

ENFSI Board Action Plan 2011/2012

Introduction

The ENFSI Board Action Plan 2011/2012 is based on the ENFSI Strategic Plan 2011/2014 which was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting 2011.

The Strategic Plan includes the following 6 strategic goals:

1. Strengthening the **scientific basis** for the delivery of forensic science by stimulating and co-ordinating **research and development** activities.
2. Promoting the **evaluation of forensic information to** strengthen the effectiveness of scientific results as evidence.
3. Providing a forum for the exchange of good practice in the **daily delivery of forensic science**.
4. Facilitating the mutual recognition of forensic results throughout Europe through active involvement in the process of **harmonisation** and the **setting of standards** for forensic science in Europe.
5. Promoting **quality assurance** and the achievement of **accreditation** across the whole forensic process.
6. Stimulating an **education and training** program which is fit for purpose for all stakeholders in the forensic process.

In the ENFSI year 2011/2012 the Board will work on realising these goals or make steps forwards by means of concrete actions. The achieved results will be presented at the Annual Meeting 2012 and are up to evaluation by the membership.

Some actions will be performed by the Board itself, other actions will be performed by the Standing Committees, the Expert Working Groups, Project Groups or individuals. It goes without saying that the Board will keep the overall responsibility for all actions.

In the overview given below the specific actions per strategic goal are summed up.

Actions

Goal 1: Strengthening the scientific basis for the delivery of forensic science by stimulating and co-ordinating research and development activities.

- a) Install the (new) R&D Standing Committee, including the (re-)appointment of the chair and members.
- b) Stimulate the R&D SC to identify the mid and long term needs for two (not identified yet) WG's (meant as a pilot study).
- c) Stimulate the R&D SC to develop a R&D model for ENFSI member-institutes following an OOS on R&D.
- d) Stimulate the R&D SC to write a plan how to strengthen the scientific basis for the delivery of forensic science by stimulating and co-ordinating joint research and development activities.

Goal 2: Promoting the evaluation of forensic information to strengthen the effectiveness of scientific results as evidence.

- a) Stimulate the R&D SC to write a plan how to promote the evaluation of forensic information to strengthen the effectiveness of scientific results as evidence.
- b) Monitor and encourage the Monopoly 2010 project "Development and implementation of an ENFSI standard for reporting evaluative forensic evidence".

Goal 3: Providing a forum for the exchange of good practice in the daily delivery of forensic science.

- a) Stimulate the ENFSI-members to discuss how to realise a European forum for the exchange of good practice in the daily delivery of forensic science, including effective and efficient management.

Goal 4: Facilitating the mutual recognition of forensic results throughout Europe through active involvement in the process of harmonisation and the setting of standards for forensic science in Europe.

- a) Stimulate the ENFSI-members to discuss how to facilitate the mutual recognition of forensic results throughout Europe through active involvement in the process of harmonisation and the setting of standards for forensic science in Europe.
- b) Discuss and agree with the QCC on its structure and effectiveness considering the new ToR, the developing structure of ENFSI and the huge amount of plans in which the QCC is involved.
- c) Cooperate with CEN/CENELEC with respect to the realisation of European standards for forensic services.
- d) Realise a substantial role for ENFSI in the process following the so-called Polish Initiative

Goal 5: Promoting quality assurance across the whole forensic process and the achievement of accreditation by the forensic institutes.

- a) Stimulate the QCC to write a plan how to promote quality assurance and how to achieve accreditation across the whole forensic process.

Goal 6: Stimulating an education and training program which is fit for purpose for all stakeholders in the forensic process.

- a) Install the (new) E&T Standing Committee.
- b) Stimulate the E&T SC to write a Strategic Plan based on the ENFSI Strategic Plan 2011/2014 covering the forthcoming 2-3 years.
- c) Stimulate the E&T SC to write an education and training program which is fit for purpose for all stakeholders in the forensic process as well as forensic practitioners.
- d) Stimulate the E&T SC to explore E&T needs and capacity of ENFSI
- e) Stimulate the E&T SC to explore E&T needs of ENFSI E&T stakeholders