

Chair: Dorothea Sturn (Austria)

Dorothea Sturn was Managing Director of the Austrian Science Foundation (FWF), Austria's central funding organisation for basic research, comparable with DFG in Germany or ANR in France. In this context, she was involved in different international projects comparing peer review practices in national funding bodies. Her main areas of expertise revolve around research funding and proposal assessment by peer-review as well as strategy building and evaluation of research performance. Previously, she worked at the University of Vienna as Head of the Quality Assurance and Evaluation Unit where she developed an informed peer review scheme for the assessment of research quality in different institutional settings. At the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), she was responsible for various schemes fostering the co-operation between research and economy and earned her particularly strong experience in programme management. She holds an MA and a PhD in Economics and has lectured on public economics and on political economy.



Expert: Erik Arnold (UK)

Erik Arnold is co-founder and Chairman of the Technopolis Group, part time Professor in International Innovation Policy at the University of Twente and a Visiting Academic at the University of Manchester. He is a Trustee of the Fraunhofer-ISI institute, was a member of the scientific committee of the Institut für Qualitätssicherung und Forschungsinformation of the DFG (2007-13) and is a member of the editorial board of the journal Research Evaluation. He has worked in research and innovation policy and evaluation since 1980, covering work in a wide range of disciplines handling research and innovation policy. His work spans over 30 countries as well as the European Commission and a range of international organisations including the OECD, World Bank, Nordic Council of Ministers, ESF and COST.



Expert: Susana Borrás (Denmark)

Susana Borrás is professor on innovation and governance. As a social scientist expert on public policy, two of her leading questions are, what governments can do to foster and to improve socio-technical innovation in the economy, and what makes some decisions regarding socio-technical and innovation change to be democratically legitimate and others not. Her main attention is in the European Union, both at the supra-national level as well as national and regional levels. She advises regularly innovation policy-makers, is member of the editorial board of 5 scientific journals, and has non-executive leadership responsibilities seating in several boards.



Expert: José-Ginés Mora Ruiz (Spain)

José-Ginés Mora is an expert on higher education systems and management, especially on European higher education and its recent developments. Currently he is Visiting Fellow at OxCHEPS, University of Oxford. Before he was Visiting Professor at UCL-Institute of Education and professor and director of the Centre for Higher Education Management at the Technical University of Valencia. He has been president of the European Higher Education Society (EAIR), vice-president of the Governing Board of the IMHE programme (OECD), member of the Bologna Follow-Up Group, member of the Steering Committee of the ENQA (European Network of Quality Assurance).



Peer expert: Indrek Reimand (Estonia)

Indrek Reimand is Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research. Prior to this, he was the head of Research Policy Department (2004-2012) in the ministry, a position he moved to from the Estonian Information Technology Foundation where he was a member of Executive Board. Dr. Reimand is currently also chairman of board of Estonian Research Council, the main research financing organisation in Estonia, and member of board of Archimedes Foundation, which coordinates and implements international and national programmes in the field of training, education and research.



Peer expert: Philip Sinclair (UK)

Philip Sinclair until recently was Head of Innovation and Growth in the Cabinet Office, leading inward innovation in government, with a focus on making public sector business more accessible to SMEs. Prior to joining the Civil Service he worked in management consulting, corporate finance, and law. As an entrepreneur he has founded two businesses, most recently in the education sector for the Asia Pacific region. As a non-executive director he has advised several others on strategy, growth, and intellectual property. He has mentored entrepreneurs, executives, and students in the UK and abroad. Philip is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers & Commerce.

