



Key areas

- Participation in the `EU/EC policy debate
- Targeted activities increasing visibility and image of AE (personal contacts, conferences, media)
- Broadening of the AE operational base



Conferences input

- "Excellence in research" (Aarhus, April 2012) Int Adv Board - 5 distinguished members of AE, AE provided a written opinion on the draft of the "Aarhus Declaration", Several speakers were our Fellows.
- "Horizon 2020" (Brussels June 2012) first HL conference on H2020 was organised by *Research Europe* AE became a partner. Several speakers were our Fellows.



AE official meetings

- Council of Europe follow up ("Small subjects under threat")
- NordForsk initiative on Grand Challenges (Strategy Group and invited presence at NORFORSK meetings on GC (Copenhagen, Helsinki)
- COST meeting with President (A. Rodriguez-Pena) and Director General (M. Dietl), Board at COST
- EC meetings with directors and staff of DG Res and DG INFSO
- ESF meetings with their CEOs (Maria Makarov and Martin Hynes)
- ALLEA meeting with Günter Stock



UNESCO – AE relationship

- The 2012 AE GA took place at the premises of UNESCO in Paris
- As the outcome AE received a consultative status of UNESCO - a legal gateway to present our position well beyond the European perspective.
- All the result of personal efforts of prof. Michel Che,



ERC special relationship

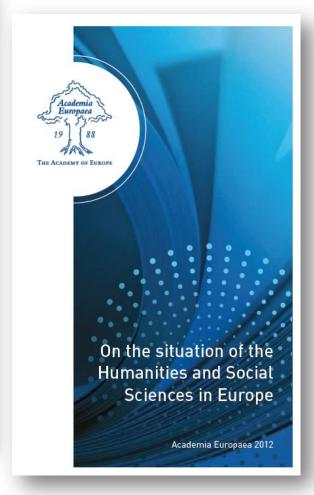
- AE has been most vigorous supporter of the ERC creation as the organisation and through our membership
- Most of the ERC Council members are AE Fellows and the same applies to Panel chairs and panel members
- AE was asked to nominate candidates to the Council -
- Following the decision of the Board, two lists were composed and sent to Section Chairpersons as possible candidates to AE.
 - All Awardees of the AdG
 - ERC panel Chairpersons not yet being our members.
- YAE initiative direct contacts to ERC Council members



Policy presence









AE offices

