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ESF Member Organisations



75 MOs in 30 countries

Research funding organisations

Research performing organisations

Academies

The ESF Mission

Mission

The ESF provides a common platform for its Member Organisations in order to:

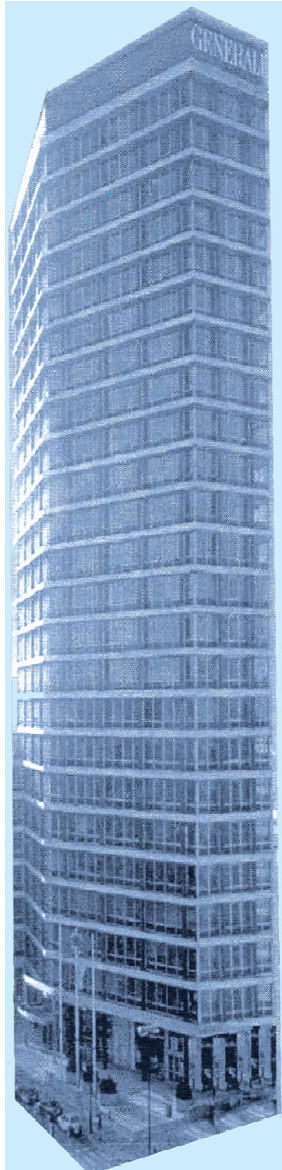
- Advance European research
- Explore new directions for research at the European level

Through its activities, the ESF serves the needs of the European research community in a global context

Values

- Excellence
- Openness
- Responsiveness
- Pan European
- Ethical awareness and human values

ESF – a growing organisation



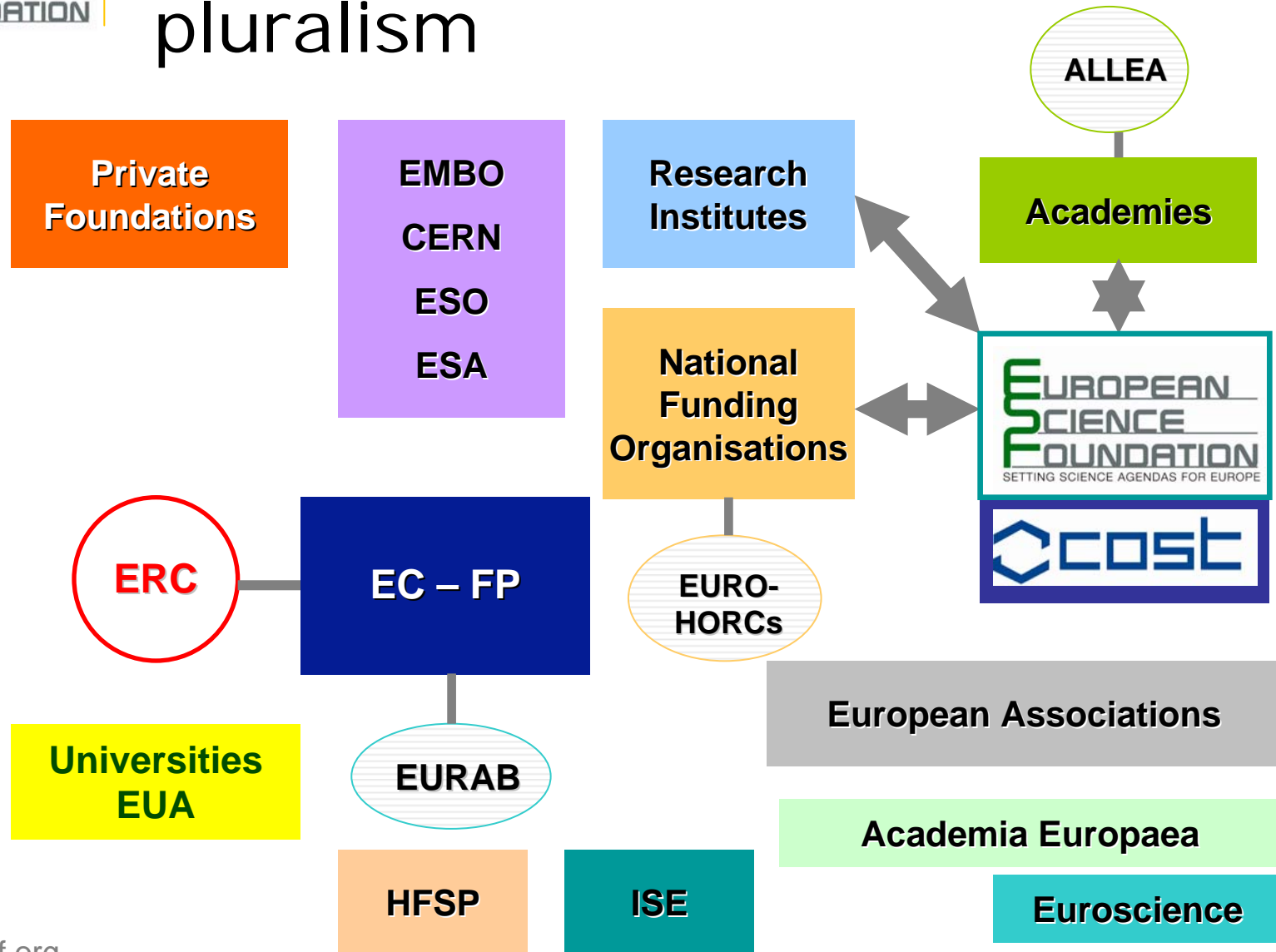
- | | 1974 | 2000 | 2006 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| • Budget: | 340 k€ | 20,000 k€ | 44,500 k€ |
| • Staff: | 9 | 51 | 128 |
| • Offices in Strasbourg and Brussels (COST) | | | |



The European Research Area

- R&D is on the political agenda: Lisbon agenda; FP7 150% x FP6
- ERC brings basic research to the European level
- Scientific development is more dynamic and requires scale and scope
- National boundaries put barriers to advances of the scientific frontiers
- Many pan-European research organisations exist
- The ERA debate has been re-opened

ESF and partners in the ERA: pluralism



ESF Strategic Plan 2006–2010

Catalysing the Advancement of European Research



Instruments

- Forward Looks
- Exploratory Workshops
- Member Organisation Fora
- ESF Research Networking Programmes
- EUROCORES
- ESF Conferences
-  **COST** Actions
- EuroBioFund
- Standing Committees
- Expert Boards

Accountability Challenges

- Financial
 - Multiple sources of funding impose different accountability requirements
- Process reviews
 - Quality of the process
 - Efficiency of the process
- Impact assessments
 - Science
 - Society

Accountability Challenges

- Policy audits
 - Organisation level
 - Instrument level
- Performance indicators and key figures
 - Score cards for instruments
 - Overhead ratios
- Benchmarks
 - Forward Look costs

Objective

Bring together substantive research projects carried out by multinational teams of scientists through workshops, summer schools, fellowship schemes, etc...

Format

Scientific programmes of 4-5 years duration

Key statistics

- N° of programmes operating annually:
→ 40/60 (low-end/high-end)
- N° of scientists participating annually:
→ ~5800

Output / impact

Mobility opportunities for young researchers (77 %); Co-publications (achieved and planned: 67 %); Improved access to RI (51 %);

ESF Office Service

Call, peer review, support of programmes, science involvement

Typical cost (k€)

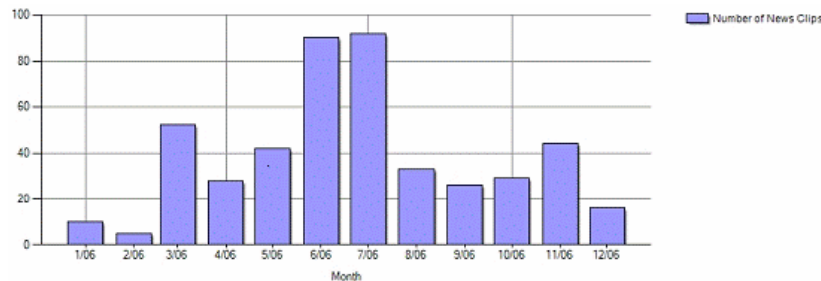
- volume basis: 54 active RNPs
- average annual RNP networking cost: 132k€
- share in running costs incl. employment: 29k€
- Full Cost per RNP: 161k€

Key Figures: EUROCORES

- Currently 30 EUROCORES programmes in various stages
- > 90 M€ research funding for the 17 programmes in the research stage
- More than 5500 scientists involved
- 66 National funding organisations participate, not only ESF-MOs but also Ministries, Canada and the US (NSF)

Key Figures: Communications

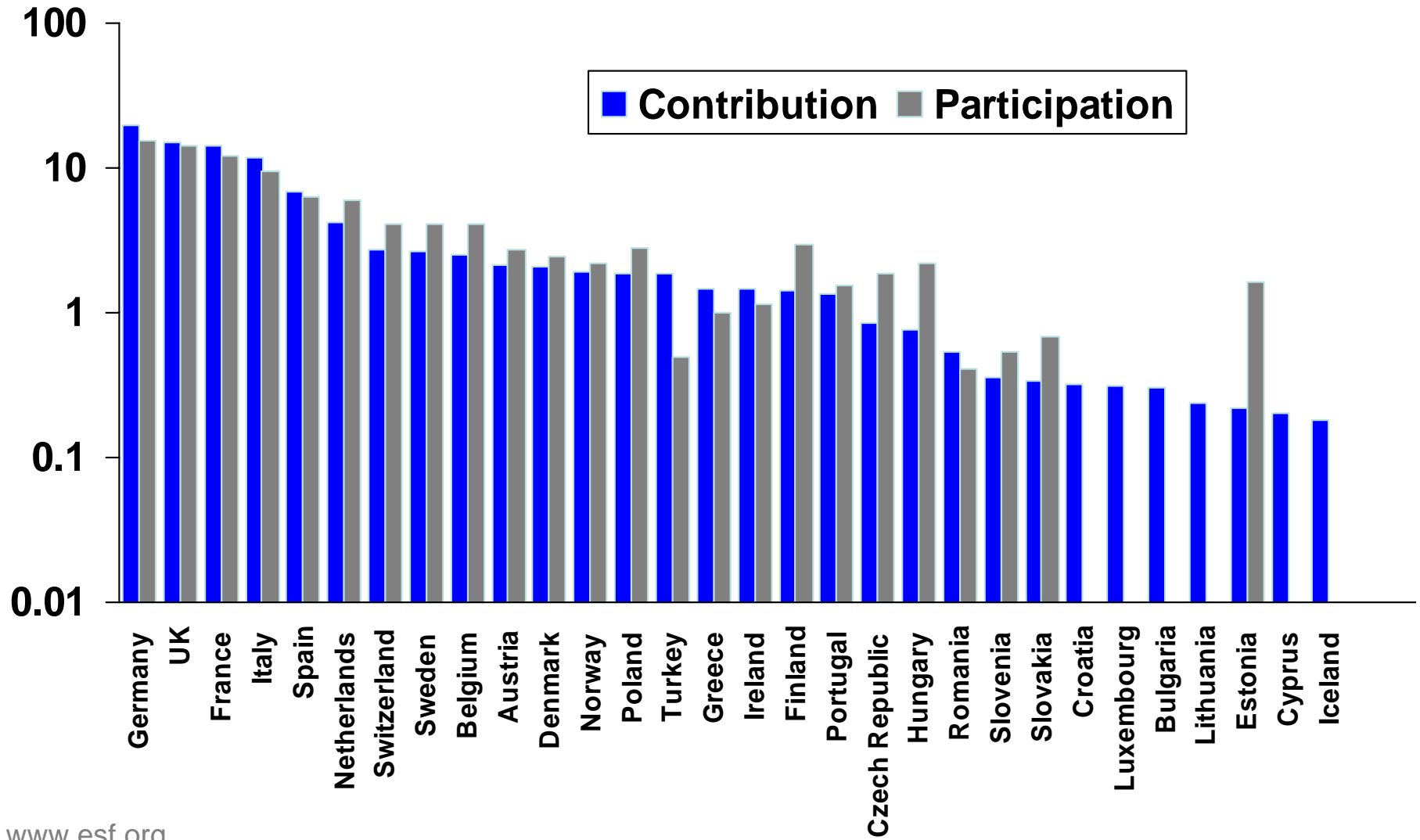
Number of press citations/month – 2006



- Developing a network of communications professionals from our member organisations – currently talking to 40+ communicators.
- 45 press releases in 2006 (21 in the last three months after the full team has been on board)
- 457 citations in the press in 2006
- Since launch, number of citations up by 35%
- 63 publications in 2006, 28 posters



% contribution to GBudget (2005) and % Participation in ESF activities (2004-2006), logarithmic scale, MO only



2006 Management Accounts | Draft Ratio for General Administration costs (K€ur)

		2005 Actual	Ratio B/A	2006 Actual	Ratio B/A
(1) Science Activities largely funded by MOs					
FULL COST OF ACTIVITIES (including General Administration costs)	(A)	15 200		17 313	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	(B)	2 643	17,4%	3 061	17,7%
(2) Funds flowing through ESF					
FULL COST OF ACTIVITIES (including General Administration costs)	(A)	37 029		41 012	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	(B)	4 107	11,1%	4 694	11,4%
(3) Total Activities (including funds not flowing through ESF)					
FULL COST OF ACTIVITIES (including General Administration costs)	(A)	60 529		66 412	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	(B)	4 107	6,8%	4 694	7,1%

(1) : General Budget, A la carte activities, ESF Research Conferences
(2) : (1) + COST contract, EUROCORES & EURYI Support Contracts, ERA-Nets
(3) : (1) + (2) + EUROCORES Research Funding + EURYI Award Funding

Benchmark Forward Looks

Forward Look	ESF	US
Science cost	148	111
Staff cost	26	77