ESF-EUROHORCs Roadmap
Peer Review Mandate:
Background and Next Steps

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1-Background

Peer Review and Evaluation at ESF

- ESF’s ambition is to play an active and decisive role in mobilizing dialogues and joint actions towards setting the agenda for Peer Review

Three main groups of activities currently support this ambition:

- Internal Peer Review Activities
- External Peer Review and Evaluation Activities
- Policy and Strategy
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- **Internal peer review activities**
  - assuring quality and integrity of the science operations
  - enhancing competencies and building capacity

- **External activities on peer review and evaluation**
  - providing support to Member Organisations and others
  - promoting standardization and common practices
  - leveraging capacities and resources
  - enhancing ESF’s positioning in science management
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- Policy and Strategy towards peer review and research evaluation activities
  - ESF-EuroHORCs Roadmap
    - Chapters 5 on Peer Review (and 6 on Evaluation)
    - The Peer Review Guide
    - Comprehensive Survey of Peer Review Practices
  - MO Forum on Peer Review (2 year extension)
  - MO Forum on Evaluation
In response to clear needs:
1. Renewed commitments of the ESF, MOs and EuroHORCs for playing a key role in shaping an ERA of excellence
2. Peer Review and its role in science management are increasingly under scrutiny (if not under stress!)
3. Joint actions and dialogues are necessary in order to fulfil ERA requirements but also to guide future directions

ESF is in a unique position to:
- Initiate the dialogues and facilitate the discussions
- Coordinate the activities and actions
  - high levels of ambitions and expectations
Two main thrusts:

1. **Creation of a European reference Body of Knowledge on Peer Review**
   a. The Peer Review Guide
   b. Web-based repository: surveys, tools, other resources
   c. Role of Incentives for Peer Reviewers?
   d. Scope and application of *Bibliometrics*?

2. **Creation of an International assembly of peer reviewers:**
   a. A formally established entity managed by the ESF
   b. Closely linked to the evolution of ESF Pool of reviewers
   c. Project and implementation plans are being developed
ESF assembly (College) of expert reviewers:

- Implementation and deployment
- Approvals
- Implementation plan
- Detailed concept, requirements and specifications
- Project Charter
- Management Approval
- Preliminary ideas and concepts
3-Next Steps

- Survey
  1. Full Launch of the questionnaire
  2. Analysis of the results
- Finalising the structure of the Guide
- Developing content for the Chapters
- Approval
- Tracking of the changes and approvals
4-Connections to the forum

- Inputs on the scope and structure of the Guide
- Contributions to the content
- Inputs on analysis of the survey
- Contributions to the concept of the assembly of peer reviewers – the “cohorts” or the “college”
The concept of ESF Assembly of Peer Reviewers ("college" or "cohort")

Food for thoughts!

1. The need for such an assembly
   - Europe, International

2. Ownership and usage
   - Joint or sole custody
   - Maintenance and access

3. Structure and membership format
   - Selection/constitution of members
   - Stratifications
   - Quality of content
   - Credibility and appeal
Thank you