Consulting RCN on MO Forum’s main recommendations
Underlining and re-instating:

- Such two way and multiple dialogues demand the development of other competences and knowledges to be sustained in our organisations, than the more «classical» communication and dissemination activities.

- It was against this background that we joined the MO Forum appreciating the reciprocity between science and society that we read out of the mandate given to CNRS regarding the Forum; “… a greater need for those involved in research and policy setting to recognise the cultural, economic, ethical and political factors that affect the development of science and the adaption of new innovations within society”.
Do you agree on the view that a ‘Common Agreement’ (the so called RCUK “Concordat”) and a High Level Committee are necessary? Institutionally? Nationally? At the European level?

I am a bit hesitant to endorse both these recommendations. According to my experience, common agreements tend to fall down on the lowest common denominators and fail to articulate stretch goals that could inspire experimentation and learning in our organisations. If the suggested high level committee were set up to inspire and coach explorative activities for learning and development in our different organisations, it might have something to offer. I presume, however, that this might be a rather challenging mode of action for a high level committee.
How can the recommendations of this report be followed-up? Does your organisation have an adequate structure/system/funding for implementation?

The way forward might not be through a **premeditated strategy to be implemented**, but rather through another mode of working characterized by experimentation and exploration. We have identified several arenas for experimentation and learning relating to what is articulated in your introduction as; “... the issues of scientific cultures and its relations with multiple publics and networks with diverse natures ... “.
The way forward:

Continued discussions, experimentations and exchanges of good practices between research organisations, seem vital for our future success.