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EURAXESS –
Researchers in Motion
is an initiative of the European
Research Area (ERA) that
addresses barriers to the
mobility of researchers and
seeks to enhance their career
development.

This pan-European effort is
currently supported by over 40
countries, of which we will
profile one in each of our
quarterly EURAXESS South
Korea newsletters. In this
edition, we will zoom in on
Portugal.



EURAXESS Members in Focus: Portugal

Centuries of history and culture, and a prime location and Mediterranean lifestyle, make Portugal the right place to learn and do science. Speaking the language of the future, Portugal is a hub for creativity and innovation, a gateway to the world. It is a unique place to live and share good memories.

Portuguese research landscape

With one of the oldest universities in Europe, the University of Coimbra, founded in 1290, Portugal has a long tradition in education and research. The country has also made significant progress in the last 25 years in enhancing its national research and innovation system, by extending its reach to a larger share of the population, by broadening its scope to all areas of knowledge, by fostering strong links with society, in particular with economic actors, and by always striving for excellent research as defined by international standards. In fact, the Portuguese research and innovation system is structurally internationalised, in part because of the relatively small size of the country and the need to share expertise with a broader community, but also because of the strong policy vision that we can only push the boundaries of modern science and technology in collaborative efforts, that have to go above and beyond national borders.

The main funding agency in Portugal is the [Foundation for Science and Technology](#) (FCT), responsible for the implementation of the public policies that arise from the Ministry for Science, Technology and Higher Education. In 2016, the Government published its “Compromise with Knowledge and Science: the compromise with the future“, a strategic document that defined the policy ambitions up to 2020. Among them was the goal of reinforcing the scientific institutions, to expand and dignify the scientific careers, to continue the stimulus for internationalisation, and to develop, with the involvement of the scientific community, a set of [research and innovation agendas](#) in different thematic areas that should guide national policies up to 2030.

Facts & Figures

Portugal has 132 Higher Education Institutions [spread throughout the country](#), supporting a community of almost 360 000 students, 12% of which are foreigners. In fact, the number of foreign students in Portugal increased by 95% in the last 7 years, a clear sign of the attractiveness of the country.

The national research and innovation system includes [307 research centres](#) dedicated to all areas of knowledge, originating around 2000 doctorates completed each year, a 74% growth between 2000 and 2010. The strong and long-lasting support to S&T policies led to a 35-fold increase in scientific production in the last 25 years – actually, Portugal had the second highest average annual growth rate of publications between 2001 and 2014 within the EU.

The country also had a 45-fold increase in registered patents between 2001 and 2014. An innovation-friendly environment led to an annual rate of 31 000 new start-ups created every year, and almost 310 000 created between 2007 and



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2015. This reflects a changing economic environment in the country, also reflected in the 130% increase of the technology-based firms between 2007 and 2010. To continue fostering this dynamic, the Government has recently launched the [Collaborative Laboratories \(Colabs\)](#), a new model of association between academia and the industry, where the main goal is to create skilled and scientific jobs in Portugal, both directly and indirectly, by implementing research and innovation agendas geared at creating economic and social value.

Bilateral and International cooperation

Portugal has a number of active, bilateral agreements in Science and Technology, most under the responsibility of [FCT](#). These bilateral agreements normally support researcher mobility and, in some cases, collaborative projects.

International cooperation is a fundamental characteristic of the Portuguese Research and Innovation landscape.

Along with the bilateral agreements, the country is an active member of several international organisations, such as ESA, which is a part of the national [Space Programme](#), EMBO, EMBL or CERN. Portugal is also a very active participant in the [COST programme](#), as well as in [CYTED](#), the Ibero-american programme for science and technology for development.

Taking advantage of its historical connection to the ocean, of the privileged geographical location, and of the expertise that has been built during the last decades, Portugal has recently promoted the creation of the [Atlantic International Research Centre \(AIR Centre\)](#), an intergovernmental initiative to foster collaborative research activities on climate, land, space and oceans.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions at Portuguese institutions

Experienced researchers willing to move to Portugal can apply to an Individual Fellowship (IF) of the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) (MSCA), irrespective of their country of origin.

Portugal is in the list of widening countries, and therefore, from 2018 to 2020, proposals above the quality threshold of 70% but not retained for funding through the MSCA IF call with a host institution in Portugal will be automatically reassigned to the Widening Fellowships call (unless the applicants explicitly opted-out).

Portugal as a destination

Besides its excellent universities and research centres, there are a number of reasons to justify the attractiveness of Portugal as a [study and research destination](#). Not only the sun, the food and the friendliness of the people, but also the reasonable [cost of living](#) and of [accommodation](#), the comprehensive [health system](#), or knowing that the country has been among the top 5 countries in the [Global Peace Index](#) for a number of years now. In fact, there are at least [10 reasons](#) to choose Portugal as a study and research destination. Find a [job](#) or a [hosting institution](#) and experience this beautiful country.

About the Widening Fellowships

The results from the first years of MSCA in Horizon 2020 revealed the existence of a mobility gap across Europe and discrepancies between European countries in their ability to attract funding. To specifically address this gap in participation the new Widening Fellowships call will provide an additional opportunity to researchers of any nationality to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in Widening countries, including Portugal.





Hot topic: The Launch of the EURAXESS South Korea

"EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion" is a European Commission initiative that aims to support development of the European Research Area (ERA) by addressing barriers to the mobility of researchers and to enhance scientific collaboration between Europe and the world. EURAXESS is supported by 40 participating countries across Europe. Designed as a comprehensive tool-set, it provides researchers access to a complete range of information and support services that are structured around four areas: Jobs and Funding, Information and Assistance, Partnering and Worldwide. Through its portal (euraxess.org) it provides a single access point for career information and jobs and also provides personalised assistance by more than 530 staff working in over 260 Service Centres in Europe, and is active in 8 locations outside of Europe (ASEAN, China, India, Japan, Latin American & Caribbean States, North America, South Korea).



The international branch of the European Commission initiative EURAXESS started in May 2018 its services in a seventh location, South Korea. It aims at increasing and improving researcher mobility and research cooperation between South Korea and Europe (European Research Area, ERA). It has three main objectives: to provide tailored and relevant information to South Korea-based researchers (from PhD candidate level to professor level, all disciplines in academia and industry); to create opportunities of networking for local researchers; and to grow a community of international-minded researchers.

To do so, EURAXESS South Korea will spread information via online channels, in an open fashion, so as for any researcher to be able to search for relevant information for her/his projects. Information will be provided through the EURAXESS South Korea portal (south-korea.euraxess.org) and social media (Twitter, Facebook). Information will also be sent as a prime service to EURAXESS South Korea community members (free membership, registration on [EURAXESS South Korea's portal](http://euraxess.org)).



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EURAXESS South Korea

EURAXESS South Korea links researchers in South Korea with Europe. Free information and events on research funding, research careers, mobility and collaboration opportunities.

EURAXESS South Korea has been launched in 2018. Our community is growing!

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Networking will be in a first step, mainly provided to local researchers via events organised or co-organised by EURAXESS South Korea, but also at information days at universities and research institutions, and at events featuring EURAXESS South Korea as participant or speaker. A first example is the launch event, to be held on 13 July in Seoul.



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To grow its network of internationally-minded researchers who are interested in Europe, EURAXESS South Korea has the support of Korean (NRF, MSIT, etc) as well as European STI institutions (Delegation of the EU to Korea, Embassies and representative offices from European Member States and Associated



Countries in Korea, etc). But most importantly, EURAXESS South Korea hope to be able to answer the needs of as many researchers as possible.

Spread the word around you: all EURAXESS South Korea services are free, and of easy access via its portal: south-korea.euraxess.org!



Meet the coordinators of the EURAXESS and EURAXESS Worldwide actions

At the occasion of the launch of our EURAXESS South Korea office, we've interviewed the managers of the EURAXESS project at the European Commission and the manager of the EURAXESS Worldwide initiative at the German Aerospace Centre Project Management Agency (DLR-PT). Let's see what they have to reveal about EURAXESS!

- Dear Kitty, Xiaomeng, can you let us know about your background, and what led you to lead projects related to researcher mobility and international cooperation?

Kitty: I have been working for the past 12 years at the Directorate General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission. I coordinate the EURAXESS initiative at a European level, this encompasses the collaboration with the 40 European countries plus the international dimension, EURAXESS worldwide.

Xiaomeng: I am a geographer by training and was a researcher myself for 7 years at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security. I received my BA in China and did my MA and doctoral degrees in Germany. I'm now working for German Aerospace Centre Project Management Agency (DLR-PT) which is one of the largest research management and funding agencies worldwide. I have always worked in an international context, so it is a natural career path for me to work in the field of researcher mobility and international cooperation.

- How does the EURAXESS initiative work? How is the European Commission backing it?

K: One of the policy objectives of the European Commission is to create a European Research Area (ERA), a unified area open to the world, in which scientific knowledge, technology and researchers circulate freely. EURAXESS is one of the clear implementation tools for the ERA as it allows researchers to advance their career through mobility experiences. Thousands of mobile researchers seek support and information via the 550 EURAXESS centres all over Europe, millions of pageviews are counted on the EURAXESS portal.

X: EURAXESS is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to researchers of all nationalities, disciplines and career levels. It helps researchers at all stages of their mobility endeavour: EURAXESS Worldwide provides information about funding opportunities and on how to apply for funding. Once a researcher has received the funding and arrived in Europe, EURAXESS Centres will help researchers settle down in her hosting country by providing assistance with all types of daily challenges.



Kitty FEHRINGER, European Commission, DG Research, Coordinator "EURAXESS initiative"

Ms Kitty FEHRINGER joined the European Commission in 2002. From 2007 to date she is in charge as policy officer for activities under "EURAXESS-Researcher in Motion" dealing with the mobility aspects of a researcher career.

Ms Fehring is the coordinator of around 550 EURAXESS Services Centres located in 40 European countries and at the same time in charge of EURAXESS Worldwide..

Ms Fehring coordinates the work of the service centres as well as the development and update of the EURAXESS portal.

Ms Fehring has a professional background in Marketing Management following her studies of special education for disabled children at the University of Vienna.



- *What would be in your opinion (one among) the best actions/projects implemented within EURAXESS in Europe and worldwide?*

K: All projects that support the transnational collaboration for the benefit of the researcher's community are highly appreciated as they coincide with the objective of the initiative, the support to the international community of researchers.

- *How important is researcher mobility and international research cooperation, for your organisations, and also for you, personally?*

X: One of the most important DLR-PT working areas is to facilitate international cooperation between Germany, Europe and the rest of the world. For me personally, born a Chinese national I have always followed the traditional educational ideology in ancient China: read well and travel far. So supporting researcher mobility is what I have always felt called for, so I happily took the opportunity EURAXESS Worldwide project offers me: working with an inspiring international team and supporting researchers with their mobility worldwide.

- *Can you give a bit of context about the launch of the EURAXESS South Korea office? Is there a strategy for EURAXESS Worldwide towards South Korea?*

K: As stated above, it is a policy objective that relates to jobs and growth of the Commission's agenda. With EURAXESS we contribute to the open labour market for researcher and as we all know, researchers are a highly valuable work force.

X: South Korea has many excellent researchers as shown in a study commissioned by the European Commission. We would like to inform them about research and funding opportunities in Europe so that they can collaborate with researchers based in Europe, either by coming to Europe to continue their research career here or by working in projects funded by the framework programmes of the Commission or the member states of the EU. We also would like to build up a EURAXESS South Korean network of researchers to facilitate networking and cooperation of the network members.

- *And finally: what do you hope Korean researchers will be able to gain from EURAXESS services in South Korea?*

X: we hope that Korean researchers will gain access to the framework programme of the European Commission which is the largest research funding scheme worldwide!

Dear Kitty, Xiaomeng, thank you very much for your time!



Dr. Xiaomeng Shen is the head of the unit "Cooperation with East Asia and Pacific Region" and a Senior Scientific Officer at the Project Management Agency at the German Aerospace Center (DLR). Among others, she coordinates the European Union Initiative EURAXESS Worldwide which networks with international researchers abroad and stimulates scientific cooperation between Europe and the third-countries.

Before she joined the Project Management Agency at DLR, she worked as a researcher and project coordinator at United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) for 7 years.

She earned her PhD in Geography at the University of Bonn, Germany.



EURAXESS South Korea Activities Update

EURAXESS South Korea website & community registration is open!



Why and How? Showcase your institution as "partner organisation" to host an MSCA-IF-Global Fellowship on EURAXESS portal

What's the interest for Korean institutions? Korean universities, research institutes and other organisations may offer to host a European based researcher for up to 24 months as part of a MarieSkłodowska Curie Actions Individual Fellowship Global Fellowship (MSCA-IF-GF) proposal. MSCA-IF-GF call is for experienced (post-PhD) researchers based in Europe (nationals or long term residents of a Member State or Associated Country) wishing to spend...

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- Mobility and research cooperation opportunities;
- EU and European funding programmes;
- Soft-skill training and career development;
- European research policy;
- Events and workshops of interest for internationally-minded researchers;
- And more!



50+ funding opportunities from EU & European countries for your mobility & cooperative projects -- Apr. 2018

This list is adapted from a flagship publication of our EURAXESS LAC colleagues. The jobs, grants and fellowships announced here are funded by the European Commission, EU member states or associated countries as well as private institutions and are open to Korea-based researchers and institutions. This list is published on a regular basis. This edition is valid for April. To find more opportunities, we invite you to consult the EURAXESS Portal,...



European Commission proposes 30 billion Euro budget increase for research, innovation and higher education

This article is adapted from a report from University World News. A new, modern budget for the European Union. The European Commission (EC) has called for a 30% increase in the European Union's research budget and a doubling of budget for Erasmus+ in its proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-27, which it presented to the European Parliament on 2 May. If agreed by the European Parliament and the European Council, this...

If you register (for free) as a member of the EURAXESS South Korea community, you will be sure not to miss any of these in the future. We look forward to having you in our researcher community!

Webpage & registration: south-korea.euraxess.org

EURAXESS South Korea Launch Event: 13 July Seoul

Info day: your opportunities for research cooperation and researcher mobility with Europe!

13 July 9:30 -18:30, Four Seasons Hotel Seoul (free entry, language: English)

More information and registration: <https://bit.do/EURAXESS-KR-launch>

At the occasion of the launch of the EURAXESS South Korea office (a European Commission initiative which aims at improving and increasing the research exchanges between Europe and South Korea), a full day of seminar and workshops on Korea-Europe research cooperation and mobility opportunities will be organised. This Info day: Europe & Korea Research Cooperation and Researcher Mobility is designed for you: researchers, S&T policy makers, research managers and



anyone who is interested in learning more about Europe as an excellent

research destination and the opportunities it presents.

1. This event aims to introduce you to a new initiative in South Korea, EURAXESS Worldwide, which serves all researchers and support them in their career development by providing vital information on research funding in Europe.

2. It will also provide a platform for networking among and with the research community with a view to identifying opportunities for follow-up activities.

3. In order to enable researchers to pursue prestigious funding opportunities such as Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) and European Research Council (ERC) grants, we have organised hands-on trainings on application skills to these two funding programmes! Attend the event and improve your knowledge about Europe-Korea cooperation and researcher mobility, and to gain important grant proposal writing skills!

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