

NEWS

Launching EURAXESS portals across Europe

The path to knowledge in Europe is often obscured by a lack of information on available career opportunities, language and cultural barriers, as well as bureaucratic complications. The EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion Portal (launched last 24 June 2008 as a revamped and rebranded version of the former European Researcher's Mobility Portal) addresses all these obstacles.

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Assessing the quality of university based research

The Expert Group on Assessment of University-based Research addresses the methodologies used to assess/rank and evaluate the quality of research produced by universities covering a broad range of disciplines. The group started its work at the end of July 2008 and is due to finalise its report by September 2009. 15 experts from European and non-European countries (including the US and Australia) make up the group and their areas of expertise range from engineering and science, to social sciences, humanities and arts.

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Cyprus and research: Cyprus National Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Innovation

In February 2008, the Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) announced the National Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Innovation 2008-2010, known as "DESMI". The Foundation has developed a wide range of activities which fall into two main categories: Financing Research Projects through the Development and Monitoring of Competitive Programmes, and Managing European Research and Innovation Projects and Promotion of International Cooperation in Research and Innovation.

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Establish Mentoring in Europe to Enhance Gender Equality

For more than a decade, mentoring has been a key measure for promoting women in academia and research. Mentoring provides women researchers with role models, fosters their integration in scientific networks, and enhances their identity as researchers and their autonomy in the field. Mentoring enhances their competence in building their careers.

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The Greek EURAXESS Network promotes the Commission's Communication on "Better Careers and more Mobility: a European partnership for researchers"

For the last five years the Greek General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) has organised in Athens a Science Week in which the most important technological and scientific Greek achievements are exhibited. In 2008, the "Science Week" took place from 27 November to 3 December. "Science Week" not only attracts numerous citizens keen to explore the Greek achievements in science but it is also a great opportunity for various actors in science to get together and discuss research and scientific issues in Greece.

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Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways

The Marie Curie Actions are a European Community funded programme that has been supporting researchers since 1996. At the heart of the actions is a philosophy of making Europe more attractive to the best researchers. This is achieved by providing a career structure which enhances the status and attractiveness of research careers in Europe and by creating conditions whereby researchers can be truly mobile, both internationally and between public and private sectors. The Marie Curie Actions are open to researchers of all ages, experience and nationality including those returning to research after a break. They are also open to most fields of research, taking a 'bottom-up' approach and do not predefine areas of research that will be supported.

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Norway: Competing for the best and brightest

Norway is seeking to clarify and simplify the recruitment and funding processes to successfully compete for the best international researchers. The European Charter for researchers & the Code of conduct for their recruitment provides a vital tool for these efforts.

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Success story: Austria

Dr Lamia El-housseiny ran into administrative trouble when she went to prolong her Austrian residence permit so she could stay in the country and fulfil her commitment to an FP7 Marie Curie grant. With the help of the Austrian EURAXESS Services Centre, Österreichische Austauschdienst (OeAD), Dr El-housseiny was able to process all of her documents and stay in Austria.

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Success story: France

A Serbian researcher came to work in France after having been hired by a research institute in Hungary. The French EURAXESS Services Centre, the Bureau d'Accueil des Chercheurs Etrangers (BACE), helped answer all of his questions about living in France and helped him through the various administrative tasks that come with moving to a new country. BACE's biggest success was helping this researcher get public health insurance.

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