



Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for all your contributions to our online discussion on **“Push” and “Pull” Factors for Transatlantic Mobility of European Researchers.** At the same time, apologies to all of you who are impatient with receiving all the postings or find our discussion of less interest.

We are getting ready for the European day at the [AAAS annual meeting in San Diego](#) (18–22 February), where on 20 February EURAXESS Links USA will host an interactive workshop **“European Scientists in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities.”** Among speakers at the workshop will be Mrs. Mary Minch, Director for International Cooperation, DG Research, European Commission; representatives of EURAXESS, AAAS, and EU Member States networks. The meeting will conclude with a general discussion where we will further explore the issues raised in our online discussion and try to put forward the next steps toward their resolution.

One-day conference passes will be provided free of charge to all EURAXESS Links USA network members interested in attending the EURAXESS workshop on 20 February at 3:00–4:30PM. Please let us know if you would like to apply for such a free pass (email: izabella.zandberg@euraxess.net).

In this issue of our newsletter you will find a detailed description of the EURAXESS Links USA workshop, and information about the other two European-sponsored sessions that will be held on 20 February in San Diego.

We invite you to respond to a new [survey on mobility patterns and career paths of researchers.](#)

We also invite you to review notes from the hearing of Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner-Designate for Research, Innovation and Science in the In Focus session of this newsletter, as well as updates on the latest news in European research policy. As always, the Funding Opportunities section lists currently open calls for applications, and the Research Careers section outlines new employment opportunities. Please consider an opportunity to serve as a proposal evaluator for the 7th Framework Program.

The EURAXESS Links USA team

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Survey on Mobility Patterns and Career Paths of Researchers

The European Commission has launched a study to improve knowledge of mobility patterns and career paths of researchers. A consortium led by IDEA Consult is carrying out a 18-month study which began in December 2008 and is known as the MORE (MObility of Researchers in Europe) study.

The aim of the survey is to build indicators on the mobility of researchers and to analyze the factors that inhibit or support their international mobility focusing on the following groups:

- Researchers who have been educated in an EU country and have subsequently moved to work as a researcher in the US;

- Researchers who have been educated in the US and have subsequently moved to work in an EU country as a researcher;
- Researchers who have been internationally mobile between any other parts of the world.

Researchers are invited to fill-in a web-based questionnaire at <http://checkmarket.be/internationalmobility>.

All completed surveys shall remain strictly private and confidential and shall only be used for the purposes of this study. **The questionnaire remains open until 15th February.**

Spanish Presidency's Priorities in the Field of Research and Development

The Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union has introduced its priorities in the field of research and developed (R&D) for the next six months. The main aim is to work on establishing the European Research Area (ERA), conceived as a common shared space for knowledge. To attain this objective, the Presidency has identified three "axes":

- **Integration: integrate R&D policies into other policies;**

- **Involvement: ensure that R&D instruments at any level address the major challenges faced by society; and**

- **Inclusion: ensure that science and innovation plays a role in promoting social cohesion and tackling poverty and exclusion.**

Pursuant to the new mandate deriving from the Lisbon Treaty, a common program for the next eighteen months, with the two subsequent

presidencies – Belgium and Hungary (the trio) - was also adopted. In it, they promise to “take full account of the importance of R&D and innovation in the renewal of the post 2010 Lisbon Strategy”. In addition to the establishment of ERA, priorities identified by the trio include the analysis of the mid-term review of the Seventh Framework Program (FP7). They also underline the relevance of the regional dimension of innovation and research policies and the need to make research careers

more appealing to attract the world's best brains to Europe. (SOURCE: IPR Helpdesk)

Related Links:

[Website of the Spanish Presidency](#)

[CORDIS Web page on the Spanish Presidency](#)

European Institute of Innovation and Technology Launches Knowledge and Innovation Communities on Higher Education, Research and Business

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is launching three Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC) set up around the topics of climate change mitigation and adaptation (Climate-KIC), sustainable energy (KIC InnoEnergy) and the future information and communication society (EIT ICT Labs). The KICs will be communities of integrated partnerships that bring together higher education, research and business and thus facilitate effective cooperation within the knowledge triangle of higher education, research

and innovation. The aim is for KICs to be centers with world-renowned innovation capability and knowledge, attracting research and high-skill jobs. EIT expects the KICs to become fully operational in 2010.

Related links:

[European Commission press release](#)

[Frequently-asked questions about the EIT's KIC](#)

[EIT Intellectual Property Rights \(IPR\) Guidelines](#)

2009 Regional Innovation Scoreboard Recently Published

The Regional Innovation Scoreboard (RIS) 2009 was recently published. It shows that innovative activity varies greatly across almost all EU Member States. The 2009 RIS clusters the regions in five groups, ranging from the highest to the lowest overall innovators. Spain, Italy, and the Czech Republic are the most heterogeneous countries, where innovation performance varies from low to medium-high. The most innovative regions are generally found in the most innovative countries, although some regions outperform their country level. Low innovation regions dominate in countries

such as Bulgaria, Greece, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Hungary, and Slovakia.

While noting significant advances in measuring regional innovation activity the report shows that the availability and quality of innovation data at the regional level still needs more development. The study also stresses the need for policies to reflect regional contexts.

Related Links:

[Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2009](#)

[Related JRC press release](#)

Structuring Doctoral Programs—A Means for Continuous Improvement

Around 70 stakeholders and policymakers gathered last December at the University of Zagreb for the Second European University Association's Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE) Workshop, which focused on structuring doctoral programs as a means for improving Europe's doctoral education.

The introduction of structured programs in doctoral education continues to gain momentum in higher

education institutions across Europe, but implementation also poses many challenges. Amongst the [conclusions](#) to come from [the EUA-CDE meeting](#) was the underlying need for all institutions—regardless of their size—to achieve critical mass with their doctoral programs. This was considered crucial in order to help build doctoral communities based on the institutional research priorities, to improve overall research quality and

productivity, to increase accountability, and to improve funding opportunities.

Participants stressed, however, that critical mass could be attained using different strategies and it was a question of 'content rather than numbers' (e.g. by building networks and clusters or using inter- and intra-disciplinary co-operation). It was also underlined during the meeting that dedicated and sustainable funding would be crucial for the future of European doctoral education.

[EUA's Salzburg Principles](#) on doctoral education, launched in 2005, underline research as the core component of doctoral education and connect this with a call for stronger institutional strategies and structures to support this research. In the past five

years, universities have been the main driver of the major reforms in doctoral education and the EUA feels, therefore, that now is a good time to take a thorough look at the reforms being implemented and assess how the Salzburg principles are being used in practice.

The EUA and EUA-CDE plan a series of consultations with the members during the coming months in order to develop the original principles through the experiences of their implementation. (SOURCE: EUA Newsletter, 18 December 2009)

IN FOCUS

Future Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn Vows to Turn Research Into Jobs



Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Photo: File)

The next EU commissioner for research, Ireland's Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (59) promised to stop the talking and turn scientific research into jobs and help Europe find its way out of the economic crisis. During a three-hour hearing, former justice minister of Ireland, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, introduced herself to the European Parliament as first and foremost a politician. She outlined her priorities for the job of **Commissioner in charge of Research, Innovation and Science**, reiterating that research must produce tangible results and saying that her job would deal with the whole area from "research to retail."

During her hearing she took control of the huge amphitheatre and outlined her vision for the future if the parliament approves her appointment. She wooed members of the committee to which she must report her activities over the next five years, telling them that she too was a politician. "If you are looking for a civil servant, a bureaucrat, or a technocrat, I will disappoint you. I, like you, am a politician and I want to get things done."

Ms Geoghegan-Quinn identified problems in the €51 billion research fund, including complex regulations and promised proposals to simplify them. She would also try to avoid the kind of duplication of research across the EU evidenced by the fact that there were seventy-two pieces of research underway into the same salmonella bacteria. "We are not working as a union. We need to work together to deliver," Ireland's first female nominee said. (Based on a report by Ann Cahill, the Irish Examiner, 14 January 2010)

Summary of Hearing of Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner-Designate for Research, Innovation and Science

Red tape hindering companies from taking part in EU research programs, the declining number of scientists in Europe and the high cost of patents were among issues raised by MEPs at the hearing of Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner-designate for Research, Innovation and Science.

"The EU must become a true innovation union", said Ms Geoghegan-Quinn in her opening statement, stressing that "my task will be to put research, innovation and science at the heart of EU policies". Completing the European Research Area, addressing major challenges such as climate change, energy efficiency and aging, and creating an innovation research culture were the three priorities she proposed for her term of office.

EU innovation policy

A possible clash between Ms Geoghegan-Quinn's portfolio on research, innovation and science and the portfolio for industry and entrepreneurship was suggested by Pilar del Castillo Vera (EPP, ES). "Innovation goes right across every policy area in the European Commission", replied the Commissioner-designate, adding that she would have "the overarching role for cross-cutting, for putting this innovation policy in place" in areas such as the digital economy, enterprise, or employment.

"If we want to take Europe out of the economic crisis in which it is at the moment, than we have to innovate (...) taking the research and transferring it into jobs at the end of the day", she added. And she agreed with Judith A. Merkies (S&D, NL), who said "In the EU we're good at research but less good at turning it into products".

Red tape and EU research projects

The bureaucracy hindering private companies—especially smaller firms—wishing to take part in the EU's 7th Research Framework Program was mentioned by Lena Ek (ALDE, SE), Angelika Niebler (EPP, DE) and other MEPs. "We cannot compromise sound financial management but we can simplify," stressed Ms Geoghegan-Quinn, a former member of the European Court of Auditors. "If we have less rules, we have less errors," she added.

Funding for research

"Research is carried out to a very large extent in the EU's Member States" said Jean-Pierre Audy (EPP, FR). He wondered whether it was time to "communitize" research funding. Developing a European Research Area, answered Ms Geoghegan-Quinn, was "a glorious opportunity" to coordinate research in Europe and avoid duplication. She was looking forward to the challenge of negotiating the research budget in the next financial perspective.

Francisco Sosa Wagner (NA, ES) asked the Commissioner-designate about "a European research plan to increase the money available for those fields that are not profitable". Ms Geoghegan-Quinn said that "no matter what the research is, it is always valuable, it can always be used" and the 7th Research Framework Program would support all kinds of research.

Knowledge-sharing: patents and intellectual property rights

Reinhard Bütikofer (Greens/EFA, DE) questioned the candidate Commissioner about the accessibility of research results. Adam Gierek (S&D, PL), too, was concerned about the high cost of protecting intellectual property rights and accessing patents and asked about her political vision for solving the issue of the EU patent. "The patent issue is a very serious obstacle", agreed Ms Geoghegan-Quinn. She promised to "work very closely with Mr Michel Barnier (Commissioner-designate for Internal Market and Services) to ensure that the final step is taken".

Nuclear energy research

Niki Tzavela (EFD, EL) asked Ms Geoghegan-Quinn how she would encourage university level research in nuclear energy, for example to train nuclear engineers. "Nuclear energy is no silver bullet that is going to resolve the climate change and energy problem," replied the Commissioner-designate, "but nuclear energy remains the technology of choice in many Member States" and "research should be maintained and developed as an option for those Member States that wish to pursue it."

Asked by Giles Chichester (ECR, UK) about support for big, important, high-technology projects, Ms Geoghegan-Quinn said that, for example, ITER [the EU's nuclear fusion project] "is a vital element of a long-term strategy that the Union has for sustainable energy supply and security (...). We have to ensure that this project is working."

Not enough researchers in Europe

"We need researchers in Europe. We don't have enough of them," contended Marisa Matias (GUE/NGL, PT), to which Ms Geoghegan-Quinn replied "We have to put in place a climate to encourage researchers to come into the

system, to remain in the system, to be able to move in the twenty-seven Member States at ease, without worrying about their working conditions, their pension rights, their entitlements, and so on."

"Researchers in central and Eastern Europe are faced with higher barriers to access EU funds," said Adina-Ioana Valean (ALDE, RO). "We need to build up the infrastructure, but we also need to build up capacities," agreed Ms Geoghegan-Quinn, adding "we have to work together if we don't want to continue losing opportunities."

How would the Commissioner-designate increase the number of women scientists, was a question asked by Catherine Trautmann (S&D, FR) and Britta Thomsen (S&D, DK). Emphasizing that the number of women dropping out of scientific careers was not just about equality, but also "a waste of talent", Ms Geoghegan-Quinn said "We have to start at the education level and encourage women to get involved in science. That's where the jobs are." (SOURCE: European Parliament Press Release, 12 January 2010)

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The 14th European Career Fair @ MIT (ECF), Boston, MA, 30 January–1 February 2010

Almost 5,000 participants registered to attend the 14th European Career Fair @ MIT. The Fair is an annual recruiting event, organized by the MIT European Club (<https://www.euro-career.com/>).

As in the past years, the European Commission partnered with the ECF to promote Europe as a great place to pursue a career in science and technology, be it in industrial research, research organizations, academia or science policy. EU Member States promoted participation by their national research organizations and companies engaged in research. Through the joint effort of the European Commission and the EU Member States, the European Career Fair presented the best that Europe has to offer, in all its diversity: public, private, national, and international.

This year, over 100 European companies and organizations (40 for profit and 71 non-profit) came to Boston to look for US-based talent. Among them were major European commercial companies, such as Barilla, Novartis, TomTom, and Lufthansa. Research-oriented non-profits including Academic Transfer, Brainpower Austria, GAIN, DAAD, INSERM, and swissnex Boston attended in large numbers, as well as did research institutions and universities. Also present were representatives of regions in Europe, such as Cambra de Comerç de Barcelona and Brainport of the Netherlands, as well as consortia of academic and commercial organizations, such as Potsdam Research Network PEARL. We will report in more detail on their experiences at the Fair in the February newsletter.

The EURAXESS Links USA booth was located prominently in the first row of exhibitors and attracted a large number of visitors. Most of our guests were European doctoral students and postdoctoral scientists interested in jobs and research funding opportunities in Europe. Many of them signed up for membership in the network. We welcome all of you to EURAXESS Links USA!

Next to the EURAXESS Links exhibit were booths of the European Research Council (ERC) represented by Alejandro Martin Hobdey and of the Joint Research Center (JRC) represented by Vena Georgieva.

In the morning of the day preceding the fair (29 February), the EU Member States together with the EU Delegation in Washington hosted the 2nd Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop, where young entrepreneurs from Germany and Switzerland shared their experience of working with start-ups. The workshop also introduced services of the [us-us-match Network](#), represented by Richard Woodham of Intrasoft International, and concluded with a thought-provoking presentation by Charles W. Wessner, Director, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, National Academies. In the afternoon, the European Commission and MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) co-organized a Research and Innovation Policy Roundtable "EU and US Research Partnerships in a Time of Global Challenges" featuring outstanding speakers from academia and industry on both sides of the



Alejandro Martin Hobdey,
European Research Council
(Photo: EURAXESS Links USA)

Atlantic. Among the speakers were Luke Georghiou, University of Manchester; Gary P. Pisano, Harvard Business School; Thomas Peacock, MIT; Isi Saragossi, DG Research, European Commission; Roland Schindler, Fraunhofer; and Charles W. Wessner, National Academies. Reports from those two events will be published in the February newsletter and on our website, where we will also post PowerPoint presentations (http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/links/usa/past_events_en.htm)



From left to right: Vena Georgieva, JRC; Izabella Zandberg, EURAXESS Links USA, Astrid-Christina Koch, EU Delegation; Isi Saragossi, Director, Directorate General for Research, European Commission; Karin Peeters and Laurent Bochereau, EU Delegation; Alejandro Martin Hobdey, ERC (Photo: EURAXESS)



Astrid-Christina Koch talks with a booth visitor (Photo: EURAXESS Links USA)



From left to right: Izabella Zandberg, EURAXESS Links; Laurent Bochereau, EU Delegation in Washington; Kristin A. Schubert, University of Groningen (Photo: EURAXESS Links USA)



At the EURAXESS Links booth: Karin Peeters (left) talks with a booth visitor (Photo: EURAXESS Links USA)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Information Session and Career Fair at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, 3-4 February 2010

EURAXESS Links USA, together with the EU Delegation to the United States will participate in the upcoming Employment Opportunities Conference Career Fair (EOC) at Carnegie Mellon (12:00-6:00PM, 4 February, University Center Gym and Rangos Ballroom). The Employment Opportunities Conference is a job fair for all students from all majors -- whether they are seeking full-time employment or internship opportunities. It is open to students and alumni of the University only. For further inquiry, please contact: erelate@andrew.cmu.edu

On 3 February, at 6:00-8:00PM, an information session titled "New Opportunities for Researcher Mobility, Employment in Europe and Transatlantic Research Cooperation: The European Commission's 7th Framework Program" will be held on the Carnegie Mellon university campus, at Scaife Hall, Room 125. The session is open to students and faculty interested in employment opportunities and research funding under the 7th Framework Program. A networking reception will follow the presentations.

European Workshops at the AAAS Annual Conference in San Diego, 20 February 2010

The following three European-sponsored workshops will be held on **Saturday, 20 February 2010**, during the [American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in San Diego \(18-22 Feb. 2010\)](#):

8:30–11:30AM Symposium "Flows of People, Ideas and Resources: When Science Goes Global, Can Everybody Win?" (Organized by the EC Directorate General Research) Moderator: Mary Minch, Director, International Cooperation, EC Directorate General Research. Speakers: Fiona Williams, Ericsson GmbH; Sylvia Schwaag Serger, Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA); John Wood, Imperial College, and others.

1:30PM–2:30PM Workshop "Funding Opportunities in Europe for Creative Minds from Anywhere in the World" (Organized by the Marie Curie Office, European Research Council and EURAXESS) Speakers: Representatives from the Marie Curie Office, European Research Council and EURAXESS.

3:00PM–4:30PM Interactive Workshop "European Scientists in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities" (Organized by EURAXESS Links USA) Speakers: Mary Minch, Director for International Cooperation, DG Research, European Commission, Representatives of EURAXESS, AAAS, and EU Member States networks, general discussion.

One-day conference passes will be provided free of charge to all EURAXESS Links USA network members interested in attending the workshop at 3:00PM. See details below.

Interactive Workshop: European Scientists in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities, AAAS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Saturday, 20 February 2010

This EURAXESS Links-sponsored workshop will be held on 20 February, at 3:00–4:30PM, (Room 5B, San Diego Convention Center)

This interactive workshop is aimed at European researchers and scientists who currently work or study in the United States, as well as other individuals interested in transatlantic mobility of scientists. The goal is to share experience and identify mechanisms to better support researchers in their careers, both in the United States and in Europe. The workshop will explore various factors that relate to European researchers' mobility across the Atlantic, particularly building on the experience of members of the EURAXESS Links USA network. Benefits of networking will be discussed and information about the various opportunities for networking among European

researchers in the United States will be provided. The ways in which new programs can help the community of European researchers in the United States will be presented, including two projects: BILAT-USA aiming to foster dialogue and help to establish new research partnerships by promoting and disseminating information on cooperative activities in the European Union and the United States; and Link2US focused on raising awareness of cooperative funding schemes in the United States among EU scientists and research institutes. The workshop will also explore opportunities for the European research diasporas to contribute to research and innovation in their home countries and identify initiatives that may increase such transatlantic involvement. Input will be sought from the event participants to identify additional potential issues that would need to be addressed.

Program:

Welcome by Laurent Bochereau, Minister-Counselor, Head of Science, Technology & Education, Delegation of the European Union in Washington DC

Introductory presentation: “Mobility as a Key Element for European Researchers’ Careers” by **Mary Minch**, Director for International Cooperation, DG Research, European Commission

Introductory presentation: “Push” and “Pull” Factors for Transatlantic Mobility of European Researchers” by **Izabella Zandberg**, EURAXESS Links USA Project Manager

Introductory presentation by Tom Wang, Director for International Cooperation, American Association for the Advancement of Science: “Link2US—Identifying US funding opportunities to support cooperation with EU scientists and researchers” and “BILAT-USA” : How will these two new projects benefit European scientists in the United States”

Introductory presentations: “Support mechanisms for the European researchers in the United States and opportunities for the expatriate community to contribute to Research and Innovation in their home countries” by representatives of European Union Member State networks (**Paul op den Brouw**, Science, Technology & Innovation Counselor, Embassy of the Netherlands; **Annick Suzor-Weiner**, Counselor for Science and Technology, Embassy of France; **Peter Nagele**, President of the Ascina Network, Austria)

Discussion, providing opportunities for the participants to share experience

Conclusions

One-day conference passes will be available free of charge to all EURAXESS Links USA network members interested in attending this workshop. You may apply for a free pass by sending a message to izabella.zandberg@euraxess.net. (Please provide your name and affiliation.)

Presentation on Research Trends in the European Union and Opportunities for US-EU Collaboration, 18 February, Stanford, CA

A presentation “**Research trends in the European Union and opportunities for US-EU collaboration**” will be co-organized by the Delegation of the European Union and EURAXESS Links USA on **Tuesday, 23 February 2010, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm**.

The presentation will be held at **Stanford Faculty Club, Gold Lounge, 439 Lagunita Drive, Stanford, CA 94305**. It will be followed by a buffet lunch.

An overview of the European Commission’s research, education and innovation programs will be provided by **Laurent Bochereau**, Minister-Counselor, Head of Science, Technology and Education Section, EU Delegation in Washington, DC. **Jack Metthey**, Ad Interim Director of the European Research Council will introduce ERC, its state of progress and plans for the future. Testimonials will be provided by **Vladimir Canudas-Romo**, ERC StG Grantee (Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health); and **Stefano Osnaghi**, Marie Curie Fellow (Stanford University, Université Paris 1 Sorbonne).

RSVP: Acceptances only delegation-usa-era@ec.europa.eu by **Monday, February 18th**. Space is limited.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

ESRC-SSRC Collaborative Scholarships in Social Sciences

The [Economic and Social Research Council \(ESRC\)](#) (UK) announced [visiting scholarships](#) for scholars from the Americas (North, Central, South, and the Caribbean) to visit and engage in collaborative activities with members of ESRC-supported projects in Britain, or for British scholars at ESRC-supported projects to visit collaborators in the Americas, between 1 June 2010 and 31 August 2011.

Applicants and their collaborators should have received a PhD in one of the social sciences (including history) by the time the proposed visit would start. They should have been based in the country from which they are applying for at least two years before the Call deadline of **2 March 2010**.

All applicants must be nominated by the Director of an ESRC-supported center, program, group or network, the holder of an ESRC Large Grant, or a Professorial Fellow with whom they are interested in collaborating.

Grants of up to £5,000 (currently 8,000 US dollars) are offered to cover transportation, accommodation, and living expenses. It is expected that decisions on applications will be announced by the end of April 2010. Supported activities can begin on or after 1 June 2010 and continue until 31 August 2011.

[More information](#)

Please direct any questions about the ESRC/SSRC visiting scholars' scheme to international@esrc.ac.uk

Special Travel Grant for Job Interviews in Israel

The grant, funded by BioAbroad and Misrad Haklita, covers 50 percent of the flight ticket cost, up to \$700. Grants will be given every month by BioAbroad-Misrad Haklita's steering committee, retroactively, to the applicants with the largest number of interviews. The full guidelines for candidates and the application form can be found on the [BioAbroad](#) website. Filled and signed applications with a copy of the flight tickets receipts should be sent to info@bioabroad.org.il. Correspondence related to the meeting may be requested at a later stage.

Grants from the Human Frontier Science Program

The [Human Frontier Science Program](#) (HFSP) supports **novel, innovative, and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms**; topics range from molecular and cellular approaches to systems and cognitive neuroscience. A clear emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring biologists together with scientists from fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science, and engineering to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences. **HFSP funding programs start at the postdoctoral level**. No support is available for undergraduate or PhD students.

The following grants are currently available from HFSP:

Postdoctoral Fellowships: available for scientists who wish to work in foreign laboratories, with emphasis on individuals early in their careers who wish to obtain training in a different field of research. Fellows who return to their home countries are eligible to apply for a **Career Development Award**.

Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships: Cross-disciplinary fellowships are intended for postdoctoral fellows with a Ph.D. degree in the physical sciences, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, and computer sciences that wish to receive training in biology.

Deadlines:

22 March 2010: Compulsory Pre-Registration for obtaining a reference number

31 March 2010: Submission deadline

Innovational Research Incentives Scheme: the Netherlands

The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is directed at individual researchers at various stages of their careers. It includes three forms of grant: Veni (for researchers who have recently completed their doctorates), Vidi (for experienced researchers), and Vici (for researchers of professorial quality).

The scheme targets the best research talent, irrespective of nationality. It is open to researchers from abroad as well as from the Netherlands. Successful candidates will be among the top ten to twenty per cent of their peer group. They will also be expected to have the capacity to persuade others of the originality and potential of their ideas.

Deadlines for the Veni applications have passed. The deadline for the Vidi applications closes on 11 February 2010. The Vici grant is targeted at the senior researcher who has successfully demonstrated the ability to develop his or her own innovative line of research and the ability to act as a mentor for young researchers: Preproposal 30 March 2010; Full proposals based on the preproposal: 31 August 2010.

[Innovation Research Incentives Scheme](#)

Further Information: [NWO](#)

Mobilitas Program: Estonia

The Estonian Science Foundation launched the Mobilitas Program to allow post-doctoral researchers and top researchers to apply for research grants in Estonia, thus enlivening international research cooperation. The program is open to the following groups:

- 1) Top researchers arriving from abroad to work at Estonian research and development institutions. The top researcher grant duration is 3, 4 or 5 years.
- 2) Post-doctoral researchers choosing to work at Estonian research and development institutions to continue their career. Estonian post-doctoral researchers can also apply for this grant. The post-doctoral researcher grant duration is 2 or 3 years.

Deadline: 2 March 2010

Further information: [ESF](#) / [booklet](#)

Current Open Calls for Proposals Under the Seventh Framework Program

The following calls for proposals are currently open under the [People](#) program:

Call for proposals	Launched	Deadline
Marie Curie Reintegration Grants	9 October 2009	9 March 2010 and 7 September 2010
Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)	25 November 2009	25 March 2010
Marie Curie Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programs (COFUND)	18 November 2009	18 February 2010

The following calls are currently open under the [Ideas](#) program:

European Research Council's Advanced Grant

Discipline	Proposal deadline
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Physical Sciences and Engineering	24 February 2010
Life Sciences	17 March 2010
Social Sciences and Humanities	07 April 2010

The following calls are open under the [Cooperation](#) program:

- [Health](#) / **1** Open call
- [Information and Communication Technologies](#) / **2** Open calls
- [Energy](#) / **1** Open call
- [Joint Technology Initiatives \(Annex IV-SP1\)](#) / **3** Open calls
- [Transport \(including Aeronautics\)](#) / **9** Open calls
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Participants from the United States are eligible to join research proposals under these schemes. To do so, these programs require at least three partners in three different EU or Associated Countries plus a partner the United States. In principle, there is no funding from the European Union for the US-based partners, unless the participation of the US partner is deemed necessary for the success of the program.

The following calls are open under the [Capacities](#) program:

[Science in Society](#) / **1** Open call

To access a full list of currently open calls for proposals launched by the European Commission, go to: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage> or http://www.interfaceurope.eu/calls/calls_for_proposals

Detailed descriptions of the currently open calls that are relevant to individual applicants are provided in the following sections.

Marie Curie Reintegration Grants

The Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants provide financial assistance to researchers who wish to return and find a job in Europe after they have worked in research in a third country for at least three years. The duration of the grants is between two and four years. Research projects are chosen freely by candidates.

Eligible to apply are researchers from EU Member States or Associated Countries (i.e. Albania, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Lichtenstein, Norway, Republic of Montenegro, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey) with at least four years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree, who at the deadline of submission foreseen in the call for proposals have been active in research in a third country for at least three years. The researcher applies in liaison with a reintegration

host organization located in an EU Member State or Associated Country. Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

Applications are evaluated twice a year. If the proposal is selected, the Commission signs a grant agreement with the reintegration host. The reintegration host will then sign an employment agreement with the researcher. The grant is a flat-rate contribution to the project costs and amounts to €25,000 per year during the period of reintegration.

Continuous submission with cut-off dates on 9 March 2010 and 7 September 2010.

Further information: [Cordis](#) including links to contact points and enquiry services.

Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)

The call for Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme in the People program of FP7 was opened on 25 November 2009. This funding scheme aims at strengthening research partnership through short staff exchanges and networking between European research organizations and organizations with countries with which the European Community has an S&T agreement (such as the United States). This funding is open to all domains of research, except for the areas covered by the Euratom Treaty.

A partnership under this scheme needs to be composed of at least two independent participants (e.g., research institutions) located in at least two different Member States or Associated Countries, and one organization either located in countries with which the European Union has an S&T Agreement or in countries covered by the European Neighborhood Policy.

The program will involve short term exchanges (maximum of 12 months) of research staff. Technical and management staff can also participate in the partnership. The funding under this scheme will cover mobility costs of the “outgoing” European researchers in the amount of €1800 /researcher/month. Contracts between research organizations will be for a period of twenty-four to forty-eight months.

The call will close on 25 March 2010.

Full details:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=245

European Research Council's Advanced Grant

The ERC Advanced Investigator Grant (ERC Advanced Grant) funding scheme complements the ERC Starting Grant funding scheme by targeting researchers who have already established themselves as independent research leaders in their own right. ERC Advanced Grants allow exceptional, established research leaders in any field of science, engineering, and scholarship to pursue frontier research of their choice. Candidates can be of any nationality, must be [scientifically independent](#) and have a recent research track-record and profile which identifies them as leaders in their respective field(s) of research. They will be required to conduct their research in a host organization (public or private research organization) situated in an [EU Member State](#) or an Associated Country. **The grant scheme operates on a “bottom-up” basis without predetermined topics or thematic priorities.**

The new call for the European Research Council's Advanced Grant proposals was launched on 29 October 2009, with the following deadlines (depending on the subject area):

Physical Sciences and Engineering: 24 February 2010

Life Sciences: 17 March 2010

Social Sciences and Humanities: 07 April 2010

Further information is available from the [ERC](#).

European and Other Funding and Grants with Open or Continuous Calls

Please visit our website: http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/links/usa/funding_opportunities_en.htm

RESEARCH CAREERS AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Become an Expert Evaluator for FP7

The website to register as an expert for research activities is available on CORDIS. The call for experts is open both for individuals and for organizations.

[Further information](#)

Opportunities for Participation in “Open Source Science”: InnoCentive

InnoCentive is a company that links organizations (seekers) with problems (challenges) to people all over the world (solvers) who win cash prizes for resolving them. The company gets a posting fee and, if the problem is solved, a “finder’s fee” equal to about 40 percent of the prize. Would-be solvers can sign up online to compete for prizes. The non-profit organizations with problems to solve get breaks on fees. Issues of intellectual property rights are dealt with by requiring winning solvers to transfer their rights to the seekers, whose identities are secret, before they can claim an award.

<http://www.innocentive.com/>

EURAXESS Portal



The [EURAXESS portal](#) provides links to information on career and grant opportunities in science and technology in European countries.

For research careers in Europe, visit the [EURAXESS Jobs](#) website.

As of 18 December, there were **706 jobs** advertised on the EURAXESS Jobs website. Also advertised were **13 grants and fellowships** under the European funding, **399 grants and fellowships** offered at national levels, and **22** offered at international level.

For further details, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index_en.cfm

The European Job Mobility Portal

<http://www.europa.eu.int/eures/>

Other Research Career Sites

The Chronicle of Higher Education Careers Service: <http://chronicle.com/jobs/>

Find A Postdoc: <http://www.findapostdoc.com/>

Career.edu: <http://www.career.edu/index.php>

Nature.jobs: <http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html>

Jobs.ac.uk: www.jobs.ac.uk

Research Jobs in the Netherlands: <http://www.academictransfer.org/org/>

Euro Science Jobs: <http://www.eurosciencejobs.com/>

RESOURCES

Mind Maps of FP7 Work Programs for 2010

Do you wish to obtain funding from FP7, but feel lost within the Work Programs for 2010?

INTERFACE EUROPE developed Mind Maps, a new and easy way to read the Work Programs for 2010 and find the topic that suits your project.

[Mind Maps](#)

GrantsNet

GrantsNet is a searchable online database of grants from the U.S. federal government, foundations, etc. It is run by AAAS/Science. While the U.S. government has its own grant sites (grants.gov, NSF's FastLane), it has been found useful to cross-post grant opportunities to GrantsNet, given the wide exposure of Science magazine.

<http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/funding>

Ivy Circle Netherlands

Ivy Circle Netherlands is a collaboration of the Dutch alumni organizations of several top U.S. universities. Ivy Circle brings its member alumni organizations together to initiate academic, educational, business, social, and cultural activities. Together with Ivy Circle community, member alumni organizations develop an active calendar of events. Since 2004 Ivy Circle has gradually expanded to over 1,000 members.

At present, alumni from Chicago, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Kellogg, MIT, Penn, Wharton, Stanford, Yale, and others participate along with Fulbright scholars.

<http://www.ivycirclenetherlands.com/>

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