Strategy Development Update Webinar

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Webinar Overview

- Background
- What we have done
- What we have asked
- What next
- What we will do in 2019
Agenda2020 has served us well but it’s time for a new strategy beyond 2020

- Agenda2020
  - Fund excellent & impactful science
  - Build partnerships
  - Engage the public
  - Create a lean SFI

- Improved macroeconomic environment

- New Government strategies
We started with a blank page and have consulted broadly to develop the new strategy.
There are 3 broad phases to the development of Strategy 2020-2025
We have consulted with about 1000 individuals to date using a variety of approaches:

- Focus Groups
- Interviews
- Survey
- Workshops
- Other Funders
- Govt. Goals
- SFI Leaders
- International
- EU Direction of Travel

Output to date:

- 924 Consulted
- 308 Survey Responses
- 37 Focus Groups & Interviews
- 11 Workshops
The workshops were intense, fun and highly productive

149 brainstorm sessions
4,470 Post-Its
1,442 km covered
2,310 Cocktail Sticks
1,463 Marshmallows
77 towers, bridges built!
Analysis of workshop and focus group outputs is ongoing
Some themes resonated more than others with workshop participants

- Investing in basic research
- Efficiency of national ecosystem
- New ways to review proposals
- Increasing national spend
- Balancing SFI programme portfolio
- High-risk, high-gain research
- Diversity in research
- Globalisation
- Renewing SFI
- National Research Priority Areas
- Measuring excellence
- Measuring broader impacts
- One Voice
- Promoting interdisciplinary research
- Value of researchers
- Support for HEIs* 
- The Matthew Effect
- SFI Research Centres*
- Engaging citizens
- SFI communicating itself
- Industry engagement
- Open Access

*Theme not run in all workshops
It’s too early to talk about findings but there are interesting trends emerging.

Over 800 ideas

50 Clusters

- Low hanging fruit
- More challenging
- Supporting role
There is a lot of work ahead of us in analysing the data

- Analysis of the various inputs
- Synthesis and segmentation
- Prioritisation
- Building an outline of the new strategy
We will continue to consult as we further develop the new strategy

**Open Online Forum**

@sfis inclusive, online consultation on its future starts today! #sfistrat2025

- Based on a draft outline of the new strategy

**Then**

- Draft strategy based on online and other consultation
- Add detail to strategy document
- Socialise widely & update
- Sign-off by Q4 2019
Sincere thank you to everyone who has given of their time and ideas so freely to date!

• Thank you:
  • Everyone who attended a workshop or focus group
  • All those who input into our online survey
  • The leaders who supported us
  • The research offices for all the logistics and planning work

We are actively listening!
Email your questions to strategy2025@sfi.ie
Thank You

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