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progress update

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- **Confirmation that information on EFSA's website and shared with you and Art. 36 organisations has well reached the respective target audiences**
- **All EFSA panel experts and all scientific networks have received an information via mail and are disseminating and promoting further**
- **The good number of questions and requests for clarification we are receiving indicate interest in participating to the programme either as hosting site or as fellow**

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Result up to now:

- **Around 8 organisations have indicated they are preparing a proposal for hosting one or more fellows.
=> Our target is around 10-12**
- **Fellows applications are coming in, but we need more!
=> Our target is 30**

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Also:

- **Interested organisations asked for more time to complete their proposals**
- **Several Focal Points members asked for more time so to visit their national organisations and via info sessions approach staff directly**
- **We need more fellow applications**

=> Deadline for applying has been extended

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Summary of feedback received and actions taken:

- Interested organisations:
 - ✓ indicated lacking time => deadline extended
 - ✓ asked specific grant/procurement questions
 - => all replies and clarifications published within 48 hours
 - ✓ Asked more general questions around scientific areas for work programme proposals, supervisors, etc.
 - => questions have been answered by phone and /or mail
- Individuals:
 - ✓ asked questions/clarifications related to administrative aspects such as monthly subvention, social security, travel arrangements, etc.
 - => all replies/clarifications provided swiftly and the Q&A section on EU-FORA web page updated accordingly

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**From now to closing date of calls (24 February 2017)
the EU-FORA team is :**

- **Answering on daily basis questions and demands for clarifications**
- **Publishes the replies on the EU-FORA and the dedicated procurement web page so visible for all within 48 hours**
- **Pro-actively seeks feedback from any interested party so to act on it effectively & quickly : you are a good source!**
- **Taking all opportunities such as visits, EFSA panel & network meetings, etc. to promote the programme and answer questions**

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Our kind demand to you:

- **Thank you for pursuing information and promotion actions, in particular targeting staff of your national organisations and academic institutions, if possible via 'live presentations'**

=> at last AF meeting, it was agreed that each MS would contribute with at least one participation
- **Ask us for any additional support you think can help**
- **Continue to provide us with feedback on issues/hurdles you hear about from either organisations or staff**
- **Direct any interested staff and organisation to our mailbox so we can get in contact:**

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