Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes.
Expectations, Practices and Experiences
Berlin 22 and 23 October 2007
Outline of the Presentation

- Briefly about ESF
- ESF MO FORA: Rationale and procedures
- Two other MO FORA
  - Peer Review
  - Research Careers
- Other ideas being discussed
- Other ESF activities to link MOs
Briefly about ESF

• **75 Member Organisations**
  (30 countries)
  – Research funding organisations
  – Research performing organisations
  – Learned Societies

• **Budget**: about € 40 million in 2006, including à la carte activities and external contracts.
MO FORA: Rationale

Developed in response to clearly expressed needs from MOs in the consultations on the strategic plan, MO FORA are

“output-oriented, issue-related venues for MOs, involving others as appropriate, to (exchange information and experiences) and develop joint actions”.

“ESF aims to be the actor of choice and preferred partner when national research organisations develop joint activities.”
Timeline 2006

26 June 2006
Call for suggestions
Deadline November 2006

19-20 April 2007
Gov Co agrees to launch
- Research Careers
- Evaluation of funding schemes and research programmes

24 May 2007
Call for expression of interest
Deadline 18 June 2007

Launch and activities
Timeline 2007

22 June 2007

Call for suggestions

Deadline 1 December 2007
Two other MO FORA

- Peer Review
- Research Careers
Peer review I

Start
At ESF/EUROHORCS/CSF Conference Peer Review: Its present and future state Prague October 2006

Objectives

- exchange experiences
- develop best practices across Europe.

Participation
10 Organizations
Peer review II

Activities

Initial meeting during the Prague Conference October 2006

Working group meetings

- April 2007, Strasbourg
- September 2007, London
- November 2007, Brussels

An interactive workshop on Peer Review for ESF member organizations, March 2008
Research Careers I

Start
An idea from the European Network on Research Careers

Objectives
- joint platform for the exchange of views and experiences and for the development of strategy concepts.

long-term goals
- create or improve programmes aimed at promoting different career stages
- work on marketing campaigns to raise the international visibility of the ERA in the global competition for research talents.
Research Careers II

Participating organizations
38 Organizations and European University Association and European Commission

Activities
Launch Conference
8th November 2007, Brussels
Other ideas under discussion ......

Fostering good scientific practice

Following the 1st World conference "Research Integrity: fostering responsible research", Lisbon 16-19 September 2007

ESF Office is currently compiling an overview of approaches, policies and procedures to foster good scientific practice

Open access policies
(to publications and research data)

Other activities to link MOs

Accountability in Science and Research Funding. An workshop organized together with NSF (Office of the Inspector General), Strasbourg, 5-7 June 2007

EUROHORCS Working Group on Research Information systems of European Organizations

Recommendations to EUROHORCS: December 2007

Network of Communication officers 1st Meeting: 18 – 19 October 2007, Strasbourg
For further information

http://www.esf.org/activities/mo-fora.html

- Information on specific MO FORA
- Contact details of ESF Officers who coordinate the activities member fora
- Call for suggestions, call for expression of interest and relevant governing council papers
Thank you for your attention