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***Eurodoc president calls for including EURODOC in further ERAB works***

Izabela Stanisławiszyn, President of Eurodoc, attended the conference "ERA 2030. Preparing Europe for a new Renaissance" which was jointly organized by the ERAB and the Spanish presidency on 6-7th May 2010 in Seville. The conference brought together public and private stakeholders of the European Research Area (ERA) to discuss the document entitled "Strategic View on ERA. Preparing Europe for the New Renaissance ", published in September 2009 by the European Research Area Board (ERAB).

During the conference the strategic vision on ERA 2030 was discussed and the outcome of the discussion will serve as a basis to formulate 10 most important tasks for the European Commission in order to make ERA by 2030 a reality. In the coming year there will be consultation and events aimed at the discussion of implementation of the targets ERAB 2030 milestones.

In the course of discussions during the conference Izabela Stanisławiszyn presented Eurodoc and stressed the importance of doctoral candidates and junior researchers for the future of research in Europe. *"Junior researchers and doctoral candidates constitute great potential for research and are one of the driving forces for the creation of ERA."* emphasized Izabela Stanisławiszyn. She offered Eurodoc's assistance in the elaboration of the European Research Area with regard to doctoral candidates and junior researchers issues and called on including Eurodoc in further ERAB works. *"As a result", Izabela says, "it was agreed to include Eurodoc's voice in further consultation works which will take place in the coming years and will be aimed at implementation of ERA Goals 2030."*

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**EURODOC background:**

*Eurodoc was founded in Girona (Spain) on 02/02/02. It is the European Council of doctoral candidates and junior researchers. It takes the form of a federation of national associations of Ph.D. candidates and young researchers.*

*Eurodocs objectives are:*

- To represent doctoral candidates and junior researchers at the European level in matters of education, research and professional development of their careers
  - To advance the quality of doctoral programmes and the standards of research activity in Europe
  - To promote the circulation of information on issues regarding young researchers, organize events, take part in debates and assist in the elaboration of policies about Higher Education and Research in Europe
  - To establish and promote cooperation between national associations representing doctoral candidates and junior researchers within Europe
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