



Eurodoc News

Eurodoc Conference 2020 and Annual General Meeting ONLINE - NEW DATE



Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the [Eurodoc Conference “Open Up Your Science”](#) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held online and will be the first online Eurodoc Conference in history! The conference will now be held on 22-23 July 2020 and the AGM on 24-25 July 2020. During the conference, ECRs will discuss Open Science with policymakers, stakeholders and partners, including topics on Open Access, Open Data, research networking and the evaluation system. The conference is free of charge, registration is available [here](#) and more information can be found [here](#).

Eurodoc Survey on Publishing in Open Science for Early Career Researchers



This year, the EC will launch 'Open Research Europe' (ORE), an Open Access Publishing Platform for Horizon 2020 beneficiaries. ORE will offer rapid publication of a wide range of article types without editorial bias in open license. Eurodoc, as an expert partner in the ORE project, will ensure that the voice of early-career researchers (ECRs) is heard. In order to contribute to the ORE Project and formulate recommendations from the ECRs'

point of view, Eurodoc is launching a Survey on Publishing in Open Science. The survey is available [here](#). Please take part in the survey - let's make an impact together!

Pandemic Heavily Impacts on European ECRs with Caring Responsibilities



After 12th March 2020, when the World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 a pandemic, several problems have led to most research activities halting. These include: limited access to labs, archives and libraries, difficulties in using specific software from home computers, no travel overseas or the obligation to look after children as a parent. All these are having severe consequences on the careers of ECRs. In the wake of the pandemic, specific problems for European ECRs and the responses of some governments are presented in an article [here](#).

LGBTQIA Early Career Researchers Need to Enjoy a Safe, Friendly, and Discrimination-Free Atmosphere at Work



Discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA) people also affects ECRs. Eurodoc's Equality Working Group focuses on supporting ECRs that experience exclusion and discrimination related to "diversity". In this [article](#) prepared by Eurodoc, you can learn about the biggest challenges facing LGBTQIA researchers in their countries, as well as good practices for promoting inclusion for ECRs.

Members News

Open Letter from the Irish Research Staff Association and Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) about COVID-19



COVID-19 has had an extraordinarily negative impact on the university sector and both the Irish Research Staff Association and IFUT call for emergency measures to tackle the labour market crisis for researchers. In light of these developments, they are calling on policymakers to consult the Irish Research Staff Association and trade unions in higher education, in a bid to implement different measures. These include the Government

making emergency funding available for forecasted extensions to ensure continuity of research. Both organisations also urge funding agencies to have more uniformity in their policies, converging towards higher standards, and taking international best practice into account. The full text of the letter is available [here](#).

Consequences for ECRs due to COVID-19



The Doctoral Committee within the Swedish National Union of Students (SFS-DK) has conducted a survey regarding the situation for doctoral candidates during the pandemic. In the published report, you will find information about problems for current PhD candidates, such as the need for prolongation of the doctoral period, and that finding a sufficient work environment is currently challenging. The full report is available [here](#).

Farouk Allouche from Eurodoc about Open Science, Research Integrity and Innovations



Farouk Allouche, Eurodoc's Officer to the Council of Europe, gave an interview for Olga Romanenko, representative from the Young Scientists Council in Ukraine, on the topic of ECR activities within Open Science, and promotion of responsible research and research integrity. The full interview is available [here](#).

Stakeholder & Partner News

Cash Concerns Blight Universities Across Europe Amid Looming Economic Crisis

 Universities throughout Europe have begun to reopen laboratories and classrooms after closures forced by the coronavirus pandemic, but many figures in research and higher education fear that the worst of the storm has yet to hit. A report released this week by the European University Association suggests the crisis will have a long-term impact on many universities' bottom lines. An expected hit to EU GDP of at least 7.5 per cent - "far deeper" than that of the 2008 financial crisis - is likely to severely affect the support that institutions can expect from governments. Read the full report [here](#).

European Commission will Support Innovative Training Networks



With a total budget of €530 million, the European Commission has announced that it will support 147 Innovative Training Networks (ITNs) under the programme. ITNs drive scientific excellence and innovation, bringing together universities, research institutes and other sectors from across the world. The projects will offer extraordinary, global research and training opportunities to 2000 PhD candidates. Check the full list of projects and their call proposals [here](#).

Online Courses & Webinars

Minding the Gap - Higher Education, Research and Innovation in International Cooperation



Increasing synergies within and between higher education, research and innovation is of particular relevance for higher education institutions, which deal with all three policy areas on a daily basis. The Academic Cooperation Association invites you to its webinar to discuss concrete ways for raising complementarity and greater interrelatedness between the policies and programmes on higher education, research and innovation at institutional, national and European level. The registrations will be open until 5 June [here](#).

OEduverse - Advancing Sustainable Research Careers Courses



The Erasmus+ OEduverse Consortium - institutions and organizations providing 21st century skills to researchers - invites you to a series of pilot events and summer schools focused on Open Science, Mental Wellbeing, and Communicating Research. The first online course will be held on 6-8 July online and will be dedicated to research ethics. The course will help you to solve ethical dilemmas that may arise in all stages of the research process, such as stating your research objective, data collection and analysis, and reporting and publishing your findings. More information and registration is available [here](#).

Open Virtual Mobility Learning Hub Launched



The Open Virtual Mobility project (OpenVM) has created a Learning Hub that provides an open, multilingual and online learning environment for the development, assessment and recognition of virtual mobility skills in higher education. The OpenVM Learning Hub further hosts a set of eight short courses, in which learners can develop skills for virtual mobility at three levels: Foundations, Intermediate and Advanced. More information is available in the brochure [here](#).



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