Evaluation i.e. if the funding schemes or the research programmes achieve their stated aims.

Objectives
- exchange and document experiences with current practices
- facilitate networking of science officers engaged in evaluation
- explore needs and possibilities for collaboration in future evaluation exercises.

Participation
38 Organisations (+ observers)

Action Items
1. Mapping study on evaluation of funding schemes – finalised
2. A pilot study on international benchmarks – will continue in a new forum

Final Outcome
1. Report: Evaluation in National Research Funding Agencies: approaches, experiences and case studies
Activities developed

1st Workshop

2nd Workshop
Quantitative Indicators in ex-post Evaluation of Funding Schemes and Research Programmes: Case studies and Rationales Rome 31 March – 01 April 2008 (hosted by INFN)

3rd Workshop

4th Workshop
Evaluating socio-economic impact of research funding schemes. Budapest, 27 – 28 April 2009 (hosted by OTKA)

5th Workshop
Report: Evaluation in research funding agencies
Approaches and cases studies

- Exchange and document experiences with current practices
- Mapping exercise

1. Evaluation of the Research Funding Agency (overall strategy, performance, place in the national system)

2. Funding Policies or particular strategic issues (e.g. gender balance, impact assessment)

3. Research Fields

4. Funding Schemes

5. Research Grants

Annex

The Seven Funding Modes

Case Studies on evaluation funding schemes
MO Forum Structure

Strand A: 
Quality of ex-post evaluation studies of funding schemes

Strand B: 
Common European indicators in the evaluation of public research performing organizations
Future Perspectives

The Forum has been exploring the needs and possibilities for collaboration in future evaluation exercises lead to two MO Fora proposals.

Alignment with EUROHORCs ESF Road Map:
Chapter 6. Develop common approaches to ex-post evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes

ESF Governing Council approved both proposals:

Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research
- Towards good practices and joint evaluation exercises

Indicators of Internationalisation
- design a pilot study on "indicators" used to assess the "internationalization" in research performing organisations
MO Forum on Evaluation of Publicly Funded Research

Proposing Member Organisations
DFG, Germany; HRB, Ireland; NOW, Netherlands; FWF, Austria; FNR, Luxembourg; The Research Council of Norway; Swedish Research Council; Hungarian Scientific Research Fund.

Aims and Objectives:
- to exchange and document experiences with current practices
- to facilitate networking
- to regularly update, elaborate and disseminate the report on evaluation
- to explore possibilities for collaboration in future evaluation exercises
- to identify best practice examples in research evaluation that could possibly lead to a Guideline for Evaluation Processes

Outputs:
- a collection of recent evaluation studies, e.g. an web-based repository
- a final report on the activities and results of the MO Forum
- if possible: coordination of common activities, e.g. comparative evaluative study
MO Forum on Indicators of Internationalisation

Proposing Member Organisations
CNR, Italy; INFN; Italy; KNAW, The Netherlands; INRA, France; FAS, Sweden.

Aim
The pilot study aims to design and to produce a set of indicators that could account for the internationalisation of European research activities and programmes and be useful for Member Organisations themselves and in their relationships with the European Commission as well as their governments (for benchmarking and policy evaluation).

Objectives and Actions
STEP A: A review of current policies and practices in the MOs with respect to the internationalisation in view of the ERA ambitions.
STEP B: A review (‘best practices’) on indicators.
STEP C: Selection of a set of possible indicators and operational recommendations to develop and maintain them.
STEP D: Test phase. One or more indicators will be tested in a number of selected Member Organisations and at the European level.

Deliverable: Final report including test results and a vision on internationalisation in view of the ERA / Ljubljana ambitions.
Structure of the Workshop

Plenary sessions themes:
- Good Practice for devising and implementing Evaluation Strategies
- Comparative Evaluation Techniques

Break out sessions on the new MO Fora:

Strand A:
Good Practice on ex-post evaluation studies of funding schemes

Strand B:
Common European indicators in the evaluation of public research performing organisations
1. How should the report be disseminated?
2. How should it be updated?

3. What are potential future topics?
4. What are potential future projects?
5. How should we organise our work?