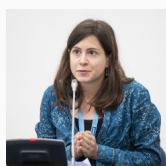


## Eurodoc Wishes – Happy New Year!

In this most magical time of the year, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year filled with your personal goals, love, happiness and a lot of inspiration. Looking forward to having a fruitful collaboration with all of you! Yours, Eurodoc President Eva Hnátková, Administrative Board and members of Eurodoc Secretariat.



## An International Symposium on Impact of Plan S on Researchers, Research-Intensive Institutions, Societies and Publishers



[Véronique De Herde](#), Eurodoc Ambassador for Open Science and Contact Person for Plan S, represented Eurodoc at a panel discussion about the impact of [Plan S](#) on (Early Career) Researchers ('ECRs'). The panel was part of an [International Symposium on Plan S](#) organised by the Academia Europaea Cardiff Hub and the KU Leuven Libraries on the future of Plan S on 6 November 2019. Plan S requires publications funded by public grants to be published in Open Access journals or platforms from 2021. Eurodoc, the Young Academy of Europe ([YAE](#)) and the Marie Curie Alumni Association ([MCAA](#)) stressed that it was necessary to revise the evaluation of researchers towards a broader approach of quality (following the [San Fransico Declaration on Research Assessment](#)). This will help drive research, through Plan S, towards more open and collaborative practices. A first report of the event discussions can be found [here](#). An extended report of the exchanges will follow.

## Members News

### Eurodoc Conference 2020 – Open Up Your Science!



The [Eurodoc Conference 2020](#) will be held in Warsaw, Poland on 22-23 April 2020, organized by Krajowa Reprezentacja Doktorantów (KR D) in collaboration with Eurodoc and financially supported by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education Republic of Poland. The event is intended for ECRs, policymakers and all stakeholders and partners in research and innovation. The main topics of the conference will be Open Science/publications, Open/FAIR data, collaboration, communication and the evaluation of researchers. The registration will be launched during January 2020.

## Stakeholder & Partner News

# Policy Brief: Towards Responsible Research Career Assessment



A policy brief with [key recommendations for policymakers](#) was published by Marie Curie Alumni Association ([MCAA](#)) and [NewHoRRizon](#) - European Project that focuses on further integrating Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in the research and innovation systems at national and international levels. Eurodoc is collaborating with NewHoRRizon [Social Lab 3 on the MSCA](#) that brings together various stakeholders from research. This includes MSCA fellows, representatives from the MCAA, National Contact Points, principal investigators, project coordinators, evaluators, and RRI-related experts to develop pilot activities which might help to implement elements of RRI in the practices and policies related to MSCA. [Read more...](#)

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## Marie Curie Alumni Association Statement on the Open Sharing of Peer-Reviewed Research



Marie Curie Alumni Association ([MCAA](#)) launched the new [statement](#) that supports the sharing of peer-reviewed studies without embargoes and restrictions. "We urgently call upon the publishers that still force barriers on the flow of knowledge, to modernize and join the numerous publishers that already today allow and encourage researchers to share their research findings without embargoes and restrictions." Eurodoc, alongside the Young Academy of Europe ([YAE](#)), expressed support of the MCAA statement's call on editors to stop putting publicly-funded research under paywall, and halt disinformation on open access publishing.

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## PRIDE Network Training and Conference



In March 2020, [PRIDE Network](#) - Association of Professionals in Doctoral Education is holding its 3rd annual conference and training. The event will be held at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. The training on 24-25 March 2020 will address the topic of PhD candidate wellbeing, while the annual conference on 26-27 March 2020 will focus on the topic of "Giving a voice to professionals in doctoral education – how do we communicate and position ourselves?" [Registration](#) is already open.

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## CODATA-RDA Schools for Research Data Science - Skills for Early Career Researchers





The Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) – The Research Data Alliance (RDA) released the recommendation "[A Curriculum for Foundation Research Data Science Skills for Early Career Researchers](#)". This recommendation describes the curriculum and example materials to give ECRs foundational skills in Data Science to work with their data. This curriculum combines technical skills, such as Research Data Management or Software Carpentry with responsible research practices such as Open and Responsible Research. More information can be found [here](#).

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## Open Calls

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### Call for Participants: Study Session on "Shrinking Space for Civil Society"



This study session organized by the European Confederation of Youth Clubs in collaboration with Rural Youth Europe and the Council of Europe (CoE) will be held on 2–6 March 2020 at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France. ECRs of our member organizations that are interested in the topic of citizens' rights to freedom, democracy and human rights are invited to send their application to join the session. Accommodation and meals will be provided but applicants may be no more than 30 years old. Travel expenses and visa fee will be reimbursed by CoE. Deadline for registering is 16 January 2020. See more info [here](#).

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### Open Call for International Evaluators in the New Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education



The [Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education](#) is looking for international evaluators to take part in the upcoming evaluation and accreditation procedures at Slovak universities and higher education institutions. A wide range of qualified and experienced professionals from among the teachers, scientists, employers, quality system experts and students are invited to join the pool of assessors. By joining the pool as an international expert, you can advance the quality of doctoral programmes and the standards of research activity in Europe. Submit your [application](#) before 15 January 2020.

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# Upcoming Events

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## **EUA-CDE Thematic Workshop**

23-24.01.2020  
Tbilisi, Georgia

Are you a doctoral candidate and do you want to discuss current challenges in academic career development? Join the 2020 [EUA-CDE](#) Thematic Workshop and benefit from the reduced fee (150€ Euro) for doctoral candidates from their [member universities](#)! Do not miss this opportunity! The [registration](#) deadline is 8 January 2020.

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## **Future of Higher Education – Bologna Process Researchers' Conference**

29-31.01.2020  
Bucharest, Romania

The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding invites you to the 4th edition of the conference dedicated to the "[Future of Higher Education – Bologna Process Researchers' Conference](#)". The aim of the conference is to promote and sustain the development of the European Higher Education Area ([EHEA](#)). The conference offers a unique forum for dialogue between researchers, experts and policymakers in the field of higher education.

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## **International DASCHE Project Conference on "Social Competences"**

28.02.2020  
Warsaw, Poland

The European project on Development, Assessment and Validation of Social Competences in Higher Education (DASCHE) is organizing an international conference on "Social competences – the new dimension of the traditional mission of higher education". Eurodoc is an associated partner in this project, which studied how higher education institutions in Europe are developing such competences, which we broadly define as 'social competences'. Register for the conference until 31 January 2020.

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## **MCAA General Assembly and Annual Conference**

28-29.03.2020  
Zagreb, Croatia

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) invites ECRs to participate in the General Assembly and Annual Conference on "Research and Democracy" held this year in Zagreb, Croatia. MCAA Members can join for free whilst the Annual conference is also

open for non-members, doctoral candidates, postgraduate researchers, senior academics, industrial and commercial professionals and the general public.  
[Register](#) by 15 January 2020 to benefit from the 'early bird' rates.

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