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EURAXESS China

Dear readers,

Welcome to this edition of our quarterly newsletter, the third issue of 2017.

These coming final months of the years are going to be busy when it comes to Sino-European activities related to Science, Technology and Innovation in China.

October is the Science, Technology and Innovation month at the EU Delegation to China with daily podcasts and articles about the topics. See more [here](#).

October and November will include two big STI related events in Beijing, the EURAXESS organised **European Research Day** and an event dedicated to **EU-China STI Cooperation 2018-2020** at the Italian Embassy in Beijing. In addition, there are also four thematic conferences and workshops as well as the Tour of China that will introduce Horizon 2020 and the European Research Area to researchers in 10 cities across China. [See the overview](#).

As usual, we offer you a detailed profile of the research system in a selected EURAXESS Member State. This time it's **Luxembourg** that is [in focus](#).

[In Case You Missed](#) something from the last few months, we collected a small overview of the news from EURAXESS China, such as the Platform on Joint Research Structures. We also put together an outlook on some of the upcoming deadlines for noteworthy funding schemes relevant to our readers as well as the main research headlines of the last three months.

Best regards

EURAXESS China team



1 October is Science, Technology and Innovation Month at the EU Delegation in China

As part of a public diplomacy campaign to promote the EU in China called #ExperienceEurope, the EU Delegation will be highlighting **Science, Technology and Innovation** for the month of October.

This will include dedicated social media posts, several podcasts and a press conference for the launch of the Tour of China on 27 October. This media campaign targets a wider audience of young Chinese through Wechat and Weibo. Several EU MS STI activities - success stories, testimonials and other activities worth featuring will be highlighted. We, at EURAXESS China, will be sharing some of these stories and activities, but we also encourage you to start following the social media channels of the EU Delegation to get all the updates. This campaign should be of interest to any researcher or science related professional interested in working with Europe.

Everyday new...



For updated information on all the activities, please visit the EU Delegation website

<http://www.eu-in-china.com>
www.oumeng.eu,

or follow them at Wechat by scanning the QR code to the right or on Weibo at

www.weibo.com/euinchina



2 Upcoming events in October and November

2.1 European STI Events in China

- Register for the ERD 2017: Researchers' Night on Sustainable Urbanisation at <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/china/erd-2017-researchers-night-sustainable-urbanisation>
- Register for EU-China STI Cooperation 2018-2020 at <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/china/eu-china-sti-cooperation-2018-2020>



26 October 2017

ERD 2017: Researchers' Night on Sustainable Urbanisation



27 October 2017

EU-China STI Cooperation 2018-2020

2.2 Thematic Conferences and Workshops

- More about FAB: https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/eu_china_research_in_fab.pdf
- Register for China-EU Conference on Sustainable Urbanisation <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-china-eu-conference-on-sustainable-urbanisation-innovation-driven-development-in-new-areas-tickets-37632333322>

Beijing: 26 October 2017 Urban-EU-China Conference on innovation-driven China-EU Sustainable Urbanisation	Beijing: 26 October 2017 EC-NSFC Expert Workshop on Biotechnologies	Shanghai: November 8 EC-MIIT Task Force meeting on aviation cooperation	Shenzhen: November 28 EU-China FAB Info Day (Food, agriculture and biotechnology flagship initiative).

2.3 Tour of China

EURAXESS, the EU Delegation to China and the representatives of European countries will be travelling around China in November, presenting the European Research Area and opportunities for Chinese scientists to take part in Horizon2020.

- See more about Tour of China at the website of the EU Delegation of China https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/china_en



3 EURAXESS Members in Focus: LUXEMBOURG - heartland of Europe that embraces diversity

3.1 Meet LUXEMBOURG – an Inspiring Place!

Strategically located in the heart of Europe, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a strategic smart business, **research and innovation location** with a national character of openness, dynamism, reliability. For centuries, the country has been at the heart of a multitude of cultural influences, partly because of its geography but also because of trade, industrialisation, and **immigration**. It has protected its woodlands, shaped its landscapes with winegrowing, farming, and architecture. It has cultivated linguistic diversity, cultural originality, and economic freedom. It was also considered for a long time that the prosperity of Luxembourg was due to the richness of its soil. Once one of the main steel plant sites of Europe, the country became a financial place over the years due to the steel crisis in the seventies, before morphing recently into a research and innovation hub. Today, Luxembourg is **one of the most attractive countries in the world for working and living**, and a genuine societal laboratory.

Source: FNR. Luxembourg National Research Fund. Press Kit. September 2017.

3.2 LUXEMBOURG Policy and Strategy

LUXEMBOURG IS A DYNAMIC COUNTRY, WHERE RESEARCH HAS BECOME A CENTRAL ISSUE

Public research in Luxembourg is young and dynamic with research policy contributing to the transition of the country towards a knowledge-based society. The overarching rationale behind research policy is to strengthen innovation as a driver of sustainable socioeconomic development and to contribute to a further diversification of the economy by developing new and strengthening existing high added-value economic activities. In this sense, research and innovation policy has been one of the major priorities of the Government since 1999 with Government budget outlays rising from 28 million euros in 2000 to approximately 400 million euros in 2016. This **proactive and committed policy approach puts Luxembourg firmly on the map of European research.** This is illustrated among others with the position of the University of Luxembourg, while only created in 2003, ranging 11th in the latest “Times Higher Education” ranking of the 200 Universities under 50 years.

Public research is mostly performed at

- the [University of Luxembourg](#);



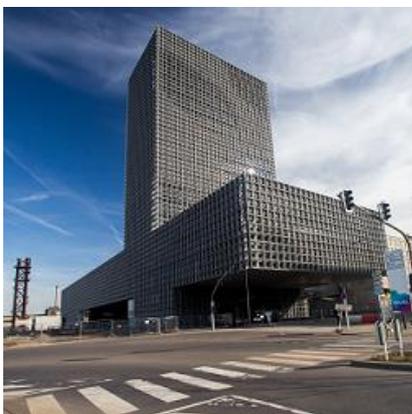
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Welcome to Luxembourg - [video](#)



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Belval – the City of Science

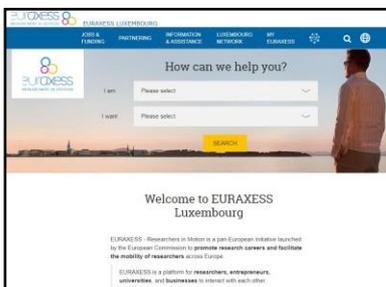


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Luxembourg is becoming an energetic international research center. A great part of this ambition is and will be realised in Belval.



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- one of the 3 public research centres;
 - [Luxembourg Institute of Technology \(LIST\)](#)
 - [Luxembourg Institute of Health \(LIH\)](#)
 - [Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research \(LISER\)](#)
- the [Max-Planck Institute Luxembourg](#) for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law

3.3 Innovation



[Luxinnovation](#) is a key partner for companies looking to engage in innovative activities in Luxembourg or aiming to expand their business at the international level.

3.4 Recruitment Opportunities

Luxembourg is a dynamic country, where research has become a central issue.

Public Sector Recruitment Opportunities

Most researchers in Luxembourg are employed in public sector institutions, with [University of Luxembourg](#) being one of the most important employers of research staff. All positions open at the public sector institutions and the University of Luxembourg are published on the [EURAXESS webpage](#).

Private Sector Recruitment Opportunities

The financial sector is the main driving force behind the Grand Duchy's economy. The Grand Duchy's authorities have adopted a policy of diversification of the country's economic fabric by providing support for information and communication technologies (ICTs), logistics, bio- and eco-technologies, research, etc. as well as actively promoting the diversification of the financial marketplace.

Several instruments for investment aid to stimulate R&D activities within companies: grants, loans, venture capital, export credit lowest VAT rate in Europe.

Source: <http://www.luxembourg.public.lu>

Find innovative partners in the [private and public sector](#).



Our newly updated [guide](#) includes key topics such as **employment, entry conditions, visa procedures, taxation, social security, health care**, as well as relevant information about **housing and daily life**.

3.5 Funding Opportunities



The Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR) is the main funder of research activities in Luxembourg. The FNR invests public funds and private donations into research projects in various branches of science and the humanities, with an emphasis on selected core strategic areas. Furthermore, it supports and coordinates activities to strengthen the link between science and society and to raise awareness for research. The FNR also advises the Luxembourg government on research policy and strategy. The FNR has a broad range of international funding opportunities, among which bilateral collaborations with RIKEN in Japan or the NRF in Singapore. Further details are available under the “**International Cooperation**” section of the [Luxembourg National Research Fund website](#).

3.6 Important Information for Incoming Researchers

The [EURAXESS Luxembourg team](#) is at your full disposal.

[EURAXESS Luxembourg](#) provides information and support to international researchers, all services are free of charge. We provide information about **entry conditions, visas** and residence permits, Luxembourg in general, the Luxembourgian research landscape, **job & funding offers**, partnering, events for researchers and much more!

Please read our [Foreign Researchers' guide to Luxembourg](#), a practical guide on living & working in Luxembourg.

ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Please [check if you need a visa](#).

For working and long-term stays, they require a hosting agreement and a residence permit. See all [Luxembourgian embassies and representations](#) around the world.

Fees are waived for researchers from third countries travelling within the EU for the purpose of carrying out scientific research. For additional information on visa issues please visit the [Euraxess Luxembourg website](#).



3.7 Luxemburg-China Science Relations

3.7.1 Bilateral Agreement on ST&I Cooperation

Bilateral agreement for cultural cooperation has been in effect since 1979 between the People's Republic of China and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on co-operation in the fields of culture, arts, science, education and sports. The last five-year executive programme was signed in Beijing on 29 November 2005.

Under this agreement, several agreements have been signed between the University of Luxembourg and Beijing Renmin University, Shanghai Tongji University as well as Shandong University to provide for students' and researchers' exchanges.

3.7.2 Main initiatives and programmes available to Chinese researchers

Luxinnovation, the national agency for innovation and research assists in providing funding for research, development and innovation activities in Luxembourg. A wide range of financial aids is available to support R&D activities in both the public and the private sector.

Academic cooperation schemes, not limited to China, are all coordinated by the National Research Fund (FNR) in Luxembourg.

INTER: the INTER Mobility Programme has been developed as a means to fund research stays abroad from Luxembourg researchers as well as visits to Luxembourg from foreign researchers (6 weeks to 1 year).

PEARL: With the PEARL programme, the FNR wishes to provide the institutions with a proactive means to attract internationally recognised senior researchers who will transfer and establish their research programme in Luxembourg in order to accelerate the development of and to strengthen the national research priorities.

ERCIM Grants (European Research Consortium in Informatics and Mathematics) are intended to attract young researchers of post-doctoral level from anywhere in the world to work on a research problem in informatics and mathematics at two research centres in the ERCIM network.

AFR: The 'Aides à la Formation-Recherche' (AFR) scheme provides grants for PhD and postdoctoral research training. The AFR programme has no thematic limitations and is open to all researchers, regardless of their nationality, desirous to engage into research training in Luxembourg or abroad. In the selection process, the interest of the project in the context of Luxembourg R&D will nevertheless be evaluated.



4 Workshop on Europe-China Joint Research Structures

On Monday, 25 September 2017, EURAXESS China in cooperation with the European Delegation to China and the Italian Cultural Institute in Beijing, held a [Workshop on Europe-China Joint Research Structures](#). 150 researchers attended the workshop. See more pictures [here](#)



Platform for Europe-China Joint Research Structures

Following the workshop, EURAXESS China has started a platform for researchers and other people involved in Europe-China Joint Research Structures. The platform serves as an opportunity to share information and networking. It includes

- Directory of all Joint Research Structures in China
- Reports from workshops
- Handbook on how to establish a joint research structure
- Wechat group for stakeholders

[Go here to visit the platform](#)



5 In case you missed...



5.1 China Chapter of Marie Curie Alumni Association officially established!

In July 2017, the EU Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) - China Chapter was officially established under the open Call for MCAA Chapters 2017.

The China Chapter is an official part of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA), and encourages local networking, attracts and recruits new members to the Association, and generally enhances the image of the MCAA within the 'Greater China' region, including mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. All MCAA members residing in, or nationals of, the chapter's geographical area can become a member of the China Chapter.

Membership of the Chapter is free! Contact the China Chapter through email at china.chapter@mariecuriealumni.eu. For registration as an official MCAA member visit www.mariecuriealumni.eu. If you are already an MCAA member and want to join China Chapter visit www.mariecuriealumni.eu/groups/china-chapter.



5.2 Successful Brainstorming Meeting for Prospective Marie Curie Individual Fellowship Applicants

On 31 August 2017, EURAXESS China held a successful brainstorming meeting with prospective China-based applicants of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships at the Berlin room of the German Chamber of Commerce in Beijing.

The EURAXESS Country Representative presented the different aspects of applying for individual fellowships followed by an hour-long discussion in both Chinese and English where Marie Curie Fellow Qin Xiangang shared his experience.

The meeting took place both online and offline. The group slides and recording was shared online in a dedicated Wechat group and members of the Marie Curie Alumni Association answered written questions from people who couldn't attend.

5.3 Horizon 2020 EU-China Co-funding Mechanism Booklet

Our colleagues at DRAGON-STAR Plus have developed a booklet incorporating the latest information regarding Horizon 2020 focusing on China. Among others, special attention is given to the new co-funding mechanism as well as the work programme 2016-2017. [Download it here.](#)



5.4 Upcoming Deadlines

See a list of all collected opportunities for China based researchers at

[EURAXESS China website](#)

13 October: [Germany - Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants](#)

14 October: [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange \(RISE\)](#)

17 October: [ERC 2018 Starting Grant call](#)

14 November: [ERC 2018 Synergy Grant call](#)

23 October: [Spain Programme for International Cooperation on Research and Development](#)

15 February 2018: [Finnish Government Scholarship Pool](#)

5.5 Main Europe-China STI Headlines from last quarter

See a list of all collected Europe-China STI Headlines at

[EURAXESS China website](#)

- The next EU science fund should be doubled in size according to independent top advisors ([EURAXESS China](#)).
- CAS (CN) and JRC (EU) signed a research framework arrangement on June 2 at EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium ([CAS Newsletter](#))
- Nature Index 2017 China - Supplement to Nature. Free full access to articles about the Chinese research system ([Nature](#)).
- Plan to Put China in AI Industry Vanguard ([CAS Newsroom](#)).
- ERC 2018: Nearly €1.86 billion in grants ([EURAXESS China](#)).
- Space science joint fund established – CAS and NSFC ([CAS Newsletter](#))

About us



EURAXESS China is a networking tool for European researchers active in China and for Chinese researchers wishing to collaborate and/or pursue a career in Europe. EURAXESS China provides information about research in Europe, European research policy, opportunities for research funding, for EU-China and international collaboration and for trans-national mobility. **Membership is free.**

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EURAXESS Worldwide networks have thus far been launched in North America (USA & Canada) Japan, China, India, in ASEAN (currently focusing on Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and Indonesia) and as of March 2017, the EURAXESS Brazil network has been expanded to cover Latin America and the Caribbean States as well.