Dear Colleagues,

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

This month EU Insight summarises the key results of the ‘Gender Summit 4 – Europe 2014 from Ideas to Markets: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation and policy’ which was held from 30 June to 1 July 2014 in Brussels.

Please do also find information on our recent and forthcoming activities in this issue, including the preparation for this year’s EURAXESS Science Slam. There is still time to send us your video (until 15 September) for a chance to become one of the 5 finalists who will make it to the EURAXESS Links ASEAN Science Slam FINALS in Bangkok on 13 November. As always, this issue is full of funding opportunities with some deadlines approaching very fast!

We would like to remind you that this newsletter is dedicated to you – researchers of any nationality and research discipline and we greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions at asean@euraxess.net.

Wishing you a great month ahead!

Your EURAXESS Links ASEAN team
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1 EU Insight – Gender Summit 4 - Europe

Gender is one of the cross-cutting commitments in Horizon 2020 and centers around the following objectives:

- Gender balance in research teams
- Gender balance in decision-making
- Integrating gender/sex analysis in R&I content [1].

Being also an important criteria in the European Research Area, the ERA Progress Report 2013 found that “in terms of gender, European research still suffers from a substantial loss and inefficient use of highly skilled women and from a lack of gender dimension in research content. In 2010, women represented 46% of EU PhD graduates, 32.4% of researchers, 19.8% of senior academic staff. Gender unbalance is more striking in decision-making, where only 15.5 % of women are heads of institutions and 10% are rector in the higher education sector.” [2]

The ‘Gender Summit 4 – Europe 2014 from Ideas to Markets: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation and policy’ was held from 30 June to 1 July 2014 in Brussels. There were a total of 350 participants from 40 countries representing over 200 science organisations.

In line with the ERC gender equality plan the Summit concludes that gender balance and diversity should be emphasized in all Horizon 2020 calls as well as in the evaluation process.

Furthermore, more detailed information on gender as an evaluation criterion should be shared by NCPs, applicants, evaluators and experts to ensure that each has the same understanding of the process. A broader training of evaluators on all of the criteria that could be relevant for ranking applications,
Under the first pillar of Horizon 2020, the ERC has published its own ERC gender equality plan 2014-2020 [3].

Key objectives include:

- To continue raising awareness about the ERC gender policy among potential applicants;
- To improve the gender balance among researchers submitting ERC proposals in all research fields and within the ERC teams;
- To continue identifying and removing any potential gender bias in the ERC evaluation procedure;
- To continue monitoring possible differences in gender specific careers and academic posts, following the ERC grant;
- To embed gender awareness within all levels of the ERC processes - from creating awareness about the ERC to grant signing - while keeping the focus on excellence;
- To strive for gender balance among the ERC peer reviewers and other relevant decision making bodies.

including the gender dimension was encouraged by the participants of the Summit [4].

Since 2011, the evidence- and consensus-based approach advanced by Gender Summit – Europe has spread to other continents with new platforms created for North America, Africa, Asia and South America regions. Incorporating institutions, leaders, practitioners and experts from different continents transforms the Gender Summit into a global alliance for promoting harmonization of rules and practices to facilitate international collaboration and mobility, excellence and societal advancement [4].

The next Gender Summit will be hosted by the Human Science and Research Council from 28-30 April, 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa. The overarching topics will be poverty alleviation and economic empowerment through scientific research and innovation [5].

Sources

[1] Factsheet Gender Equality in Horizon 2020
2 SEA-EU-NET to assist 10 ASEAN researchers in preparing an ERC Starting Grant proposal

The International European Research Council Starting Grants Support Scheme will support selected outstanding Southeast Asian researchers in ERC proposal preparation; provide programme participants with information on successful ERC proposal preparation; and offer the participants the possibility to visit potential host institutions in Europe and to prepare their proposal.

Structure of the Scheme

This ERC Support Scheme will initially focus on the ERC Starting Grants which support researchers at the early stages of their career (2-7 years after PhD). The target group for this Support Scheme are bright, young Southeast Asian researchers who demonstrate the highest potential to conduct research in the European Research Area in the future. This scheme offers up to ten travel grants for Southeast Asian researchers on the basis of a call for proposals. These travel grants will allow successful applicants to spend up to two weeks in Europe with the purpose of receiving information on the preparation of an ERC grant proposal, and working with their European partner(s) in the preparation of an ERC Starting Grant Proposal.

Funding

The funding per travel grant is up to €4,000. This is intended to cover return economy airfare from Southeast Asia, local travel within Europe, and food and accommodation costs for up to two weeks in Europe. The applicant is asked to submit a travel schedule with her/his application. A daily allowance of €50 will be granted. All other costs will get reimbursed based on submitted receipts or covered in advance by the German Aerospace Agency (DLR).

Call for Proposals

Travel grants will be awarded on the basis of a Call for Proposals. Applicants from Southeast Asia will have to demonstrate that they have identified one or more relevant European (or Associated Country) host organisations with whom they want to collaborate for the ERC Starting Grant. Applicants will need to submit a support letter from the European or Associated Country institutions(s) confirming that they wish to host the Southeast Asian researcher.

The applicant will also have to show that they already have the basis of a research proposal for the ERC Starting Grant which is pioneering and innovative in its approach and its goals, and has the potential to change the course of science in their respective research area. Proposals that cross disciplines will be encouraged.
Participation in an ERC scheme requires substantial preparation, in most cases as long as six months. Applicants need to use the time this Call for Proposals offers to start the application process in order to be able to participate in the 2015 Starting Grant Calls for Proposals.

**Timing**

The publication of the next ERC Starting Grant Call for Proposals is scheduled for October 2014 (date to be confirmed) with a closing date of 3 February 2015. In order for Southeast Asian researchers to participate in this Call, the Support Scheme has launched its call for proposals on 15 July with a closing date of 1 September 2014. Successful candidates will be notified by September 19, 2014. The visits to potential European or Associated Country host (s) will take place in rather November or December 2014.

**Implementing Agencies**

The FP7 funded SEA-EU-NET project is a hub for promoting programmes of the European Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation in Southeast Asia. Established in 2008, and now in its second phase with partners in almost all ASEAN member states, the project has established a strong network of S&T decision-makers, multipliers, research institutions and companies in both Southeast Asia and Europe. SEA-EU-NET effectively promotes European programmes to increase participation from this highly dynamic economic area. The German Aerospace Center (DLR) is coordinator of the SEA-EU-NET project and will act as the granting agency and local organizer within this scheme.

The National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand was established under the Ministry of Science and Technology by the special National Science and Technology Development Act, 1991. NSTDA is an umbrella organization that orchestrates the R&D output from national research centers in biotechnology (BIOTEC: National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology), metal and material technology (MTEC: National Metal and Materials Technology Center), electronics and software technology (NECTEC: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center) and nanotechnology (NANOTEC: National Nanotechnology Center) as well as from their related research networks. NSTDA reaches out to other research organizations and universities through joint collaboration, contracted research, and other mechanisms to ensure the best resources are being captured for the country's innovation needs. To tie all these together, the Technology Management Center of NSTDA serves as a linkage between scientists and end users and provides related technology services. In brief, NSTDA is a kind national organization that distinguishes its roles from other research units in Thailand by acting as a bridge between the academic research and innovation requirements of industry. NSTDA is a partner in the SEA-EU-NET project.
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 research in Europe. The scheme targets promising researchers who have the proven potential of becoming independent research leaders. It will support the creation of excellent new research teams.

Find out more here.

**Call for Proposals - Application guidelines**

Required information.

**Download the application form here.**

- Filled out application form, including:
  - Travel itinerary, naming the institutions & persons to be visited and the timing schedule
  - Short outline of the proposal idea (formless, max. 2 pages)
  - Short outline of possible impact of the conducted research (formless, max. 1 page)
  - Curriculum Vitae of the applicant (in Europass format)

**Proposed Europe Travel Programme & Reporting**

- Departure from SEA (Day 1)
- Arrival in Brussels and acclimatization (Day 2)
- Meetings in Brussels - general information on Horizon2020 and ERC (Day 3)
- Visits of possible host Institutions across Europe (Day 4-12)
- Departure home (Day 13)

**Obligations of the successful applicants**

Successful applicants are required to submit a report of their mission to Europe within three weeks of having completed their travel. The report should not exceed three pages in length. This report should detail the applicant's objectives for travelling to Europe, a summary of results achieved, and an overview of the Starting Grant proposal. If no Starting Grant proposal was prepared, then an explanation should be provided on problems encountered in the development of a project proposal.

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3 Ready, set, go - video entry for the EURAXESS Science Slam 2014 possible until 15 September

Calling on all researchers across ASEAN – get creative and submit a short video of your research project for a chance to win a spot on the live slam finals which will be held on 13 November in Bangkok. Up for grabs is a free trip to Europe together with the best EURAXESS Science Slammers of Brazil, China, India, Japan and North America. The five winners will head to Europe for a unique networking opportunity and science communication training specially tailored to their needs.

If you have a great idea that you would like to share on stage with your academic peers then submit your video entry until 15 September. This contest is open to researchers of any nationality and any discipline currently conducting research in ASEAN.
HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Step 1: **Get creative** and develop an original idea to present your research project to the world: Tap dancing, singing, old-school presentation, scientific equipment – all is allowed.

Step 2: **Make a 3 minute video** of your presentation with your camera phone (or equivalent). Make sure the presentation is in English.

Step 3: **Post your video** on the EURAXESS Links ASEAN Facebook site or send us the link to your video at asean@euraxess.net.

About the EURAXESS Science Slam:

→ EURAXESS Science Slam ASEAN 2014 is part of the EURAXESS Science Slam series that takes place annually in the EURAXESS Links locations ASEAN, Brazil, China, India, Japan, and North America.

→ The event gives young researchers in ASEAN the chance to showcase their research projects to their peers and the wider public in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.

→ A jury of experts will select 5 finalists from the video submissions. Each of the 5 finalists will present a topic related to their research to an audience of non-experts at the final slam to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 13 November 2014.

→ Economy return flights (1 ticket per person) and hotel accommodation (2 nights) will be booked and paid for by EURAXESS Links ASEAN for the 5 finalists not resident in Bangkok, Thailand.

→ The slam will be given in English in less than 10 minutes and can be supported by video and audio material, ppt. slides and any other kind of media available, as well as by scientific equipment.

→ The performances of the participants will be judged by the audience and the jury based on conceptualization, style and originality.

→ The winner will be awarded a round trip to Europe where he or she will attend a scientific meeting along with the winners of the other EURAXESS Science Slams organized in the US and Canada, Japan, India, China and Brazil.

→ The event is open to researchers of all nationalities currently based in ASEAN active in all fields of research.

For full details on the terms and conditions please visit the EURAXESS Science Slam website.

* Should the political situation in Thailand not have stabilised until November the slam finals will be moved to a different location in ASEAN.
4 News & Developments

4.1 European Union

4.1.1 EU-industry partnerships seek innovation boost with first €1 billion for projects

Research partnerships between the EU, the private sector and Member States presented their first calls for projects and partners under Horizon 2020, the EU's €80 billion research and innovation programme. Worth a total of €1.13 billion in public funding, which will be complemented by a comparable amount from the private partners, the first round of funding will go into projects that will improve people's lives as well as boost international competitiveness of Europe's industry. Topics include new treatments for diabetes and eye disease and a roll out of dozens of hydrogen-powered road vehicles and refuelling stations. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, said: "Only if the best brains from academia, industry, SMEs, research institutes and other organisations come together can we successfully tackle the huge challenges that we are facing. This is what public-private partnerships are about, the joining of forces to make the lives of Europeans better, create jobs and boost our competitiveness. We are committed to prioritising the impact of the European budget on the recovery, and these partnerships are doing just that, with first calls for proposals for 1.1 billion euros to be matched by industry, within a package representing an overall 22 billion euros boost to growth and jobs creation over seven years. They will continue delivering results that no single country, company or even the European Union as such would achieve alone."

The launch of first calls comes almost exactly one year after the European Commission put forward the Innovation Investment Package, a set of proposals to establish seven public-private and four public-public partnerships. They will work in several key areas such as medicines, transport, electronics and bioeconomy, and are worth over €22 billion in total.

Source: European Commission

4.1.2 EPO introduces new scheme to improve legal certainty of pending patent applications

Under the "Early Certainty from Search" scheme, the EPO aims to issue all search reports and written opinions on patentability within six months of filing, to prioritise the completion of examination files it has already started over beginning work on new files, and to expedite grants once a positive search opinion has been issued.

In addition, it will seek to prioritise processing of those cases where substantiated observations are filed by third parties who identify themselves, and also of oppositions and requests for limitation or revocation.

The new scheme will benefit companies and inventors seeking patent protection in Europe by ensuring timely delivery of all search reports and opinions on their
applications, giving them a sound basis for their patenting strategies early on. It will also benefit the general public by enhancing the transparency of pending patent rights in Europe, providing an overview of prior art and patentability at an early stage in the proceedings.

The scheme now being implemented enjoys the support of users of the patent system, which they expressed during the consultation exercise conducted in the first half of 2014.

Source: EPO

4.1.3 Launch of European science & technology network on unconventional hydrocarbon extraction

To deepen the knowledge on extraction technologies and practices of unconventional gas and oil and minimise potential health and environment risks, the European Commission has launched the European science and technology network on unconventional hydrocarbon extraction. The network will be established and managed by the JRC, on the basis of the guidance provided by the Steering group. The network aims to bring together practitioners from industry, research, academia and civil society, so as to ensure a fair and balanced exchange of ideas. It will collect, analyse and review results from exploration projects and assess the development of technologies used to extract unconventional gas and oil.

Source: JRC

4.1.4 European Commission launches public consultation on Science 2.0

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on ‘Science 2.0’, in order to gauge the trend towards a more open, data-driven and people-focused way of doing research and innovation. Researchers are using digital tools to get thousands of people participating in research, for example by asking them to report if they catch flu in order to monitor outbreaks and predict possible epidemics. Scientists are being more open too: sharing their findings online at an early stage, comparing and debating their work to make it better. Increasingly, scientific publications are available online for free. By some estimates, 90 percent of all available data in the world has been generated in the past two years, and scientific data output is growing at a rate of 30 percent per year.

The consultation will look at awareness of and participation in these trends, as well as get views on the opportunities created by ‘Science 2.0’ to strengthen the competitiveness of European science and research. The deadline for responses is 30 September 2014.

Source: European Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
4.1.5 Forecasting the development of breakthrough technologies to enable novel space missions

A new report, Technological Breakthroughs for Scientific Progress (TECHBREAK), has been published by the European Science Foundation. The foundation had been contacted at the end of 2009 to conduct a foresight activity for the European Space Agency (ESA), addressing the matter of technological breakthroughs for space originating in the non-space sector. A "Forward Look" project jointly funded by ESA and ESF and called ‘TECHBREAK’ was initiated as a result. Its goals were to forecast the development of such breakthrough technologies to enable novel space missions in the 2030-2050 timeframe and to identify related partnerships through synergies with non-space specialists. The result of this exercise is a report to ESA’s Director General and High-level Science Policy Advisory Committee (HISPAC). It was published in mid-July and is available online.

The report was not prepared to serve as a definitive guide for very specific technologies to be developed for future space missions but rather to inform on, and flag up, the main developments in various technological and scientific areas outside space that may hold promise for use in the space domain. The report does this by identifying the current status of research for each domain, asserting the development horizon for each technology and providing entry points, in the form of key European experts and institutions with knowledge of the domain. The European Union's concept of Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) was chosen as a guide through this technological search.

Source: ESF

4.1.6 Towards an Energy Union

Technology will have an important role to play in helping to secure EU energy independence. According to Dominique Ristori, Directorate General for Energy, technologies are now maturing for a real energy revolution however we still need to bridge the gap between research and industry. The Directorate General elaborated on this point within the context of EU efforts to transform into an 'Energy Union' at a European Policy Centre (EPC) briefing in Brussels. Particularly in the shadow of the crisis in Ukraine, energy is at the heart of the EU's core geopolitical concerns.

In an effort to address the problem, the European Commission published a European Energy Security Strategy in late May. Developing energy technologies is one of the medium/long term goals in the strategy. The document specifies the Commission's intention to 'mainstream energy security in the implementation of the priorities of the Horizon 2020 programme'. Other research-related aspects include launching a European science and technology network on unconventional hydrocarbon extraction and promoting the development of renewable energy technologies in multilateral and bilateral negotiations.

Speaking to the crowd gathered at the EPC briefing, Director-General Ristori
noted that at least EUR 6 billion within the Horizon 2020 pot is dedicated to energy. However while EU programmes like Horizon 2020 would be important to helping us implement the strategy, according to Ristori, the majority of finance should come from the private sector: 'The return on investment for energy projects is good - better in comparison to other sectors such as transport. The private sector should be the dominant source of financing.'

According to Ristori, in the next three to four years, conditions will be met to produce an energy box that gives full command of energy consumption to each individual. He noted, 'Technologies are mature enough. There is no obstacle to going rapidly into that phase and to produce 3-4 million 'smart homes' over the next years'. Ristori concluded however that this would require that we improve the capacity of our industry to produce products and we build a bridge between the research and industrial sectors.

Source: European Commission

4.2 ASEAN

4.2.1 Singapore joins International Human Frontier Science Programme

Officials from the International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSPO) and the National Research Foundation, Prime Minister’s Office, Singapore, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Singapore to become a member country of the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP). Founded in 1989, the HFSP promotes basic research on biological functions through international cooperation. To date, it has established itself as a funding organization that pushes the frontiers of modern life sciences. HFSP awardees have clinched 23 Nobel prizes and prestigious awards such as the Louis-Jeantet Prize medals and the Lasker Awards. One of the criteria to be approved as a member country in the HFSP is to demonstrate scientific excellence in life sciences. With the membership, Singapore researchers will be able to compete for funding support under the various HFSP funding programmes.

Full text of MoU at NRF

4.2.2 Rolls-Royce Opens EUR 44 million R&D Lab in Singapore

Eight years after their first research partnership, Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Rolls-Royce are taking their research alliance to greater heights with a new multi-million dollar collaboration. The centrepiece is the Rolls-Royce@NTU Corporate Lab, which was launched at a joint investment of EUR 44 million by NTU, Rolls-Royce and the National Research Foundation (NRF), Prime Minister’s Office, Singapore. It is also the first lab to be supported under the NRF’s newly launched Corp Lab @ University scheme.
This research tie-up will focus on three core research areas – Electrical Power and Control Systems, Manufacturing and Repair Technologies and Computational Engineering, and kick start 32 new projects over the next five years, tripling the existing number of projects between Rolls-Royce and NTU.

Full article: Asian Scientist Magazine

4.2.3 20th EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting calls for closer scientific ties

The 20th EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, under the theme of “Towards Strategic Partnership for Peace, Stability and Prosperity”, was held on 23 July 2014. The Meeting was co-chaired by Her Excellency Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission and His Excellency Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, as Country Coordinator of ASEAN - EU Dialogue Relations.

The Ministers noted progress in EU-ASEAN cooperation in the field of science and technology. The Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the success of EU-ASEAN Year of Science, Technology and Innovation in 2012 and the EU-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Days 2014 on 21-23 January 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand and looked forward to intensifying cooperation in this area of mutual interest, including the transfer of technology programmes.

Full text: European Commission
5 Grants & Fellowships

5.1 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.

5.2 H2020

The European Commission has launched the first calls under Horizon 2020. Calls in the 2014 budget focus on the three key pillars of Horizon 2020:

- **Excellent Science**: Around €3 billion, including €1.7 billion for grants from the European Research Council for top scientists, and €800 million for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships for younger researchers.

- **Industrial Leadership**: €1.8 billion to support Europe’s industrial leadership in areas like ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced manufacturing, robotics, biotechnologies and space.

- **Societal Challenges**: €2.8 billion for innovative projects addressing Horizon 2020’s seven societal challenges, broadly: health; agriculture, maritime and bioeconomy; energy; transport; climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; reflective societies; and security.

To find out more about EU funding opportunities for your research or innovation project 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.
5.3 ERC Advanced Grants

ERC Advanced Grants allow exceptional established research leaders of any nationality and any age to pursue ground-breaking, high-risk projects that open new directions in their respective research fields or other domains.

The ERC Advanced Grant funding targets researchers who have already established themselves as independent research leaders in their own right.

ERC Advanced Grants in brief

- Research field: any field of science, engineering and scholarship
- Researchers: any nationality, any age. Applicants 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
- Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal
- Host Institution: research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation (known as a Host Institution/HI) located in one of the EU Member States or Associated Countries
- Funding: up to € 2.5 million per grant (in some circumstances up to € 3.5 million per grant)
- Duration: up to 5 years

Deadline: 21 October 2014
Details here.

5.4 ERCIM – Alain Bensoussan Fellowships

ERCIM, the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics, offers fellowships for PhD holders from all over the world. Fellowships are of a 12 months duration, spent in one of the leading European Research Institutes part of the ERCIM network. Topics cover most disciplines in Computer Science, Information Technology, and Applied Mathematics.

Deadline: 30 September 2014
Details here.
5.5 European Respiratory Society post-doctoral Marie Curie Fellowship

ERS/EU RESPIRE2 post-doctoral Marie Curie Fellowship opportunities in the broad field of respiratory science, co-funded by the European Union. The programme is open to experienced researchers from any discipline.

2nd round deadline: 31 October 2014
(call to be launched early August 2014)
Details here.

5.6 European University Institute Florence (Italy) – Fellowships in Social Sciences and Humanities

Max Weber Fellowships for junior post-docs in economics, law, history, social and political sciences, or a related field. Details here.

Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships to carry out research at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS). Details here.
Deadline: 25 October 2014

5.7 Marie Curie Fellowships Open to Participation by Researchers from ASEAN

On March 12, 2014 the European Commission opened the call for the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF) which offer an opportunity for individual researchers and research institutes across Europe.

The grant usually covers two years' salary, a mobility allowance, research costs and overheads for the host institution. Individual researchers submit proposals for funding in liaison with their planned host organisation. Proposals are judged on their research quality, the researcher's future career prospects, and the support offered by the host organisation.

These Individual Fellowships also offer an opportunity for European researchers to spend up to 2 years working in universities and research institutes in ASEAN.
Deadline for application: 11 September 2014
Further details.
5.8 Estonia: Estophilius Scholarship

The Estonian Institute offers scholarships to holders of a doctoral degree or Master’s or Doctoral students who are citizens of a foreign state and are studying at a university abroad, to write a research paper on an Estonia-related topic or to gather material for it.

The scholarship is designated to cover subsistence expenses, tuition fees and costs directly connected with the research; it may be granted for a period from five to ten months. The scholarship for a five-month period is 2500 EUR. Knowledge of Estonian is an advantage but not a requirement.

Application deadline: 1 October 2014.
Details here.

5.9 Germany: DLR – DAAD Research Fellowships in the fields of Space, Aeronautics, Energy and Transportation Research

DLR – DAAD Research Fellowships is a new programme implemented by the ‘Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt’ (DLR) and the ‘German Academic Exchange Service’ (DAAD).

This special programme is intended for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students as well as senior scientists.

DLR-DAAD Fellowships offer outstanding scientists and researchers the opportunity to conduct special research at the institutes of the DLR in Germany.

DLR-DAAD Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each Fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. The current offers are published under DLR-DAAD Fellowships - Current Offers on the homepages of the DAAD and the DLR.

There are currently open positions in Aeronautics; Space; Transportation; Energy.

The application deadline depends on the offer.
Details here.

5.10 Germany: Max Planck Society Institute for Chemical Ecology

The Max Planck Society Institute for Chemical Ecology offers 5 PhD Fellowships. The overarching research topic is the use of molecular, chemical and neuro-ethological techniques to experimentally explore ecological interactions under natural conditions. The courses are held in English.
Deadline: 31 August 2014.
Details here.

5.11 Human Frontier Science Post-doc Fellowship

Funding frontier research into complex biological systems. HFSP postdoctoral fellowships encourage early career scientists to broaden their research skills by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country.

HFSP fellowships are for three years. Fellows may choose to stay for up to three years in the host country or use the last year of their fellowship to return to their home country or to move to another HFSPO member country.

Long-Term Fellowships (LTF) are for applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a project in the life sciences which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work.

Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF) are for applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences (e.g. in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training. Details here.

5.12 Singapore-France: Joint Bilateral Grant Call

The joint bilateral grant call between Singapore’s National Research Foundation (NRF) and Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), France, is a national level collaboration between Singapore and France for French-Singapore collaborative research projects. The grant call seeks to strengthen the collaboration between French and Singaporean research communities in areas of mutual interest in order to achieve world-class scientific and technical results, leading to new and innovative technologies.

Selected projects must reflect a high degree of collaboration between both the French and Singaporean partners in planning, development and execution. Collaborating investigators must be mutually engaged throughout the course of the project.

The focus of the inaugural grant call is basic research. The priority area for the inaugural grant call is materials, nanotechnologies and nano systems.

Timeline of Inaugural Grant Call

- Pre-registration of projects: 18 November 2014, 2000hrs (Singapore Time)
- Call closure date: 30 March 2015, 1900hrs (Singapore Time)
- Announcement of Results: July to August 2015 (Tentative)

Details [here](#).

### 5.13 Slovakia: National Incoming and Outgoing Scholarships

The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic (NSP) supports study/research/teaching/artistic mobility of foreign students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists at higher education institutions and research organisations in Slovakia. The scholarship shall cover scholarship holders' living costs (accommodation, board, etc.) during their stay in Slovakia with an allowance between EUR 350 and 1,000 / month.

**Application deadline: 31 October 2014.**

Details [here](#).

### 5.14 Spain: MARIE CURIE AMAROUT Fellowships

Both "experienced" and "very experienced" researchers from any country (worldwide) can apply for AMAROUT - II fellowships at any of the seven Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies (IMDEA) Institutes participating in the programme (Energy, Food, Materials, Nanosciences, Networks, Software, and water).

**Next deadline: a permanent call for applications is open until 30 September 2015.**

Details [here](#).
6 Jobs

There are currently 9081 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe and partner countries and in all disciplines) accessible via the EURAXESS Jobs database.

DENMARK (Copenhagen): Postdoctoral Position in Structural Biology at the Department of Neuroscience and Pharmacology, University of Copenhagen

Details

GERMANY (Oldenburg): Postdoctoral position for experienced molecular biologist/protein biochemist with experience in investigating protein-protein interactions; University of Oldenburg

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India (Chennai): Long-term lectureship (professorship) in the area of Waste Management, IGCS (research cooperation centre between the German group of universities (TU 9 and Christian-Albrechts University (CAU) Kiel) and IIT Madras

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Examples of Jobs supported by Marie Curie Actions

Research Fellowships

→ PhD positions at the research group Neuroplasticity at the Leibniz Institute for Neurobiology in Magdeburg, Germany

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→ Post doc position in the MEDOW (Multi-terminal DC grid for offshore wind) Marie-Curie Initial Training Network at Cardiff School of Engineering, UK

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→ Post Doc position in Bio-photonic research and development in laser dentistry at the University of Leeds, UK

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7 Events

7.1 EURAXESS Links ASEAN takes part in 1st EU-SEA Alumni Network Meeting

The first EU-SEA Alumni Network meeting was organised in the port city of Danang, Vietnam on July 11, 2014 by the National Agency for Science & Technology Information (NASATI) with support from the FP7 funded SEA-EU-NET project and EURAXESS Links ASEAN.

The objective of the meeting was to bring together European alumni associations from across Southeast Asia to discuss what role they might play in supporting and promoting S&T cooperation between researchers in Europe and Southeast Asia.

Participants included alumni association representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Laos PDR and Thailand. They represented alumni who had studied in France, Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom as well as alumni of the Erasmus Mundus programme.

Meeting participants agreed to the formation of a network alliance comprising alumni association representatives, SEA-EU-NET, and EURAXESS Links ASEAN. Through this network information on European funding and fellowships will be shared with the tens of thousands of European alumni living and working in Southeast Asia. The alumni associations will also play a key role in forming research partnerships though scientific workshops and brokerage events.

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EURAXESS Links ASEAN has partnered with the FP7 funded SEA-EU-NET and INCONTACT projects to organize two very successful Horizon 2020 Info Days which were held in Bangkok, Thailand on 7 & 8 July and Danang, Vietnam on 10 July 2014.

Both events attracted a large turnout of almost 300 researchers and research administrators from across Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Laos PDR. The participants received information about funding and mobility opportunities under Horizon 2020, as well as hands-on advice to facilitate their participation in European collaborative projects.

In Thailand the event was hosted by the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), and included workshops on proposal writing financial management of EU funded projects.

In Vietnam, the National Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (NASATI), an agency under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), hosted the Info Day.

The presentations are now available for download [here](#).

The photo shows Dr Olivier Kuttel, Head of European Public Affairs, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland presenting on “How to Write a Successful EU Proposal” at the H2020 Info Day in Bangkok.
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* Not listed are presentations on EURAXESS Links and European mobility schemes at research institutions held by the regional representatives upon invitation across ASEAN. If you would like for our team to visit your research organisation please email us at: asean@euraxess.net
7.4 France: FEBS-EMBO 2014 Conference, 30 August – 4 September 2014

The meeting is an international event that brings together leading researchers to discuss the latest scientific findings in the life sciences. Scientists from across the world will be able to attend a jointly organized conference in Paris, France, that offers unparalleled scope for the entire range of the life sciences.

The FEBS EMBO 2014 Conference will celebrate the 50th anniversaries of FEBS and EMBO and the 100th anniversary of the French Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Further details


ICESTI 2014 will provide a forum for accessing the most up-to-date and authoritative knowledge from both industrial and academic worlds, sharing best practice in the field of Engineering, Science, and Technology towards sustainable development.

The conference will provide an opportunity to highlight recent developments and to identify emerging and future areas of growth in these exciting fields. The first event of this conference series (ICESTI 2014) will be held in Bali, Indonesia, on 10-13 September 2014. ICESTI organizing committee are inviting submissions from scientists, academicians and industry practitioners worldwide.

Further details

For more information on research events across Europe and across all disciplines please visit the European Commission managed page “What’s New in European Research”
8 Resources

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