



Closing remarks

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- EUROHORCs is the European association of
 - Heads of public Research Funding Organisations
 - Heads of public Research Performing Organisations



EUROHORCs objectives



- To enhance the role of the national research funding and research performing organisations in Europe through
 - a platform for discussions
 - joint activities
 - influence on European research policy



Why is this conference important for EUROHORCs?

- Around 25 bEuro of *public money*
- Built on public confidence in research
- Every case of misconduct is a serious threat to a fundamental foundation of science *funding*
- <u>Pro-activity</u>: understand the mechanisms behind unethical behaviour
- Reactivity: transparent, trusted and "easy-to-explain" systems to handle the few cases that occur



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What to do?

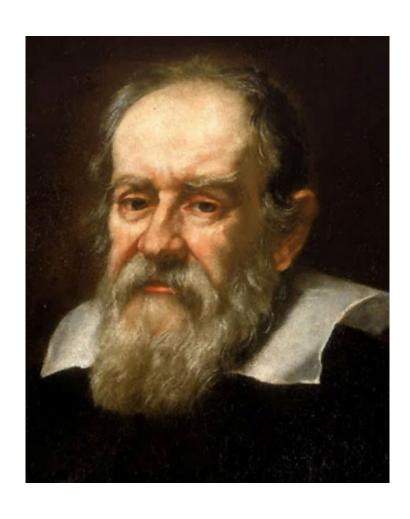
- National solutions
- Research is international interface problems has to be solved (definitions, exchange of information, etc)

ESF and EC have important roles



A final word.

• Every case is unique...



1633 Galileo Galilei

"E pur si muove!"