



European Strategy Forum
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Monitoring of Landmarks

The ESFRI Monitoring Approach

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We have gone a long way

May 2018: ESFRI mandated by the Competitiveness Council

December 2019: Working Group Report
“Monitoring of RI Performance”

April 2022: Proposal for the Implementation of the
ESFRI Monitoring Approach

September 2022: Public Guide for Landmark Monitoring

Today: Kick-Off Workshop

Objectives: Why Landmark Monitoring

- **Regular Landmark Monitoring stipulates a regular exchange between the Landmarks and ESFRI**

ESFRI Monitoring will address the individual Landmarks and so go beyond the exchanges in the framework of ESFRI Stakeholder activities.

- **Assessment of the individual quality of each Landmark (no benchmarking!)**

ESFRI Monitoring will consider the missions and objectives of each individual Landmark. It is meant to help ensuring the quality of the individual Landmark and thus ensure the quality of the ESFRI Landmark label.

Objectives: Why Landmark Monitoring

- **Monitoring could identify problems: give Landmarks a chance to take appropriate actions**

ESFRI Monitoring shall support the Landmarks to identify, avoid or amend potential shortcomings. There shall be no removing from the Roadmap unless the Landmark had a chance to react by implementing appropriate actions.

- **Landmark Monitoring will compile information not only about the performance, but also about output and impact of Landmarks**

Output and impact are important factors to convince the public and politics to allocate funding to research. Within the limits of a monitoring system, the Landmark Monitoring can help to support the arguments in favour of RI funding.

Objectives: the Meta-Level

- **Monitoring allows insights in the functioning of the RI Ecosystem**

Not referring to individual Landmarks, the Monitoring could provide information on the cooperation between Research Infrastructures and cooperation with other stakeholders.

At the same level, Monitoring could provide indications on common problems of Research Infrastructures in general or in specific areas.

- **Monitoring can contribute to the ESFRI Landscape Analysis**

Again, not referring to individual Landmarks, the information from the Monitoring can provide valuable input to the ESFRI Landscape Analysis.

Consequences

- ESFRI does not intend to remove Landmarks from the roadmap monitored in this round.
- Rather shall Monitoring help the Landmarks to improve themselves
- and help improving a sustainable and efficient RI Landscape in Europe.

The First Round of Landmark Monitoring

- Only Landmarks which are at least partly operational and obtained their status 2016 or earlier will be monitored.
- This round of Monitoring will be done in three batches until the end of 2024.
- After each batch, ESFRI will check if procedural amendments will be necessary.
- After the first round, the process will be reviewed.

Who is responsible

- **Monitoring Panels**, one for each Landmark, will be in charge of the Monitoring.
- The **ESFRI Monitoring Committee** will oversee the whole process.

The First Round of Landmark Monitoring

Jeanette Ridder-Numan will describe the process in more detail following my presentation.

We shall have time for questions and answers after both presentations.

The break-out sessions at the end of this workshop will allow further exchange in more detail with the SWGs and the IG.