



## MEDIA FACT SHEET

# The European Researcher's Mobility Portal: Reaching 24,000 Users Every Month

The European Commission's 'Researchers in Europe 2005' initiative<sup>1</sup> is an effort devoted to raising the profile of European research. Specific initiative objectives:

- bring scientific researchers closer to the public;
- attract young people to careers in science;
- increase Europe's attractiveness as a place of work for researchers.

This is one of a series of fact sheets dedicated to special topics linked to these objectives. It is provided as background and summarises some key facts and figures related to the Researcher's Mobility Portal, one of the ways the Commission is helping to create favourable working conditions for researchers in Europe by encouraging mobility.

Other fact sheets available, include:

- Researchers Careers;
- The European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers;
- The European Network of Mobility Centres;
- The Scientific Visa.

Designed to help researchers looking to move in Europe, the European Researcher's Mobility Portal<sup>2</sup> (<http://europa.eu.int/eracareers>) helps visitors find career opportunities and provides other advice and assistance. **Each month, about 100 new job vacancies are listed** in the web-enabled database.

Launched just two years ago, the Portal has helped some **700 organisations**, and has served **about 24,000 unique visitors<sup>3</sup> every month** since its inception.

The Portal offers more than **3,000 links** to sources including:

- National Researcher's Mobility Portals
- job vacancy listings
- the European Network of Mobility Centres (ERA-MORE)
- information about the European Charter for Researchers and a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers
- information about fellowships and grants
- a virtually vast supply of practical tips and administrative and legal information about moving to and living in the European Research Area.

<sup>1</sup> The "Researchers in Europe 2005" initiative (June – November 2005) is a campaign consisting of more than 50 events throughout Europe, all designed to promote better awareness of the lives and careers of researchers. A highlight of the initiative is European Researchers' Night, **Friday, 23 September 2005, in Brussels and in cities across Europe**. Dozens of national, regional and local organisers of scientific events will host activities and exhibitions. Most are free and open to the public. See <http://europa.eu.int/researchersineurope> for full details.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly known as "ERACAREERS".

<sup>3</sup> Unique visitors are defined as those visiting the site for a given time (e.g. half an hour); unique visitors who visit the site more than one time are only registered once

In total, **more than 3,000 CV's have been posted on the Portal** – an average of about 150 per month.

The services of the European Researcher's Mobility Portal, combined with the ERA-MORE network of mobility centres, are part of a package of European Commission-sponsored initiatives to help researchers and improve their ability to be mobile, thereby further fostering the attractiveness of the EU as a destination for international research talent. Thousands of researchers across Europe are set to benefit from this "one-stop-shop" approach.

For further information on media opportunities and the facilitation of interviews:

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