

EDITORIAL

A new year is in front of us, with new chances and challenges for researchers and their employers and funders. Europe4Researchers continues to keep researchers, research institutions, universities and industry informed about the latest developments concerning researchers in Europe.

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NEWS**EURAXESS Links Abroad expands to China**

A large number of European researchers are working abroad, with over 100,000 in the US alone. This represents a potential asset for European Research that has been largely unrecognised until recently. Regardless of the reasons that brought them overseas, and of whether or not they intend to return, Europe wants to build and maintain links with its expatriate researchers. For this reason, the European Commission has been actively pursuing EURAXESS Links Abroad. This programme is an important part of the strategy to develop an open, competitive and attractive European labour market for researchers, in support of "brain circulation" at European and world level.

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Activation of the EURAXESS Links Network of European Researchers in Japan

As international research collaboration and international experience becomes ever more important for the development of a research career, the European Commission has sought to provide European researchers based overseas with a range of tools and information to assist them in the development of their careers.

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FOCUS**ResearchGATE promotes scientific cooperation**

ResearchGATE has successfully launched this year as the leading social network for natural scientists. It offers many cutting-edge tools and applications for researchers to interact and collaborate. By now, more than 17,000 users have signed up and the number is growing daily.

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Focus: The Human Resources Strategy for Researchers incorporating the Charter & Code

European Commissioner for Science & Research, Mr Janez Potočnik, launched the "Human resources strategy for researchers incorporating the Charter & Code" at the French European Union Presidency conference on "Young Researchers in Europe" held on 20-21 November. The Human Resources Strategy aims to make the implementation of the European "Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the recruitment of researchers" (the Charter & Code) more streamlined and concrete.

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"Young researchers in Europe" conference: 20-21 November 2008

The French EU Presidency organised a two-day conference in Rennes about young researchers in Europe. The conference was aimed at raising awareness amongst young researchers about the partnership for a more attractive European Research Area (ERA) which is meant to improve researchers' careers and promote and encourage researcher mobility.

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