

The Shape of Science in Europe

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A time of change

- ERA now has a treaty base under the Lisbon treaty
- The next Framework Programme is already in the design phase
- The EU2020 strategy has been recently launched
 - Underpinning and innovative research is vital for success of EU 2020 and a strong ERA will be part of this

Pillars of EU 2020

Smart growth

- Digital agenda for Europe
- Innovation Union
- Youth on the move



Sustainable growth

- Resource efficient Europe
- An industrial policy for the globalisation era



Inclusive growth

- An agenda for new skills and jobs
- European platform against poverty



Innovation Union

- Flagship initiative requiring strong research contribution
- Working with the industry agenda – streamlining the landscape
- Competence issues - role of the EC under new Lisbon Treaty powers
- European Innovation Platforms
 - How will they work?

Routes to influence

.....working through government and via national and European bodies

- Stakeholder groupings such as RCUK (RCEU), UUK, Learned Societies etc.
- Programme Committee and Expert Group members
- National contact points
- Feeding in via BIS and UKREP – the ministerial/government level agenda

Routes to influence

.....working at the European level

- High level groupings with *ad hominem* membership e.g. ERAB
- European Chief Scientist?
- Stakeholder groupings e.g. ESF, EUROHORCs, EUA, EARTO, LERU, EASAC, ALLEA, TAFTIE, ETPs etc.
- Simplification of the landscape – a more focused message for science and research?

EUROHORCs and ESF

Two organisations coming together with a single voice and mission to represent its members

Mission of new organisation

- promote the collective interests of the Research Funding and Research Performing Organisations of Europe
- support its member organisations in their efforts to foster European research
- strengthen the European Research Area through its direct engagement with key partners
- in doing so, be informed by direct representation of all scientific communities in its reflections on policies, priorities and strategies

Structure and function of new organisation

- To be fully determined by a Pilot Board early in 2011 – invitations sent by EUROHORCs Chair
- Streamlined policy organisation, providing coherent input to consultations and policy making at the European level
- Responsive and proactive
- No funding role but strong requirement for effective foresight and input from scientific community – representation on the governing board

Role of UK Universities as a 'research delivery' agent

- The current position represents a major opportunity to the HEI sector:
 - Aspiration of increase to 40% with 3-ry qualifications
 - Research opportunity
 - Engage with the debate and formulation of policy at national and EU level.
 - Participate with groups created to develop the agenda
 - Look to establish EU-wide partnerships in pursuit of global challenge targets.
 - Approach the competition for EU funds positively – management costs

ENGAGE and PARTICIPATE!