Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to present to you the 56th edition of the EURAXESS Links ASEAN e-newsletter.

In this month’s EU Insight section we briefly provide a broad overview of the new Horizon 2020 work programme for 2016 to 2017.

A number of exciting events are currently taking place across ASEAN. First up are the finals of the 3rd EURAXESS Science Slam ASEAN. Follow us on Facebook on 3 November for pictures and videos of the proceedings as we select ASEAN’s next best science slammer.

Our News, Grants and Fellowships sections contain our latest round-up of the most important developments and opportunities.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, and welcome your feedback.

Wishing you a great month ahead!

Your EURAXESS Links ASEAN team
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1 EU Insight – Work programmes for 2016-2017: over EUR 16 bn for research and innovation

On 13 October, the European Commission (EC) published the second Horizon 2020 work programme for the next two years, 2016 to 2017. Aligned with the agenda of Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, the work programme aims to boost competitiveness and support Europe’s growth and jobs with an investment of nearly EUR 16 billion in research and innovation.

Selected key priorities for 2016-2017

To boost Europe’s growth and increase the number of jobs without creating new debt is a top priority for the next two years. Research and innovation investments will cover both the immediate need to engage the re-industrialisation of Europe as well as the longer-term objective of building solid knowledge needed for the next wave of innovative breakthroughs. This includes, amongst others, funding of around EUR 2 billion to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); nearly EUR 1.7 billion for outstanding researchers through European Research Council (ERC) grants to work on the best ideas that could lead to innovative growth-enhancing breakthroughs; and nearly 10,000 fellowships for young researchers under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions to receive high-quality training and career development opportunities abroad.

Other priorities will be the contribution to a connected digital single market; a forward-looking climate change policy for secure, affordable and climate-friendly energy; maintaining and reinforcing the internal market as well as European industrial base; and the tackling of cross-cutting issues, such as improving synergies with other EU funding programmes, i.e. the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). Last but not least, international cooperation calls and targeted initiatives will help boost research and innovation cooperation with countries outside Europe and effectively tackle common societal challenges. The work programme is in line with Commissioner Moedas’ strategic priorities ‘openness to innovation, to science and to the world’.

Sources and further information


2 Meet the researcher: Interview with Snezana Krstic, Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association

Tell us about your research background and interests

I am a chemical engineer, but my research background is quite multidisciplinary with a broad interest in issues at the intersection of science, policy, society and innovation. I was involved in research activities as an undergraduate, when I worked on an “intelligent” system for separation of multicomponent liquids, which was of particular importance for the oil, pharmaceutical and petrochemical industry. I continued with issues related to solid waste management and environmental management. My PhD was related to electro-deposited metal powders and particle modelling. Generally, alongside my research career several cross-cutting issues were always present, such as applied informatics and (mathematical) modelling which were also part of my teaching activities at the University of Belgrade, policy analysis and environmental subjects. Engagement in European research and higher education policies has also resulted in scientific and policy analysis contributions related to the internationalisation of higher education and the mobility of researchers. My recent research activities are related to responsible research and innovation and, more precisely, to research integrity, as well as to the multidisciplinary and policy aspects of societal challenges.

Marie Curie – now Marie Skłodowska-Curie under Horizon 2020 - is a prestigious European funding scheme. How did you learn about it?

Indeed, the Marie Curie Actions are well-known as one of the most prestigious schemes supporting mobility of researchers across and outside of Europe. These opportunities are widely promoted through conferences, the Internet and brochures. However, the strongest impression about the programme, its importance and real value I received was when I had the opportunity to meet Marie Curie fellows and alumni personally. I remember them as very successful scientists, engaged in many activities important for researchers, European policies and society. Therefore, I had the opportunity to learn many practical details about Marie Curie Actions and the benefits that it brings to researchers' careers.

What are the most significant benefits you derive as a Marie Curie Fellow in terms of work and networking?

B.Sc., M.Sc., and PhD from University of Belgrade where she has started her academic career. She has been actively involved in activities related to the European research and higher education policies for many years, particularly in activities related to the mobility and professional development of human resources in research. Several years of experience in media, communicating issues related to environment, science, society, policy and innovation. Invited speaker at numerous European and international conferences and workshops, cooperating with European Commission, UNESCO, EU Presidency Events, World Science Forum, EU Committee of Region, EJA, NISTEP (Japan), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany), and many other distinguished organisations and teams. She holds several international and national awards for scientific achievements and excellence. Her Marie Curie grant experience was undertaken in the CERN School of Computing.

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http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions have different types of programmes and provide mobility opportunities suitable for researchers with different career paths and professional experiences. One important benefit is that they (the Actions) provide excellent working conditions, with paid social security and pension contributions, and various opportunities for training and professional development.

My Marie Curie grant experience was undertaken in the CERN School of Computing, where I had the opportunity to learn from an outstanding team of professionals and to meet and cooperate with excellent researchers from different parts of the world. Particularly important for me was that I had the opportunity to gain knowledge beyond my scientific field which was particularly useful for my interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary orientation and engagements.

In my view, establishment of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) has provided additional possibilities to amplify benefits that MSCA bring in terms of networking and career development.

Are there any tips that you would like to give to prospective Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) candidates?

My tip is to trust in their achievements and talents and apply for the grant, even if they are at the very beginning of their research careers or coming from far and small countries which might not be recognised as having strong support for science. Another tip is for scientists to consult the MSCA website, identify programmes suitable for their career stage or career path and find relevant host institutions. It is important to understand that the MSCA grants offers excellent opportunities to cooperate with and gain research experience also in non-academic sectors (industry, business sector). Finally, a tip which may be particularly useful for early stage researchers is to regularly follow MSCA open positions announced on the EURAXESS website and directly apply. This option may be easier for prospective candidates who find it difficult to identify suitable host institutions before their application.

You also hold the MCAA chair position. Could you tell our readers more about the association and its objectives?

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) is an international non-profit organisation based in Brussels gathering together researchers who have benefited or are still benefiting from the European Commission's prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie research programmes. The association was established in November 2013, when we held the first General Assembly. Although we are supported by EU funding, we have a truly international character with members in all parts of the world. We also have established many regional chapters around the world. Membership is free of charge and open to all fellows and alumni, regardless of the type of MSCA grant received, length of mobility periods, nationality, scientific discipline or current occupation.
Our objectives are oriented toward developing, promoting and harnessing the outstanding potential of our community. We encourage networking, cooperation and mutual understanding amongst our members from different countries, sectors of the economy and scientific disciplines, providing additional possibilities for career development and professional growth. Our objective is also to foster global relationships within the global research and innovation community, with particular attention paid to our Marie Curie experience. We aim to highlight accomplishments and excellence of our members by supporting existing and creating new opportunities for dissemination of their outputs. Besides, we have more operational goals and some of them are related to promoting the values of the Association.

**Why did you decide to promote your experience as MSCA fellow?**

MSCA programmes bring many benefits to their fellows and we believe that our experience can be very valuable for young or experienced researchers who look for funding instruments with attractive employment conditions to support their careers and mobility, both internationally as well as between different sectors. This experience can be also useful for prospective host institutions, in academic or industrial settings, for the policy sector, national authorities or international community beyond Europe which may have limited knowledge about European programmes. Finally, it represents the contribution to the society from science.

**Tell us more about the local chapters in EURAXESS Links regions (ASEAN - encompassing Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, Brazil, China, India, Japan and North America)?**

The MCAA allows its members to establish chapters on their own initiative and according to their own motivation to cooperate with other members from the region and contribute to the aims of the association. For this purpose, we open official calls and depending on the quality of the proposed working programmes, we also financially support their activities within the limits of our budget. Currently we have chapters in India, the USA (California), and ASEAN (it should be noted that our ASEAN does not correspond exactly to the EURAXESS Links ASEAN). Besides, we have an informal group of China fellows which in the future may decide to establish an official China chapter. I believe that members from other mentioned countries could be also motivated to establish their chapters in the near future.

**What would you say to local Marie Skłodowska Curie fellows, past and present, to encourage them to join the MCAA association?**

MCAA offers many benefits to its members – opportunities for professional development, networking and cooperation, information on employment opportunities, financial support - which we call Micro-grants - for career
development purposes of individual members. We also provide our members possibilities to promote their work and achievements, among fellows and also to large and respected audiences at events organised by ourselves or other organisations, including the European Commission. We work to establish partnerships with various organisations, businesses and other bodies for the benefit of our members. Finally, belonging to a vibrant community of researchers recognised for their outstanding accomplishments and openness for new ideas and cooperation is, in my view, a great reason to join the community.

If a Marie Curie (Marie Skłodowska-Curie) fellow in any of these countries would like to join MCAA, where should she or he start from?

They should visit our website (www.mariecurealumni.eu), find Sign-up button at the right upper corner and complete the registration form.

What are your plans to the future?

Growth and development in all directions – creating more opportunities for MCAA members, establishing partnerships and fostering fruitful connections with various organisations and the business sector, and actively contributing to important activities in European, international and local settings.

Thank you for your time!
3 Opportunities in Focus: Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Would your staff like to gain experience in a different work environment (academic, private sector) or in another country? Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) funds short-term exchanges for staff to develop careers combining scientific excellence with exposure to other countries and sectors. RISE enables more interaction between academia and non-academic organisations within Europe and worldwide.

What is the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)?

RISE is one of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) under Horizon 2020, the European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

What is the aim of RISE?

RISE aims at international and inter-sector collaboration through promoting research and innovation exchanges of staff. RISE will support short-term mobility of research and innovation staff at all career levels, from the most junior (post-graduate) to the most senior (management), including administrative and technical staff.

Who can apply?

RISE is open to partnerships of universities, research institutions, and non-academic organisations both within and beyond Europe. Universities, research institutes can apply, not individuals. ASEAN universities, research institutes, and companies are eligible.

Why should I apply?

You can expand and strengthen your network and gain new expertise. You and your European partners can share knowledge and skills, and broaden the career development of your staff, and you can strengthen your institutional links with Europe.

How does it work?

A RISE partnership is composed of at least three independent participants established in three different countries. An ASEAN university, research institute or company would need to partner with organisation in at least 2 European countries to propose a joint research and innovation project. Proposals should highlight networking opportunities, sharing of knowledge and the skills development of staff members.

What does the funding cover?

The Call for applications will open on 8 December 2015 with a deadline of 28 April 2016. The call will be published on the Participant Portal.
The funding covers secondments of staff members from one month to one year as well as funding to support research, training and networking activities. Funding for a RISE project can last up to four years.

**Which research topics are supported?**

Any research field may qualify for RISE funding, apart from areas covered by the EURATOM Treaty.

**How can I apply?**

Inform yourself about the application timeline and familiarise yourself with the most important documents (Guide for Applicants and Work Programme). For questions, please contact asean@euraxess.net

**When can I apply?**

The RISE-2016 call for proposals will open on 8 December 2015 with a deadline of 28 April 2016.

**Where can I get further assistance?**

Please contact EURAXESS Links ASEAN for advice or further assistance on your application. E: asean@euraxess.net

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**Important Links**

**Participant Portal**

On this site you can find and secure funding for projects under the 2014-2020 Horizon 2020 – research and innovation framework programme. You can search for funding, read the H2020 Online Manual and download the legal documents, contact the support services or read the FAQ. Once you have registered with the site you can submit your proposal, sign the grant, manage your project throughout its life cycle, and register as an expert advising the European Commission.

For background information on the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions please visit the official [website](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess).
4 European alumni groups in Southeast Asia to strengthen cooperation

On 19 and 20 October 2015, over 40 representatives of European alumni groups across Southeast Asia met in the Thai capital Bangkok to take part in the workshop “Advancing Your Research Career in Europe: Strengthening European Alumni Networks in Southeast Asia” workshop.

Organised by EURAXESS Links ASEAN together with SEA EU NET, the meeting served two key purposes. Firstly, it provided a platform for the participants to share examples of best practice in managing and animating successful alumni networks. A number of excellent speakers shared their tips and advice on the challenging task of keeping the alumni network members informed and engaged. Speakers included Ms Shiella Balbutin, who is in charge of the very active Southeast Asia Chapter of the Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association and the President of the hugely successful Chevening Alumni Network Malaysia, Dr Nithiyananthan Nesadurai.

Secondly, the meeting served as a first stepping stone towards closer collaboration between the different alumni groups in Southeast Asia. In a dedicated workshop session the participants explored how to give their joint message more visibility and impact by joining forces. It was clear from the exceptionally fruitful discussions that all participants shared the same goal – to inform researchers in Southeast Asia of the career advantages of conducting research in Europe or with European partners. A number of measures have been identified by the participants and will be implemented over the coming months.

In a parallel workshop, a group of Marie Curie Fellows came together to explore the feasibility of creating a regional network. The main purpose of this new forum should be to enhance both, intra-ASEAN as well as EU-ASEAN research collaboration and to offer a support structure for Marie Curie Fellows, for example, in identifying career or funding opportunities.

The results of this very fruitful first alumni workshop will be implemented by EURAXESS Links ASEAN and SEA–EU–NET over the next few months. A follow-up event is planned for spring 2016. A very big thank you to all participants!

If you are a Marie Curie Fellow currently conducting research in Southeast Asia and you would like to get involved please email us at asean@euraxess.net.

Further activities will be announced on our website and Facebook page shortly.
5 News & Developments

5.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

5.1.1 Horizon 2020: new Work Programme supports growth, jobs and competitiveness

The European Commission will boost competitiveness by investing almost EUR 16 billion in research and innovation in the next two years under Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation funding scheme, following a new Work Programme for 2016-17 adopted on October 13.

The new funding opportunities offered by the Work Programme are directly aligned with the policy priorities of the Commission of President Jean-Claude Juncker and will substantially contribute to the Jobs, Growth and Investment Package, the Digital Single Market, Energy Union and Climate change policy, Internal Market with stronger industry and making Europe a stronger global actor.

Source: European Commission

5.1.2 The European Commission launches initiative to help refugee scientists and researchers

The European Commission has launched in October the ‘science4refugees’ initiative for asylum-seeking and refugee scientists and researchers. This measure will enable a match-making process between refugees and asylum seekers with a scientific background and the scientific institutions that voluntarily declare themselves as “refugee-welcoming organisations”.

‘science4refugees’ is accessible to refugees and institutions through the EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion portal. With this initiative the European Commission is helping concentrate under a single portal potential actions aimed at researchers and scientists coming to Europe as refugees and asylum seekers. Interested institutions can now flag their offers – be it positions, internships or training courses – with the ‘science4refugees’ emblem to indicate their interest in hiring asylum seekers. Key stakeholders and institutions, such as the League of European Research Universities (LERU), announced public commitment to this action.

Refugees and asylum seekers can upload their CVs on a dedicated EURAXESS page and express their interest for an internship, a job or training. Registration is on a free and voluntary basis. In addition, the portal provides access to a complete range of information on working conditions in Europe for refugees and asylum seekers.

In the longer term, with the support of the EURAXESS Service Centres, schemes on training mentoring, language and integration courses will be added to the ‘science4refugees’ initiative to help refugees settle into their host country of residence.
5.1.3 Opening ERC teams to the world

Early October, the ERC has contacted its grantees to inquire about their interest to host young non-European scientists in their research teams.

Some ERC grantees can now benefit from a set of international agreements that make it easier for scientists from Argentina, China, Japan, Korea, South Africa and the Unites States to join ERC research teams for short periods of time. The programme is open to the grantees who are at least 18 months away from finishing their projects.

Full article: ERC

5.1.4 The Researchers’ Nights: “How one evening changed my career”

For Matteo Iafrati, a European Researchers’ Night conference changed the course of his career. For others, it provides an opportunity to connect with the general public and generate a broad interest in science.

As the EU-wide event marks its 10th year of helping people get an insight into the life of a researcher, we talk to a former participants to find out what the event means to him.

Full article: Horizon Magazine
5.2 ASEAN

5.2.1 Singapore launches driverless car trials

A team of researchers from the Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART) and the National University of Singapore (NUS) has launched a trial for driverless cars on public roads.

Source: Asian Scientist Magazine

5.2.2 French scientist leading genetic research in Southeast Asia

Trained at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, Bruno Reversade obtained his Ph.D. from the University Pierre & Marie Curie in France, whilst at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in UCLA. He published landmark papers that provide an explanation for how embryonic homeostasis is maintained and how, from one egg, identical twins can be produced. Now based at in Singapore at the Agency for Science, Technology and Research's (A*STAR) Institute of Medical Biology (IMB) he is a key figure in his research field.

Full article: Asian Scientist Magazine

5.2.3 Vietnam launches its largest hi-tech research and development center

Hanoi has opened the country's biggest research and development center for technologies related to mechanics, electronics, energy and environment, local media reported. With a total investment of VND600 billion (US$26.5 million), the center can host 200 scientists who are expected to help Vietnam design and manufacture products such as mechanical devices, electronic boards, and energy-saving chips. The center is also slated to create solar panels with small sizes but high efficiency by 2020.

Full article: Viet Nam News

5.2.4 ASEAN’s lacklustre leadership undermines Asian cohesion

Southeast Asia's haze crisis is symptomatic of the weakness of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations at a time when the 10-country grouping most needs cohesion.

Full article: AsiaOne
5.2.5 Southeast Asia’s haze crisis: A ‘crime against humanity

Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia are choking under a thick haze of wildfire smoke caused by the annual burning of land for the production of pulp, paper and palm oil on the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Kalimantan.

The haze is so bad it's been described by the Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) as a "crime against humanity." Schools are closed, transport disrupted and half a million cases of acute respiratory infection have been recorded since July.

The annual burning churns out thick smoke across parts of Southeast Asia, but this summer’s haze is the worst it’s been for 20 years.

Full article: CNN
6 Grants & Fellowships

6.1 H2020: 2016 calls announced

To find out more about EU funding opportunities for your research or innovation project, and about the 2016 Calls, please visit the European Commission’s Participant Portal where all calls will be published.

International researchers are also invited to join the database of independent experts for European research and innovation. Distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the database of independent experts, through which they can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.

6.2 National EURAXESS portals

The latest information on open calls for national grants and fellowships in the 40 member countries of the EURAXESS network can be accessed on the respective national EURAXESS portal.

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, FYRoMacedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK.

Besides providing information on funding opportunities for incoming international and European researchers, staff at the EURAXESS Service Centres offer individual assistance on all aspects of researcher mobility.

6.3 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants

ERC Starting Grants aim to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish a proper research team and to start conducting independent proven potential of becoming independent research leaders. It will support the creation of excellent new research teams.

ERC Starting Grants in brief

- For researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree) and scientific track record showing great promise
- An excellent research proposal

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Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation (known as a Host Institution/HI) located in one of the EU Member State or Associated Countries

- Funding per grant: up to EUR 1.5 million (in some circumstances up to EUR 2 million)
- Duration: up to 5 years

Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal

Application deadline is 17 November 2015

More information here

**Video** [Step by Step to ERC Grant Application](http://example.com/)

Watch [here](http://example.com/) the European Research Council animation video giving tips & tricks to researchers interested in applying to an ERC grant.

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### 6.4 GERMANY: DAAD research grants

DAAD research grants provide foreign doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists with an opportunity to carry out research or continue their education in Germany. There are funding programmes for various qualification phases and stages in a career. The grants also promote the exchange of experience and networking amongst colleagues.

Varying deadlines.

Details [here](http://example.com/).

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### 6.5 GERMANY: DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships

„DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships“ is a programme implemented by the ‘German Aerospace Center’ (DLR) and the ‘German Academic Exchange Service’ (DAAD). DLR is Germany’s national research center for aeronautics and space. Its extensive research and development work in Aeronautics, Space, Transportation and Energy is integrated into national and international cooperative ventures. As Germany’s space agency, DLR has been given responsibility for the forward planning and the implementation of the German space program by the German federal government as well as for the international representation of German interests. Approximately 7,400 people are employed in DLR’s 33 institutes and facilities at 16 locations in Germany.

**Who can apply?**

This special programme is intended for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students as well as senior scientists. DLR-DAAD Fellowships are...
defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of visit.

Details and current offers here.

6.6 GERMANY - Georg Forster Research Fellowship

If you are a researcher with above average qualifications, and would like to carry out long-term research of your choice (6 to 24 months) at a research institution in Germany together with an academic host you have chosen yourself, consider the Georg Forster Fellowship. As many as 80 Georg Forster Research Fellowships can be granted annually. In the last few years, about one third of applications were successful.

Applications are accepted year-round.

More information here.

6.7 GERMANY - George Forster Research Award - Open to ASEAN scientists

The Georg Forster Research Award is granted in recognition of a researcher's entire achievements to date to academics of all disciplines whose fundamental discoveries, new theories, or insights have had a significant impact on their own discipline and beyond and who are expected to continue developing research-based solutions to the specific challenges facing transition and developing countries.

Nominees must be nationals of a developing or transition country (excluding People's Republic of China and India; cf. detailed list of countries). Furthermore, at the time of nomination, they must have had their main residence and place of work in one of these countries for at least five years.

The deadline for nominations is 15 January of each year; the selection meeting is scheduled for summer. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation particularly encourages the nomination of qualified female researchers.

More information here.

6.8 EMBO Short-Term Fellowships Open to Researchers in ASEAN. Three-month research visits to labs in Europe.

EMBO Short-Term Fellowships fund research visits of up to three months to laboratories in Europe and elsewhere in the world. The aim is to facilitate valuable collaborations with research groups applying techniques that are unavailable in the applicant's laboratory.
Applications are accepted throughout the year.

More information here.

6.9  **EMBO Courses and Workshops**

EMBO offers the largest number of life science events in Europe. EMBO Courses & Workshops funds approximately 80 events attracting more than 8,000 participants every year. Funding is available for Global Exchange Lecture Courses and practical courses, as well as for keynote lectures. Travel grants support the attendance of participants from countries with less-developed scientific infrastructures. EMBO assists the organiser with the design of a poster, set-up of a website and registration system, and with promotion of the event.

Further details.

6.10 **POLAND: Foundation for Polish Science:**

**IDEAS FOR POLAND**

The objective of the programme is to encourage young, brilliant researchers from all over the world to choose Poland as the place to carry out their research projects submitted for the ERC competition. The programme is designed for people whose previous scientific record demonstrates that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Details here.

6.11 **UK-THAILAND: Newton Fund**

The Newton Fund is a £375 million fund over the period of 5 years, launched in 2014 by the UK Government through which the UK will share its knowledge of research and innovation to promote the economic development and social welfare of partner countries. Newton Fund is part of the UK’s official development assistance programme. British Council Thailand is one of the delivery partners of Newton Fund. Our partners in Thailand include The Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST), The National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office (STI), The Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), and The Thailand Research Fund (TRF).

Open call for participants to the Researcher Links workshop

Early Career Researchers from the UK and Thailand are invited to apply to attend Researcher Links workshop.

Details here.
Open call for UK participants under the Innovative and Sustainable Competitiveness in Food & Drinks Technology

We are formally opening a call for a British scientific and technological research delegation aiming to create research links between the UK and Thailand via a food innovation partnership under the Newton Fund programme. The workshop will be held from 8-12 February 2016, Bangkok Thailand

Deadline: 30 December 2015
Details here.

6.12 SPAIN: Ppain programme of international cooperation on industrial research and development with Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore

The spirit of the Program is to promote co-operation between international companies by means of funding support for industry-driven and close to market R&D Projects between Spain and third countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore). The objective is to achieve an effective technological cooperation.

Selection Criteria:

- The project should be innovative aiming to lead to a new or substantial improvement of a product, process or service with clear commercial potential
- The project must have equivalence of effort of R&D activities and resources both in third country and in Spain.
- Duration of projects will be from 1 to a maximum of 3 years.
- The application will be strengthened by the participation of academic and institutional researchers as a component of the R&D project
- Minimum Eligibility Criteria: one qualified partner from each country (1 Spanish Company + 1 foreign Entity). Foreign entities could include companies, research centers, academic institutions and other R&D-performing organizations.

Further information can be obtained from the representative offices. Please see below for details.
6.13 TURKEY: TÜBİTAK Fellowships for Visiting Scientists

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants fellowships for international scientists/researchers who would like to give workshops/conferences/lectures, or conduct R&D activities in Turkey. Three types of visits are granted within this programme: Short-term (up to 1 month), Long-term (up to 12 months) and Sabbatical Leave (from 3 months to 12 months). All types of grants cover monthly stipend and travel costs.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Further information: here.
7 Jobs

There are currently 7207 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe and partner countries and in all disciplines) accessible via the EURAXESS Jobs database.

**AUSTRIA** (Vienna): Professorship in object sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna.

[Details](#)

**FINLAND** (Turku): The research project "INDIRECT – Intergenerational Cumulative Disadvantage and Resource Compensation" funded by the European Research Council (ERC) is recruiting a Project Researcher.

[Details](#)

**GERMANY** (Berlin): The Berlin Institute for Medical Systems Biology (BIMSB) at the Max Delbrück center for molecular medicine in the Helmholtz Association (MDC) is inviting applications for the position of Scientific Platform Leader for Microscopy.

[Details](#)

**IRELAND** (Dublin): University College Dublin, School of Physics is looking for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

[Details](#)

Examples of Jobs supported by Marie Curie Actions

**Research Fellowships**

Early Stage Researcher in computer science with University of Hertfordshire in the UK.

[Details](#)

Early Stage Researchers / PhD Fellowships in Medical Sciences at University of Galway in Ireland.

[Details](#)

15 PhD positions (3-years) are offered within the Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN REP-BIOTECH, European Joint Doctorate in Biology and Technology of Reproductive Health in Spain.

[Details](#)
8 Events

8.1 EURAXESS Links ASEAN hosts traveling Science Communication Workshop Series

Effective communication is an important skill for scientists of any discipline. Being able to communicate ones ideas effectively is key to securing funding, identifying international collaborators, engaging the wider public and ultimately, conducting successful research.

EURAXESS Links ASEAN joint forces with the EU Delegation to Indonesia, the Young Scientists Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM) and NSTDA Thailand in organising a traveling science communication workshop. The hands-on training sessions are meant to equip members of the research communities in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand with a set of science communication skills that will help them advance their research careers particularly with a view to working with European partners.

The traveling workshop takes place in Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok between late October and early November 2015. Over 150 participants will gain access to a comprehensive set of skills needed for effective communication of their research ideas towards a wide and variable audience.

The workshop is being led by Dr Sanna Fowler, a communication expert and experienced trainer from the prestigious École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland.

Over 50 Indonesian researchers took part in the workshop in Jakarta on 30 October 2015.
8.2 Horizon 2020 for European industry – hands-on advice on opportunities and participation rules

Together with the EU Delegation Singapore and with support from EuroCham Singapore and the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK) EURAXESS Links ASEAN will be hosting an information session for European industry based in Singapore and the wider ASEAN region.

Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU research and innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market.

This information event will focus specifically on the opportunities for European industry by offering hands-on advice on the modalities for participation and accessing funds including participation rules, project life cycle etc.

Dr Sara Medina, Member of the Board at SPI and SPI Ventures will be sharing her expertise on the issue and provide hands-on advice on identifying and realising opportunities under Horizon 2020.

This event takes place on 11 November 2015 from 4 pm – 6pm at the EU Delegation to Singapore, 250 North Bridge Road, #37 Raffles City Towers, S (179101).

Participation is free of charge

Seats are limited. Registration is required. Please register your attendance here
8.3 7th European Innovation Summit, 7 – 10 December 2015, Brussels

The 7th European Innovation Summit (7th EIS) is Knowledge4Innovation's annual flagship event taking place in the European Parliament in Brussels. The 7th EIS is taking place under the framework of the K4I Forum of the European Parliament which includes more than 30 MEPs.

The Forum is chaired by Lambert van Nistelrooij MEP. Other members include Jerzy Buzek MEP, Vice-Chair, Chair of the ITRE Committee and former President of the European Parliament, and Vicky Ford MEP, Chair of the IMCO Committee. The 7th EIS will bring together more than 1000 innovation stakeholders from Europe.

Details here


The primary goal of the conference is to promote research and developmental activities in Environment and Renewable Energy. Another goal is to promote scientific information interchange between researchers, developers, engineers, students, and practitioners working in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam and abroad. The conference will be held every year to make it an ideal platform for people to share views and experiences in Environment and Renewable Energy and related areas.

Details here
9 Resources

H2020 Latest Calls
Here you can find the latest calls on the newly set up Research Participant Portal.

International Cooperation Activities
Access the portal of the European Commission's International Cooperation Activities here.

Other Research Career Sites
Find A Postdoc: http://www.findapostdoc.com/
Find Scholarships in Europe: http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/
Find PhDs in Europe: http://www.phdportal.eu/
Academic Jobs EU: http://www.academicjobseu.com
Euro Science Jobs: http://www.eurosciencejobs.com/
EMBO excellence in life sciences: http://www.embo.org
EuroBrussels: http://www.eurobrussels.com/
Jobs at ITER: http://www.iter.org/jobs
Nature.jobs: http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html
Research Jobs in Germany: Research-in-Germany.de
Scholarship Database of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Brainpower Austria: http://www.brainpower-austria.at/

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