Dear Colleagues,

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

We are gearing up to host the 2nd EURAXESS Links Conference which will take place in Singapore (11 November) and in Bangkok, Thailand on 13 November. The 400 seats available were snapped up within days! We very much look forward to welcoming our guests at this exciting event.

Our second key event are the EURAXESS Science Slam 2014 Finals. The line-up of five excellent researchers from across ASEAN who will compete in the live slam in Bangkok, Thailand on 13 November promises a spectacular slam finals! Meet our finalists on page 29 and do make sure to join us at this event!

We hope you do enjoy reading our newsletter.

Wishing you a great month ahead!

Your EURAXESS Links ASEAN team
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1 EU Insight – Weighing the Benefits of International Student Mobility on Future Employability

Understanding the role of education and its influence on skills development and their ties to future job attainment and socioeconomic prosperity is an important question for Europe. Isolating the specific factors which contribute to this process is equally important. International student mobility is one such factor, and the main subject of the recently published report The Erasmus Impact Study: Effects of Mobility on the Skills and Employability of Students and the Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions (EIS), commissioned by the European Commission. Conducted and written by a panel of independent researchers, the EIS yields interesting findings about the benefits of going abroad.

The Report

The EIS is the end result of the largest single study ever conducted on the effects of international mobility on students and higher education institutes (roughly 76,000 respondents). It is also in response to the European Commission’s efforts to improve students’ career options and combat high youth unemployment “through study or training abroad”. As the premier programme within Europe supporting international mobility amongst students and higher education employees, Erasmus serves as a perfect case study for exploring the question of mobility’s effect on one’s future job prospects and the impact of such mobility on one’s place of work.

Designed to “go beyond perception studies...to measure real effects and outcomes”, the EIS used a mixed methods approach to “identify the effects of the Erasmus mobility programme on the employability, skills enhancement and institutional development on student’s future employability”, while also “examining] the impact of Erasmus staff and teaching mobility” to reach the conclusion that mobility is good for employment.


Groups targeted by the study included: students and staff (academic and non-academic) of higher education institutions, programme alumni, higher education institutions and employers. The study included online surveys that covered 34 countries – EU member states as well as Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. The qualitative study focused on eight countries that are diverse in size and location – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom – and included site visits, interviews, focus groups and institutional workshops. Besides study abroad, work placements and trainings engaged in abroad were also factored into the study’s scope. These international work experiences were also found to have a profound impact on an individual’s future career options.

The Findings

Additional key findings of the report include:

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4 Ibid.
5 Ibid.
The Erasmus programme is as inclusive as other mobility programmes;  
• 64% of employers consider an international experience important for recruitment (up from 37% in 2006), with such hires given more responsibility earlier;  
• More than 1 in 3 Erasmus trainees were offered a position at their host company;  
• Young people trained abroad are **50% less likely** to experience long-term unemployment;  
• Almost **1 in 10 Erasmus trainees** who did work placements have started their own company, **3 out of 4** envisage doing so;  
• Transversal (transferable) skills important to employers are also the skills improved during an Erasmus period abroad;  
• On average, **92% of employers are looking for transversal skills**, on top of knowledge in their field (91%) and relevant work experience (78%)

### Room for Improvement

It is interesting to note that many of the positive outcomes listed above occur as a result of working, and not just studying, abroad. This distinction is something strongly emphasized in an article by Hans de Wit, one of the external advisors associated with the study, as receiving insufficient attention in the report. Also questioned is the fact that the study does not provide much insight into the actual motivations respondents have for going abroad for work or study. Understanding these factors, especially how international of a home life one has or how international of a curriculum one experiences prior to going abroad, and how these things influence motivation to be mobile or not, is noted as a necessary next step if the goal of mobility for all young people is truly to be achieved.

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2 Spotlight on: Expanding scientific collaboration between Europe and Southeast Asia – Introducing SEA-EU-NET

SEA-EU-NET is an international cooperation network funded by the European Commission to facilitate the bi-regional Science and Technology. Launched in 2008, SEA-EU-NET has 22 partner organisations across Europe and Southeast Asia. The project seeks to increase information flow to scientists on the ground. EU-NET has set up a network of experts linking Southeast Asian researchers with their European counterparts and worked with the OECD to highlight the strengths of Southeast Asia innovation. S&T cooperation between Europe and Southeast Asia delivers benefits to both regions in the form of research medicines and economic returns.

EURAXESS Links ASEAN met with Mr Patrick Ziegler, Managing Coordinator for the SEA EU Net project at DLR in Germany to find out more.

Mr Ziegler, can you tell us about your project and its objectives?

SEA-EU-NET is an EU Framework Programme 7 funded international science cooperation network with the aim to deepen science and technology (S&T) cooperation between Europe and Southeast Asia. What we do is to identify opportunities for S&T cooperation in a strategic manner, support the policy dialogue on S&T cooperation between the countries of Europe and Southeast Asia, try to increase the participation of researchers from Southeast Asia in the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation by organizing events and informing on Horizon 2020 in Southeast Asia or analyse the science, technology and innovation landscape in the region. We also work on three topics of bi-regional interest: Health, Food Security and Safety, and Water Management – our tasks here are to enhance exchange between researchers from both regions to create synergies and future cooperation.

The project unites partners from several countries. Can you briefly introduce the consortium members to us and tell us how the cooperation came about?

Our consortium consists of 21 partners from both regions – 12 from Europe and 9 from Southeast Asia. We cover 9 of the 28 EU member states, Switzerland and Turkey as well as 7 of the 10 ASEAN member states. As our project supports the political dialogue between the regions and needs strong support
Save the Date
ASEAN-EU STI Days 2015
17 – 19 March 2015
Paris, France

The conference will include the following sessions:

- Plenary sessions on ASEAN-EU STI cooperation;
- Scientific workshops, focusing on three societal challenges of common interest to both regions - Health, Water Management, Food Security and Safety - but also including transversal topics like mobility and innovation framework conditions;
- An Innovation Exhibition aiming to showcase South-East Asia's STI capacity to European actors: booths will be offered universities, laboratories or SMEs interested in presenting their innovation potential;
- Information and training sessions on funding and mobility opportunities;
- A paper/poster competition open to young scientists;
- Field trips to major research and innovation facilities within and beyond Paris, in relation with the STI Days priority topics.

Further information will be published on the [SEA EU NET website](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess).

from the policy making level in order to be successful, we took care that most partners in the consortium rather come from the policy making side or at least have strong ties to it. We were in the lucky position to have a predecessor project with the same name running very successfully from 2008 to 2012, so we knew very well which key players to approach when forming the consortium. We are now fortunate to work with three ministries of Southeast Asian countries and have partners from a lot of key research institutions from Europe and Southeast Asia in the consortium. This ensures that our recommendations reach the right people and improves the project’s impact considerably.

How does the work undertaken by your project contribute to increased research cooperation between Europe and Southeast Asia?

Well, I think it is hard to operationalize the impact of such a support action as there are myriads of variables interacting with each other. Anyway, what we can do is raise awareness on the existing possibilities for cooperation between both regions and encourage researchers, research managers and policy makers to look beyond their own backyard. An important point is to inform the colleagues in Southeast Asia on what is going on in the European Framework Programme so they can get in touch with their colleagues in Europe. More often than not the problem is that the researchers in Europe don’t even think about incorporating a colleague from another world region in an EC proposal. Also we help both regions to network and exchange by organizing thematic events and invite colleagues from one region to the other for example.

Where do you see the biggest opportunities for increased cooperation between Europe and Southeast Asia?

If we talk about thematic areas, we see the biggest opportunities in the areas of Health, Water Management and Food Security & Safety. Emerging infectious diseases like SARS, Dengue, Chikungunya but also topics like HIV and TB are of high relevance for both regions. Water Management is a key topic for Southeast Asian countries and there are a lot of good practices from Europe that can be transferred as well as the other way round. Food Security & Safety is a key topic for the European consumers. Fish, shrimps, fruits, rice – there are many products that get imported from Southeast Asia and ensuring common standards and a high quality of the products is of major interest to European companies. Other topics with a high potential for cooperation are Aquaculture, ICT or Transport where there are good research capacities as well as demand on both sides.

What would point to as being some of the project’s most notable achievements or greatest successes?

What we have achieved in the first phase of the project was the set-up of a network of National Contact Points (NCPs) in Southeast Asia that serve as a first contact point for Southeast Asian researchers for all matters related to Horizon 2020. We organized the first bi-regional Year of Science, Technology & Innovation (YoSTI) in 2011/12 with more than 30 events, published various studies on the Science, Technology and Innovation landscape in the Southeast Asia and now established the first forum for Science, Technology and Innovation between Southeast Asia and Europe – the ASEAN-EU Science, Technology and Innovation Days (STI Days) that first took place in Bangkok in January 2014 with more than 500 participants. The next edition will be carried out in Paris, 17-19 March 2015, switching back to Hanoi in 2016.
What have been the biggest challenges for the project in attempting to foster bi-regional cooperation?

We had been quite successful during the lifetime of the 7th Framework Programme but with the start of Horizon 2020 the rules of the game have changed and we have to adapt to these altered framework conditions. I think this accounts for International Cooperation in general – we feel that the recent developments in S&T policies in Europe were not beneficial for international research cooperation in general. It is still too early to draw conclusions but the first statistical numbers we have heard of do not sound promising. I think there is a lack of acceptance and knowledge about the benefits of international cooperation in S&T worldwide looking at the level of openness of research programmes. All we can do in such projects is try to convince policy makers, researchers and research managers of the benefits of cooperation through the creation of synergies and the avoidance of redundancies to tackle societal challenges that can’t be solved by a country or a region alone.

What advice would you give to Southeast Asian researchers seeking closer collaboration with Europe?

I guess there are no special advises to give to Southeast Asian researchers in special. Be aware that you are as good as your colleagues in other parts of the world and don’t sell yourself short. Approach your colleagues in Europe actively, seek advice from National Contact Points in the country in Europe you want to work with, visit events and extend your network, learn about the opportunities in Horizon 2020 or the member state programmes and be persevering.

Thank you very much!

For information on SEA EU NET events, publications and opportunities to network please visit the [SEA EU NET website](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess).
EURAXESS Links Conference 2014 – A Major Networking Event

EURAXESS Links ASEAN is gearing up to host the “2nd EURAXESS Links – Connecting Researchers Worldwide” conference on 11 & 13 November. Organised by the European Commission, this conference provides a unique opportunity for European and ASEAN researchers to network and interact with each other.

Researchers from across ASEAN quickly signed up for the 400 or so seats on offer to join us in the endeavour to further strengthen the scientific relationship between Europe and Southeast Asia. With a line up of high calibre speakers from Europe and ASEAN ready to share their expertise with the audience this is set to be a highly informative event.

Programme Highlights include:

- **CEO Forum**
- **Workshops with high calibre trainers and senior experts**
- **Panel discussions with leading European industry representatives**
- **Poster competition “Pitch Your Innovation” competition**
- **Networking Buffet Dinner.**
4 EURAXESS Links supports ASEAN Talent Mobility Programme

In an effort to address the growing demand for skilled manpower in the region including researchers, Thailand’s National Science Technology and Innovation Office (STI) organised the first ASEAN Talent Mobility Workshop in Phuket, Thailand March 26-28, 2014. Participants included representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST), companies and universities from Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam and South Korea.

The objective of the workshop was to discuss policies and mechanisms to promote talent mobility in ASEAN and international brain circulation; and to explore the potential of developing an “ASEAN Talent Mobility (ATM)” programme as a platform for talent mobility among ASEAN and its partners.

During the workshop, EURAXESS Links ASEAN was invited to share with the workshop participants key policies and activities in the EU designed to support researcher mobility including the European Research Area, EURAXESS and the Marie-Sklodowska Curie Actions. There was much discussion around the EU experience in removing obstacles to mobility and building the EURAXESS network.

At the 68th meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology in Bogor, Indonesia in August 2014, approval was given to use ASEAN funds to support the implementation of a study on the current state of talent mobility within ASEAN. The terms of reference for the study, which will be coordinated by STI in Thailand, include identifying existing barriers to mobility in ASEAN, and proposing a number of recommendations to increase mobility both intra-ASEAN and between ASEAN and its dialogue partners including the EU.

There is also provision within the study budget to conduct two regional talent mobility workshops, the first of which will take place back to back with the 2nd EURAXESS Links Annual Conference in Bangkok on November 13, 2014. EURAXESS representatives will participate in this 2nd ATM Workshop, and will share lessons learned in building the EURAXESS network and discuss means by which researcher mobility can be increased between Europe and ASEAN.

For more information on ASEAN Talent Mobility click here
5 News & Developments

5.1 European Union, Member States and Associated Countries

5.1.1 EUREKA participating in the Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum

EUREKA will be participating in the 2014 Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum, organised by the International Society for Professional Innovation Management (ISPIM) and taking place this year in Singapore on 7-10 December.

Organised in collaboration with Singapore Management University, this congress will bring together around 200 innovation experts from 35 countries, and tackle the region’s key innovation issues by attracting top-level speakers from Asia-Pacific from academia, industry and government. The three-day event will include multi-track sessions mixing industry, academia, science and government, and dedicated sessions and communities on innovation challenges for research, business and government.

EUREKA will be represented by Susanne Madders, Senior International Cooperation Officer, who will be presenting the EUREKA model as a solution to remove existing barriers to trans-border collaboration in innovation, a topic of particular interest for experts in international activities based within national innovation/science funding bodies.

Source: EUREKA

5.1.2 Nobel Prize in Medicine to two European Research Council grantees

The 2014 Nobel Prize Medicine has been awarded to Professor Edvard I. Moser and Professor May-Britt Moser, both ERC Advanced Grant holders, together with Professor John O’Keefe, “for their discoveries of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain”.

Full article: ERC

5.1.3 High level advisory group to the European Commission on international collaboration recommends closer cooperation with EUREKA

EUREKA steps up its activities related to international cooperation, with the aim to set up a gateway on each continent for innovative European companies. South Korea, Canada and South Africa are already benefiting from EUREKA’s Associated Country status.

The move also includes closer collaboration with the European Commission regarding internationalisation activities and particularly with the Horizon 2020 advisory group on international cooperation. The advisory group recently produced a report on short-term actions to foster international cooperation in
Horizon 2020, which recommends closer cooperation with EUREKA “in order to strengthen SME involvement and focus on innovation.”

**Source and further details:** [EUREKA](#)

### 5.1.4 EUROfusion launched in Brussels to help turn fusion energy into a reality

Fusion research institutes from around Europe gathered in Brussels to mark the signing of a grant between the EU and the EUROfusion consortium that will help keep Europe's lead in fusion energy research.

EUROfusion represents a major change in the way fusion research is funded in Europe. From 2014 to 2018, research will be funded through the Euratom Horizon 2020 fusion energy research programme, in line with [Europe's fusion energy roadmap](#), which aims to deliver electricity generated by fusion to the grid by 2050.

Nuclear fusion uses the same energy that powers the sun - heating hydrogen atoms to millions of degrees Celsius so that they fuse together into helium, generating energy in the process.

'We are at the beginning of an exciting new journey with the launch of EUROfusion,' said Vice-President responsible for energy, Günther H. Oettinger during the launch event in Brussels on 9 October.

'Fusion has the potential to become a reliable, safe, non-CO2 emitting and sustainable energy source. Today's launching of our European Joint Programme on fusion shows how Europe benefits if we unite our research strength.'

At the moment, countries representing over half the world's population are working to build the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) - in the south of France.

If they are successful Europe plans to go on and build a demonstration reactor, known for the moment as DEMO, which is expected to start contributing energy to the power grid around 2050.

'This is a very pivotal time for us to be in fusion,' Professor Steve Cowley, Chief Executive of the UK-based Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, told the meeting in Brussels. 'I believe that this (ITER) is the most important experiment of the twenty-first century.'

**Read more in source:** [Horizon Magazine](#)
5.1.5 EU-funded project EPIFEMCARE working towards earlier detection of ovarian and breast cancers

The EU-funded project EPIFEMCARE is developing blood tests that could lead to the earlier detection of ovarian and breast cancers, fewer over-diagnoses of breast cancer and improved personalised care.

"The project is developing blood tests for the early detection of ovarian cancer as there is currently no screening programme in place," explains project coordinator Martin Widschwendter of University College London, UK. "By detecting the characteristic fingerprints of tumour DNA in blood, these tests will enable the diagnosis of ovarian cancer without invasive surgical procedures."

Source and full article: European Commission

5.1.6 European Commission and data industry launch EUR 2.5 billion partnership to master big data

The European Commission and Europe’s data industry have committed to invest EUR 2.5 billion in a public – private partnership (PPP) that aims to strengthen the data sector and put Europe at the forefront of the global data race.

Source: European Commission

5.1.7 ERA Progress Report 2014

The report concludes that EU ‘single market for research’ now depends on national reforms. It also stresses that the research impact of researchers who have moved between countries is nearly 20% higher than those who have not. The ERA partnership between Member States, research stakeholders and the Commission has made good progress in delivering ERA. The conditions for achieving a European Research Area (ERA), where researchers and scientific knowledge can circulate freely, are in place at the European level. Reforms must now be implemented at the Member State level to make ERA work.

This is the main conclusion of the latest ERA progress report, presented by the European Commission on September 16th. The report updates last year’s overview (IP/13/851), and presents individual country reports that give a snapshot of implementation on the ground, notably at the level of research organisations.

Source: European Commission
5.2 ASEAN

5.2.1 Thai Researchers Claim Breakthrough in Ebola Treatment

Researchers at Siriraj Hospital, part of Mahidol University, claim they have developed the world’s first "antibody treatment" that could cure Ebola virus infections. Siriraj's antibody - developed with the use of human genes, not the Ebola virus itself - is small enough to enter infected cells and access virus proteins within them, doctors said. The antibody is five times smaller than what is being tested in the United States, said Dr Udom Kachinthorn, dean of the medical science faculty at Siriraj. The next step will be to conduct testing on animals before moving on to human trials. If the tests are successful, the antibody would then need to be mass produced. That step would be at least a year away.

Read in source: Bangkok Post

5.2.2 Singapore, UK to renew science research tie-up

Singapore and Britain will renew a partnership in scientific research first formalised in 2004, President Tony Tan Keng Yam announced in London on 23 October 2014. The tie-up, known as the United Kingdom-Singapore Innovation and Research Partnership, entails students and researchers from both countries going on exchange programmes, and sharing research and development activities and infrastructure. There will also be joint funding of research. An earlier agreement to partner in scientific research was made in 2004 by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and then British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Announcing this renewed tie-up at Britain's premier science institution, the Royal Society, Dr Tan noted that both Singapore and Britain face similar challenges such as urbanisation, ageing, health care and environmental sustainability. He said Singapore sees itself playing a role in the scientific search for answers, and has established research collaborations with many world-renowned universities including Cambridge University in Britain.

Source: Straits Times

5.2.3 Fending off dengue with insecticide-treated uniforms

Scientists working to reduce dengue infection among schoolchildren in Thailand are testing something new: insecticide-treated school uniforms. A recent study published in PLOS One (23 September) suggests that this intervention can be economically attractive.

Using data from dengue studies in Thailand, the study examined the cost-effectiveness of uniforms treated with insecticide under various scenarios. Aedes aegypti, the vector of the dengue virus, bites during the day when most children are in school. In Thailand, children aged 5-14 make up about 65 per cent of dengue haemorrhagic fever patients.

Source: SciDevNet
6 Grants & Fellowships

6.1 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.

6.2 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.
6.3 ERC Starting Grant

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.

**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
- 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 € 1.5 million (in some circumstances up to € 2 million)
- Duration: up to 5 years
- Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal
- Calls for proposals: published once a year

**Deadline:** 3 February 2015.

Further [details](#).

6.4 ERC Consolidator Grants

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support researchers at the stage at which they are consolidating their own independent research team or programme. The scheme will strengthen independent and excellent new individual research teams that have been recently created.

**ERC Consolidator Grants in brief**

- For researchers of any nationality with over 7 and up to 12 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree) and scientific track record showing great promise
- An excellent research proposal
- 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 € 2 million (in some circumstances up to € 2.75 million)
• Duration: up to 5 years
• Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal
• Calls for proposals: published once a year.

Planned Opening Date 13 November 2014.
Further details

6.5 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.
6.6 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Innovative Training Networks

Innovative training networks bring together universities, research centres and companies from different countries worldwide to train a new generation of researchers. The funding boosts scientific excellence and business innovation, and enhances researchers’ career prospects through developing their skills in entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation.

ITN project proposals may take one of three forms:

**European Training Networks (ETN)**

Joint research training, implemented by at least three partners from in and outside academia. The aim is for the researcher to experience different sectors and develop their transferable skills by working on joint research projects. The organisations should be established in at least three different EU or associated countries.

Additional participants from any organisation anywhere in the world can also join a network.

**European Industrial Doctorates (EID)**

Joint doctoral training delivered by at least one academic partner entitled to award doctoral degrees, and at least one partner from outside academia, primarily enterprise. Each participating researcher is enrolled in a doctoral programme and is jointly supervised by supervisors from the academic and non-academic sector, where they spend at least 50% of their time. The aim is for the doctoral candidates to develop skills inside and outside academia that respond to public and private sector needs.

The organisations should be established in at least two different EU or associated countries. A wider set of partner organisations from anywhere in the world may also complement the training.

**European Joint Doctorates (EJD)**

A minimum of three academic organisations form a network with the aim of delivering joint, double or multiple degrees. Joint supervision of the research fellow and a joint governance structure are mandatory. The aim is to promote international, intersectoral and multi/interdisciplinary collaboration in doctoral training in Europe.

The organisations should be from different EU or associated countries. The participation of additional organisations from anywhere in the world, including from the non-academic sector, is encouraged.

**The closing date for this call is 13 January 2015.**

Further details.
6.7 European Respiratory Society/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship

ERS/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship opportunities in the broad field of respiratory science, co-funded by the European Union. The programme is aimed at experienced researchers from any discipline and will help fellows to become the future leaders in respiratory research.

3rd and final round to be launched in early 2015.

Details here.

6.8 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 to organize conferences, EMBO | EMBL Symposia, workshops, EMBO | FEBS Lecture Courses, 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 organizer with the design of a poster, set-up of a website and registration system, and with promotion of the event.

The consistent high quality and novelty of EMBO Courses & Workshops is ensured through a committee of EMBO Members, which selects the events that EMBO funds. Dedicated scientific organizers guarantee the long-term success of the programme to share research results and train scientists at all career stages.

Further details.

6.9 Austria: Lise Meitner Programme for Scientists from Abroad

This programme targets highly qualified scientists of any discipline who could contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution by working at it. It funds 12 or 24 months postdocs with an annual personal allowance between EUR 62,500 and EUR 68,700.

Requirements: completed doctoral studies, record of international scientific publications, invitation from an Austrian research institution and co-application with an Austrian researcher. No age limit.

Applications continuously reviewed.

Further information can be found here.
6.10 Belgium: Postdoc fellowships to non-EU researchers

The stimulation of international mobility and the attraction of researchers from abroad is one of the priorities of the European Research Area. In this context, and intending to stimulate S&T cooperation, the Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO) implements a fellowship scheme for highly qualified non EU researchers (i.e., postdoctoral level or equivalent experience), granting them an opportunity to work 6 to 18 months in a Belgian research team.

More information here.

6.11 Croatia: Ministry of Science, Education and Sport: New International Fellowship Mobility Programme for Experienced Researchers in Croatia (NEWFELPRO)

The project is co-financed through the Marie Curie FP7-PEOPLE-2011-COFUND program. Its total value is 7 million euros, out of which 60% is financed from national sources. Project duration is from 2013 until 2017. NEWFELPRO allows applicants to freely apply within any scientific area of their choice and fellows/grants are assigned only on the basis of excellence and quality of research projects. Fellows shall sign an employment contract in accordance with national regulations and their engagement shall also be in line with the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers. Host institution will be responsible for committing a stimulating environment and adequate infrastructure, equipment and consumables required to implement the project.

Third call is open at the moment with closing date 31 December 2014 at 12.00 a.m. CET.

Call is open only for incoming and reintegration schemes, i.e. for foreign researchers wishing to come to Croatia. There are 12 available fellowships within the incoming scheme and 3 within the reintegration scheme.

The earliest starting date of the research project is 1 July 2015.

More information here.

6.12 Franco-Thai Scholarship Program 2015

The Franco-Thai Scholarship Program is directed to Thai students under the age of 35 who intend to study in French universities or Higher Education Institutions, at Master's degree or Ph.D. level. Further The Franco-Thai
Scholarship Program is directed to Thai people under the age of 35 who intend to study in French universities or Higher Education Institutions, at Master's degree or Ph.D. level.

Further details

6.13 Germany: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers

Submit an application if you are a researcher from abroad with above average qualifications, at the beginning of your academic career and only completed your doctorate in the last four years. A Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers allows you to carry out long-term research (6-24 months) in Germany. Applicants choose their own topic of research and their academic host.

Scientists and scholars of all nationalities and disciplines may apply to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation directly at any time. The Humboldt Foundation grants approximately 500 Humboldt Research Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers and experienced researchers annually. Short-term study visits, participation in congresses and training courses cannot be financed.

Further details

6.14 Germany: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)

Top opportunities for researchers from developing countries who fulfil the following criteria:

- Researchers with above average qualifications in a developing or transition country (see list of countries),
- Intention to carry out long-term research of own choice (6 to 24 months) at a research institution in Germany together with a chosen academic host,
- Research outline includes aspects that are important for the continued development of applicant's home country or region of origin and
- Desire to contribute to the exchange of knowledge and methods between Germany and country of origin.

AvH offers
• a monthly fellowship of 2,650 EUR for postdoctoral researchers (doctorate completed within the last four years) or 3,150 EUR for experienced researchers (doctorate completed within the last 12 years),

• a flexible starting date and - for experienced researchers - the option of splitting the fellowship up into a maximum of three stays,

• individual mentoring during the sponsorship period,

• intensive German language course for fellows and their marital partners prior to the fellowship,

• additional financial support for accompanying family members, for example, or for items like travel expenses or pension plans and

• comprehensive alumni sponsorship once the research stay has come to an end, such as a Return Fellowship or further stays in Germany.

As many as 80 Georg Forster Research Fellowships can be granted annually. In the last few years, about one third of applications were successful (see also positive selection decisions since March 2013).

In addition, the Humboldt Foundation grants up to four Georg Forster Research Awards every year to leading researchers from developing countries.

Further details

6.15 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).

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.

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.

Varying application deadlines.
6.16 Germany: DAAD offers research grants and fellowships for PhD studies and research stays in Germany

The German Academic Exchange Service offers funding opportunities for researchers of all disciplines and at various career stages including funding for PhD studies and research stays at a research institute or university in Germany.

Deadlines vary.
The funding database can be accessed here.

6.17 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 program 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.

6.18 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)

Details [here](#).


Thailand’s National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC) has post-doctoral positions available in the following of Molecular biology, Genetics, Cell biology and Computational Chemistry, Molecular Modeling, Crystal Structure.

Details [here](#).

6.20 Thailand / UK: Researcher Links Travel Grants 2014 - call now open

The British Council, working with Higher Education International Unit and the Thailand Research Fund, have opened a call for proposals for travel grants under the Researcher Links initiative, as part of the Researcher Links - Newton Fund

Researchers based in the UK and in Thailand may apply to spend up to 6 months in a research institution, either in the UK (if researcher is based in a partner country), or Thailand (if researcher is based in the UK).

Details [here](#).

6.21 Thailand / France: Junior Research Fellowship Program

The Junior Research Fellowship Program aims at jumpstarting the career of young Thai researchers by giving them the opportunity to develop promising collaboration with their French counterparts. This program supports Thai post doctorates, graduated in 2010 or after, who intend to conduct a research project of two to six months within a French laboratory. All fields of research will be considered and the selection will be made based on the criteria of excellence.

The fellowship from the French Embassy includes:

- a round trip ticket from Thailand to France,
- a monthly living allowance of 1200€
- the OFII and visa fees
- health insurance coverage for the duration of the stay in France.

Further [details](#).
6.22 Turkey: TÜBİTAK - Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants fellowships for international, highly qualified PhD students and young postdoctoral researchers to pursue their research in Turkey in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. The program aims to promote Turkey's scientific and technological collaboration with countries of the prospective researchers. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to Turkey's goal of international cooperation in scientific and technological development.

Next deadline: 12 November 2014

Details here.

6.23 UK: Wellcome Trust – New Investigator Award

Support outstanding researchers who are no more than five years from appointment to their first academic position, but who can already show that they have the ability to innovate and drive advances in their field of study. The research should contribute to the Wellcome Trust's vision to achieve extraordinary improvements in human and animal health, and the proposal should describe how it will address one or more of Wellcome Trust's five major challenges.

Deadline is 14 November, 2014.

Further details.
7 Jobs

There are currently 5552 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe and partner countries and in all disciplines) accessible via the EURAXESS Jobs database.

**BRAZIL (Sao Paulo):** Postdoc position open for candidates with PhD in Engineering or Applied Mathematics with experience in applying optimization methods to large-scale electric power networks.

[Details]

**GERMANY (Freiburg):** German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the Faculty of Medicine of the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg jointly invite applications for the position of a Full Professor for Medical Epigenetics.

[Details]

**INDIA (Manipal):** Assistant Professor at the Department of European Studies, Manipal University, India beginning January 2015 for a period of six months.

[Details]

**NORWAY (Bergen):** Uni Research CIPR has currently an open position as Senior/Principal Researcher within the research topic of EOR.

[Details]

**SWITZERLAND (Geneva):** Electronics Project Leader and Engineer at CERN - European Organization for Nuclear Research.

[Details]

**Examples of Jobs supported by Marie Curie Actions**

**PhD positions** in lifetime and stability of solar cells and modules at the NanoSYD centre, Mads Clausen Institute, **University of Southern Denmark** and the company partner Danfossat.

[Details]

A 1-year **position for Experienced Researcher** at the Laboratory of Reproductive Technologies, Avantea, Cremona, **Italy** in the project “EpiHealthNet”.

[Details]

**PhD positions** in Computer Science (Cloud Computing) at the Institute of Computer Science at the University of Göttingen, **Germany**.

[Details]
8 Events

8.1 EURAXESS Science Slam ASEAN 2014 – 5 finalists to compete in live slam

Five researchers in ASEAN have been selected to compete for the title of ASEAN’s best science slammer at the EURAXESS Science Slam ASEAN 2014 Finals. The event will take place on the 52nd floor of the Banyan Tree Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand at 7pm on 13 November 2014.

Join us for an evening of entertaining science, food, drink and networking. The audience will get the opportunity to vote for their favourite.

Registration is now open.

The EURAXESS Science Slam is an annual science communication competition that takes place in the EURAXESS Links hubs ASEAN, Brazil, China, India, Japan and North America. First prize is a trip to Europe.

Meet the 5 Contenders:

Bhamini Bhujun from Mauritius / Malaysia
University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus
People know me as... Dr Mi
I am an expert in... SUPERCAPACITORS
My home turf is... my research lab
I will win this science slam because... I believe in myself

Makhyan Jibril Al Farabi from Indonesia
Brawijaya University
People know me as.... Doctor Makhyan Jibril
I am an expert in... Biomedicine and Embryology
My home turf is... Malang, Indonesia
I will win this science slam because....I believe everyone loves to enhance their babies. Together with everyone’s support, this invention can empower our future generations
Soumyabrata Dev from Singapore, Nanyang Technological University

People know me as.... "The CloudMan"
I am an expert in ...Image processing and pattern recognition, machine learning.
My home turf is.... Singapore
I will win this science slam because...I believe the world needs sustainable energy solutions for the future generations.

Thawit Chang from Singapore
Newcastle University, Singapore Campus

People know me as... THE HEART CROONER. I sing for the heart; both healthy and broken heart.
I am an expert in... food and nutrition
My home turf is... in Singapore, a vibrant metropolitan city with an eclectic mix of cultures and people. Though we only have one season and with its tropical climate, there’s always sunshine after the heavy rain.
I will win this science slam because... having a healthy heart is essential for a happy life and everyone is entitled to a healthy heart. Therefore, I am here to provide you with some simple advices on eating healthily. Staying alive and breathing is the most beautiful thing about life and in order to do so, we must ensure we have a healthy heart using the best we can.

Michael Potroz from New Zealand / Singapore
Nanyang Technological University

People know me as... Mike.
I am an expert in... Bioelectromagnetics.
My home turf is... New Zealand, but for now home has become Singapore.
I will win this science slam because... I will share a vision and inspiration for a better life.
8.2 Research Mobility Opportunities in Europe, Joint Seminar with NTU Graduate Students’ Council

Career and mobility opportunities in Europe open to international junior researchers will be discussed at a joint information session at Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University on 5 November 2014. This is a joint initiative with the NTU Graduate Students’ Council. Registration is obligatory.
## 8.3 EURAXESS Links ASEAN Events November & December 2014

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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
8.4 Going Global 2015, 1 & 2 June 2015, London, UK

Going Global is an annual conference hosted by the British Council, which offers an open forum for global leaders of international education to discuss current issues. Since 2004, it has grown from a biennial event in the UK to an annual event alternating between the UK and major international cities. In addition to the platform for education world leaders to debate international higher and further education issues and challenges, and to discuss collaborative solutions, the event provides an opportunity for networking, and has become a fixture of the global education calendar. The conference consists of a series of collaborative sessions that focus on the year’s chosen themes.

Over 1,000 registered delegates from across the tertiary (further and higher) education sectors and various other sectors with perspectives on international education attend each year.

Further Details

8.5 ISPIM Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum, 7 – 10 December 2014, Singapore

Bringing together around 200 innovation experts from 35 countries, the 2014 ISPIM Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum will focus on current and topical issues relating to innovation in the Asia-Pacific region. Organised by ISPIM, and hosted by Singapore Management University, this three-day event will be held in Singapore on 7-10 December 2014.

Forum Themes:
- Bottom of the Pyramid Innovation
- Business Model Innovation & Strategic Foresight
- Creativity in Innovation
- Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurship Support
- Green and Social Innovation
- Innovation Training, Teaching and Coaching
- Methods & Measurement of Innovation
- Open and Collaborative Innovation
- Optimizing Returns from Science and Technology Policies
- Reverse Innovation
- Technology & Knowledge Transfer Policies and Programmes

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”
9 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
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Jobs at ITER: http://www.iter.org/jobs
Nature.jobs: http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html
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9 About EURAXESS Links ASEAN

EURAXESS Links ASEAN is a network of European researchers, scientists, and scholars working in or commuting to ASEAN. This multidisciplinary network includes members at all stages of their careers. It allows them to connect with each other and with Europe, ensuring that they are recognized as an important resource for European research, whether they remain in ASEAN or return to Europe. For further information and to sign up for membership in our network, as well as in the virtual SINAPSE community of European researchers abroad, please go to our website and click on the Join the EURAXESS Links ASEAN community hyperlink on the right-hand side of the page.