Update on the ESF MOF on Evaluation

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1. General Aims and Objectives of the Forum

**Aims**
- To improve evaluation studies on funding schemes
- To learn about best practices of impact assessment of research and research funding
- To identify the challenges in conducting transnational comparative evaluation

**Objectives**
- To facilitate networking
- To exchange and share information on evaluation studies of funding schemes and practices
- To produce an inventory of current and past impact evaluation practices/methodologies across Member Organisations, identifying gaps and lessons learned
- To develop an analysis of research portfolios and research output

**Strategic Alignment**
- With Action 6 of the EUROHORCs and ESF Vision on a Globally Competitive ERA and their Road Map for Actions
1. Fields of activities of the Working Groups

► WG 1. Evaluation Guidelines
  ● Draw up guidelines for ex-post evaluation of funding schemes
  ● Do a survey among the members on evaluation organisation and practices
  ● Develop a website repository containing evaluation reports and guidelines

► WG 2. Impact assessment on Science and Society
  ● Discuss the advantages and shortcomings with different methods for impact assessment
  ● Try to identify good practices in order to avoid pitfalls
  ● Conduct an in-depth analysis of impact studies

► WG 3. Classification systems and Categorisation of output data
  ● Examine feasibility of common systems to classify research portfolios
  ● Produce a short paper summarising approaches for the analysis of output data
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Timeline

- First Meeting in Stockholm May 2010
- Second Meeting in Smolenice November 2010
- Third Meeting in Paris in May 2011
- Fourth Meeting in Bern in November 2011
- Fifth Meeting in Oslo May 2012

- End of the Forum in December 2012.
2. Where are we now?
Activities since last meeting

- Launch of the EMRC Special Policy Brief on 22 November 2011
- All WG have developed drafts of their reports (circulated before this meeting)
- Editorial Board Meeting on March 27 in Brussels
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Outreach activities since last meeting

► Presentation at the ESF MO Forum on Research Careers on 21-22 November 2011 in Strasbourg
► Presentation at the meeting of the G8 Horcs Working Group on Research Assessment on 14-15 November 2011 in London
► Presentation at the workshop "Assessing the performance of ERC funded projects, impact assessment and ex-post evaluation of results“ 24-25 November 2011 in Brussels

► Co-hosting the FNR-ESF Workshop on Career Tracking on 9-10 February 2012 in Luxembourg http://www.researcherscareers.lu/

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2. Outreach activities since last meeting
ESF-FNR Workshop on Career Tracking

► Wide participation: more than 100 participants

► Aim of the workshop
  ● a mix of theory and practice through presenting career tracking initiatives, their purposes and methodologies as well as their major findings,
  ● a forum of learning how to set up a tracking of doctorate holders / researchers in a funding agency, university, region or country.

► Covered by NatureJobs, now with its own blog
http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2012/02/15/how-would-you-define-a-successful-career-in-science

► Report to be published this summer.

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Timeline of future activities

► This Meeting in Oslo:
  - Further input – presentations by experts
  - discussion of final report(s) with the whole Forum and the Indicators Forum
  - decision on marketing/dissemination activities

  - See Agenda

► Spring until end of 2012:
  - final editing of the report(s)
  - final layout of the report(s)
  - implementation of dissemination and marketing activities
  - Final launch event
Thank you for your attention!