



Eu-SPRI Forum

European Forum for Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation

► **Launching of Eu-SPRI**

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■ Three key missions



- **Next generation** – support for early career SPRI researchers (PhD; PostDoc): Conferences, summer schools, and mobility.
- **Exploratory Initiatives** – support for anticipation of new SPRI themes, concepts and methods.
- **Structuring the field** – bi-annual European Conference on PRI; global networking.

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■ Why a Eu-SPRI Forum?



- Policies for research and innovation (PRI) are a centrepiece of global 'knowledge and innovation society'.
- However, the design and implementation of PRI is not a simple and straightforward business.
- PRI are no longer exclusively in hands of national governments: also local, regional, European and international actors.
- Highly specialized agencies at each of those levels have been created.
- Many diverse stakeholders make their voices heard in PRI (universities; public research organisations; industry, PPPs, NGO).

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Challenges for governance of research and innovation, in Europe and beyond:

- How to devise policies in a multi-level environment?
- How to make public sector research more creative and effective? E.g. vis-à-vis 'grand social challenges', health, energy, security or environment?
- How to pro-actively shape and regulate innovation processes?
- Are there better ways to balance PRI and other public policies, e.g. higher education policies?
- How can PRI help to balance forces of globalization and localisation, and what role will they play for developing economies and societies?

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- SPRI is a **growing field** since 1960s: Evolving at the encounter of economics, political science, sociology, STS, business management, geography and history.
- Need to strengthen the vibrant but dispersed interdisciplinary community focussing on PRI: **'Structural' and 'conceptual' problems** to stabilize an interdisciplinary space.
- In particular three problems: career development for **young scholars**; truly interdisciplinary **analytical and methodological tools**; inter-disciplinary **'meeting points'**.
- Eu-SPRI builds on the efforts undertaken and momentum achieved by the **PRIME** network of excellence (2004-2009, EU FP6).

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■ The member organisations

- University of Twente, Institute of Innovation and Governance Studies (IGS)
- Université Paris-Est, Institut Francilien Recherche Innovation Société (IFRIS)
- Copenhagen Business School (CBS)
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain
- Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM-Accenture Chair on Economics and Management of Innovation)
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), CERIS Institute for Research on Firm and Growth, Rome
- Politecnico di Milano
- Consorzio Universitario in Ingegneria per la Qualità e l'Innovazione, QUINN, Pisa
- AIT Austrian Institute of Technology
- University of Lund, Sweden
- University of Manchester, Institute of Innovation Research
- Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe, Germany
- NIFU-STEP, Norway



■ Mission1: Next Generation

- Support for intellectual and career development of early career SPRI researchers (doctoral candidates; PostDocs).
- PhD Schools; Early Career Researcher Conferences; Mobility Awards for visits between the partner groups.
- First events and activities in 2011.



■ Mission 2: Exploratory Initiatives



- Eu-SPRI Forum aspires to anticipate new SPRI themes, concepts and methods.
- Exploration of new interdisciplinary analytical horizons will be facilitated through co-funding of **working groups** producing position papers within up to 18 months (competition-based selection).
- Members are asked to submit ideas.

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■ Mission 3: Structuring the field



- Eu-SPRI Forum holds a **bi-annual European Conference** on PRI, featuring both presently relevant and incoming new themes.
- Conferences will act as an **informal space** for exchange for the European and international SPRI community as well as for innovative stakeholders.
- Eu-SPRI members include Editors of **leading scientific journals** in SPRI (*Research Policy*; *Science and Public Policy*) and editorial board members of other relevant journals.
- Eu-SPRI Forum maintains strong links and exchanges with **'neighbour'-networks** (such as ENID, on indicators) and **non-European SPRI** communities and their organisations ...
- ... aiming at setting up a **"Global SPRI Forum"**.

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■ Organisation

- Eu-SPRI Forum is a **not for profit association** (French law).
- Members pay annual fee of 10.000 Euros into joint pot.
- Governed by an **Assembly** of its full members meeting once a year.
- **Executive Committee** (2010-12):
Stefan Kuhlmann (President); Emanuela Reale (Vice President); Susana Borrás; Jakob Edler; Philippe Larédo; Jordi Molas Gallart
- **Secretariat**: University of Twente
- **Website** (to be updated yet): www.euspri-forum.eu



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