Conclusions

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Topics

- The Agenda – Further process
- The Goals – What to achieve
- The Priority Areas – Where to go into detail
- The Timeline – Endeavours until Nov. 2009
- The Structure – Suggested governance
- Next Steps – Documentation, communication
The Agenda – Further Process

Working Groups

⇒ Definition of topics and priority areas
⇒ Setting-up of work plan: milestones, events, share of labour, timeline
⇒ Agreement on leadership

- Plenary
  ⇒ Goals, list of topics
  ⇒ Draft programme: next two years
  ⇒ Proposal on an overall structure
Goals

- Platform for dialog between different kinds of institutions
  - Research funding and performing organisations, universities, learned societies)

- Mutual learning of participants and their institutions

- Provision of an interface between the national and the supranational level (EU, ERC, EUA, LERU etc.)

- Policy recommendations to member organisations on the basis of surveys and analyses
  - Strategy and programme development
  - Potential for interaction with MO Forum on Programme Evaluation (career development)
**Priority Areas – Conditions For a Research Career**

**What to deal with?**

1. Research careers path/development  
   Chair: Eero Vuorio

2. Gender issues  
   Chair: Susanne Matuschek  
   - Invitation of key players: DG Research, Helsinki Group  
     - Slovenian presidency: priority topic, ESF => input

3. Working conditions

Next step: documentation of ideas and classification
‘Structured’ doctoral programmes

- Key drivers to set up programmes
  - Who takes the initiative

- Other stakeholders apart from universities
  - Role of research funding and performing institutions
    e.g. evaluation criteria
  - Industry
    e.g. demand side

- Benefits of structured programmes?
  - Lack of evidence

Common denominator for three topics???
Priority Areas – Human Resources Development

What to deal with?
- Identification of gaps in generic skills provision
- How can funders/performers support delivery of these skills?

What to achieve when?
- Define exchange of good practice: mapping of good practice
- EC support
- Workshop 1 to address mapping issues
- Analyses of workshop outcomes: identification of gaps
- Workshop 2: conclusions for funders/performers
The Timeline – Milestones

Today
Launch Meeting

Progress Report

November 2008
Plenary Meeting

Final Report

November 2009
Conclusive Meeting (potentially topic for accompanying conference to ESF General Assembly)
The Timeline – Milestones 1st Year

Today

WG Skills
workshop 1
workshop 2

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Proposed Structure

Steering Group (7-8 persons)
ESF Facilitator, MO Forum Coordinator
WG Chairs, 2 external advisors

WG 1
Chair
Members

WG 2
Chair
Members

WG 3
Chair
Members

WG 4?
Chair
Members

Assembly
Next Steps

- Documentation of the launch meeting
  
  http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora.html

- Mailing groups for different working groups

- Limit access members area

- Start of the work of working groups