## **EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion**Implementing successfully European policies for researchers







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#### A. The European Research Area (ERA)

In 2000, the EU decided to create the European Research Area (ERA). This means creating a unified area all across Europe, in which we should:

- Enable researchers to move and interact seamlessly, benefit from world-class infrastructures and work with excellent networks of research institutions;
- Share, teach, value and use knowledge effectively for social, business and policy purposes;
- Optimise and open European, national and regional research programmes in order to support the best research throughout Europe and coordinate these programmes to address major challenges together;
- Develop strong links with partners around the world so that Europe benefits from the worldwide progress of knowledge, contributes to global development and takes a leading role in international initiatives to solve global issues



## Why researchers in the ERA Challenges

Researchers are at the heart of knowledge creation, transfer and exploitation: they are knowledge vectors. Without them, no research.

Europe's challenges on human resources in research:

- 1) To get more and better trained researchers and to be attractive to the best minds world-wide:
- Against strong and rising competition, globally and with other economic sectors:
- Against the imminent retirement of a significant part of Europe's research workforce;
- In the light of Europe's ambitions for higher investments in R&D
- 2) To mainstream mobility, based on the paradigm of "brain circulation", across/outside Europe, to maximise knowledge sharing and at the same time benefit from European career perspectives



## Researchers in the ERA Goals

## Researchers in Europe need to be provided with a single open, transparent and competitive labour market through actions stimulating:

- 1. Greater mobility of researchers in Europe
  - Circulation freedom for researchers, technologies and knowledge (the 5th freedom)
- 2. Introduction of a European dimension into research careers
- 3. Europe's attractiveness to researchers from all over the world
  - Internationally open and competitive
  - Facing globalisation



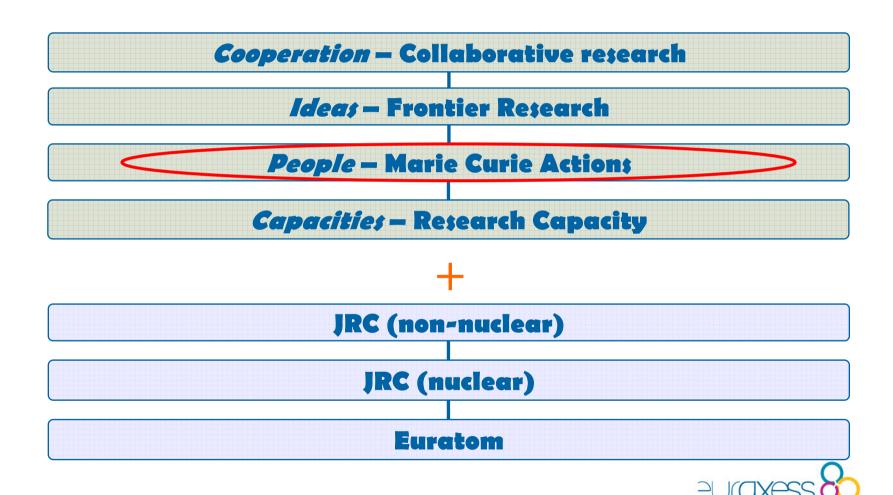
## Researchers in the ERA The European Partnership for Researchers

- Decisive measures are needed for Europe's researchers, and progress should be made in a comprehensive and coordinated way
- Partnership = framework for MS to direct their efforts at national level (National Action Plans) based on common, agreed objectives in 4 key areas:
- 1. Systematically open recruitment (specific ref. to EURAXESS Jobs and Services);
- 2. Meet social security and supplementary pension needs of mobile researchers;
- Provide attractive employment and working conditions;
- 4. Enhance the training, skills and experience of researchers



#### Where does the funding come from?

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## FP7 (2007-2013) "People" Specific Programme - Marie Curie Actions

### Initial training Initial Training Networks\*

#### Life-long training and career development

Intra-European Fellowships / European Reintegration Grants Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes

#### **Industry dimension**

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways\*

#### **International dimension**

Outgoing & Incoming\* International Fellowships; International Cooperation Scheme; International Reintegration grants; Support to researcher 'diasporas'\*

#### **Specific actions**

Mobility and career enhancement actions Excellence awards



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## **B.** Researchers in the ERA: **Actions and progress so far**

- EURAXESS Researchers in Motion: 4 initiatives that, by supporting the mobility and career of researchers, assist in establishing Europe as an area of excellence in scientific research
- Conception and adoption of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their Recruitment
- Development, adoption and implementation of the 'Scientific visa' package for third country nationals
- 7PQ € 4,75 Bn 'People' programme
- 7PQ € 7 Bn 'Ideas' programme implemented by the European Research Council (ERC)



#### Researchers in the ERA: Actions and progress so far – 1) Mobility issues

- Improved information and practical assistance (the EURAXESS Portal and the EURAXESS Services Network)
- Favourable conditions for mobility in national research policy and programming in several MS
- Much better understanding on issues and some regulatory advancements
- Practical recommendations to stakeholders on inter-sectoral mobility
- Design and first steps towards integrated data system on career paths and mobility flows of researchers



#### Researchers in the ERA: Actions and progress so far -

#### 2) European dimension in research careers

- Issuing and start of implementation European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for their Recruitment (EURAXESS Rights)
- Majority of MS has taken some measures on opening up of national research systems
- Initiatives to raise visibility and status of the profession of researchers (e.g.
   « Researchers in Europe Initiative 2005 », the « Nights »)
- Statistical projects to generate important trans-nationally coordinated data



# Researchers in the ERA: Actions and progress so far — 3) Making Europe more attractive

- Development, adoption and implementation of the « scientific visa » package\*
- EURAXESS Links to network European researchers in the US (and, soon, Japan)
- Inventory of post-doc schemes in Europe to better understand the European offer and its attractiveness
- Strengthened « international dimension » of FP7 «Marie Curie Actions »

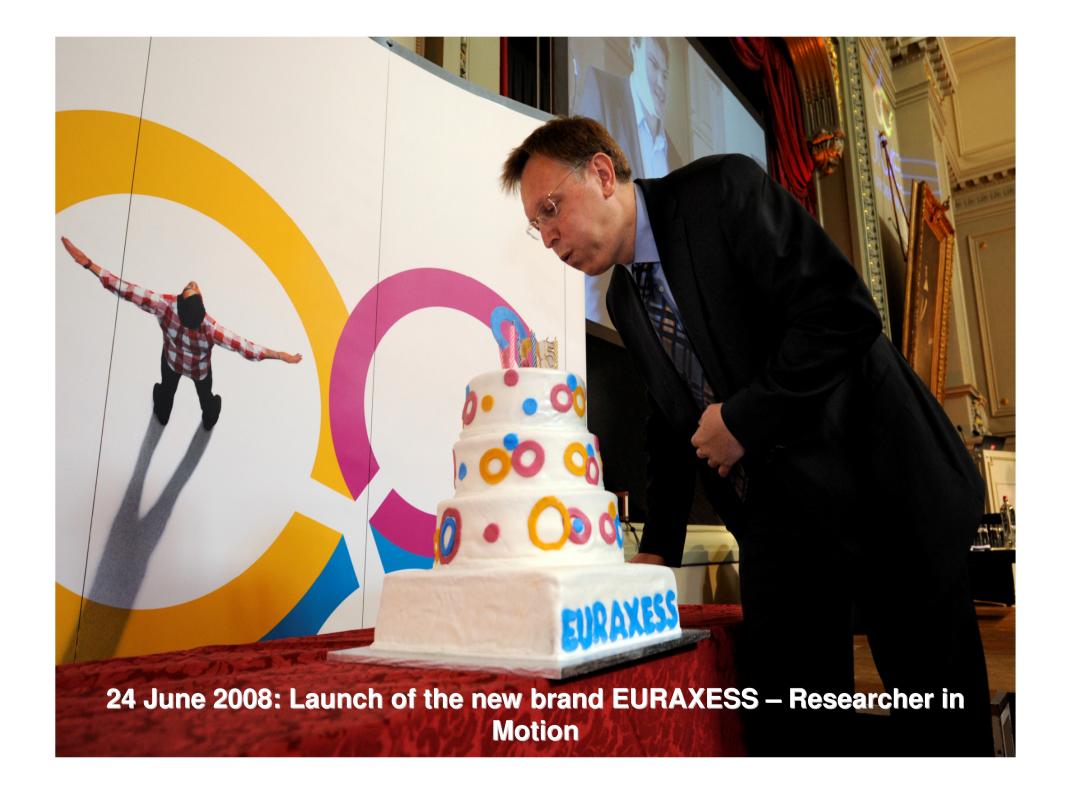
\* Up to January 2009 twenty-three out of the twenty-five concerned Member States had notified what they identified to be measures fully transposing the Directive: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, and The Netherlands. In Cyprus and Spain relevant law has been adopted, however notification procedures are under finalisation. Denmark and the United Kingdom are not bound by this Directive.



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#### C. EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion



Recruitment tool with job opportunities, funding opportunities, grants, employment, etc.



Relocation assistance for researchers and their family



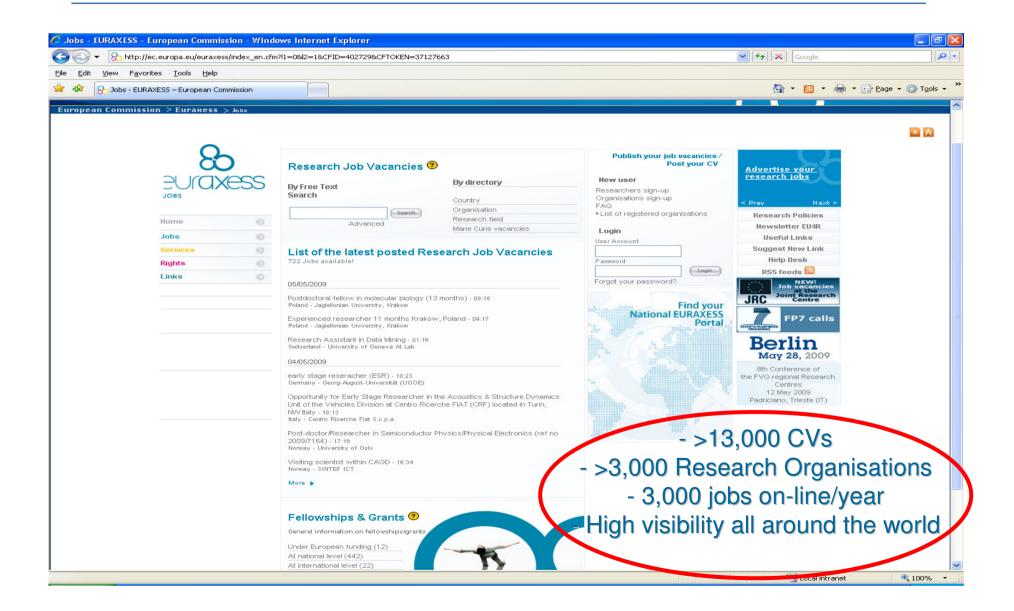
Information on the Charter and Code



A networking tool for researchers outside Europe



#### **EURAXESS Jobs** (http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/jobs)



## What's in: opportunities for researchers and research organisations

#### Researchers can:

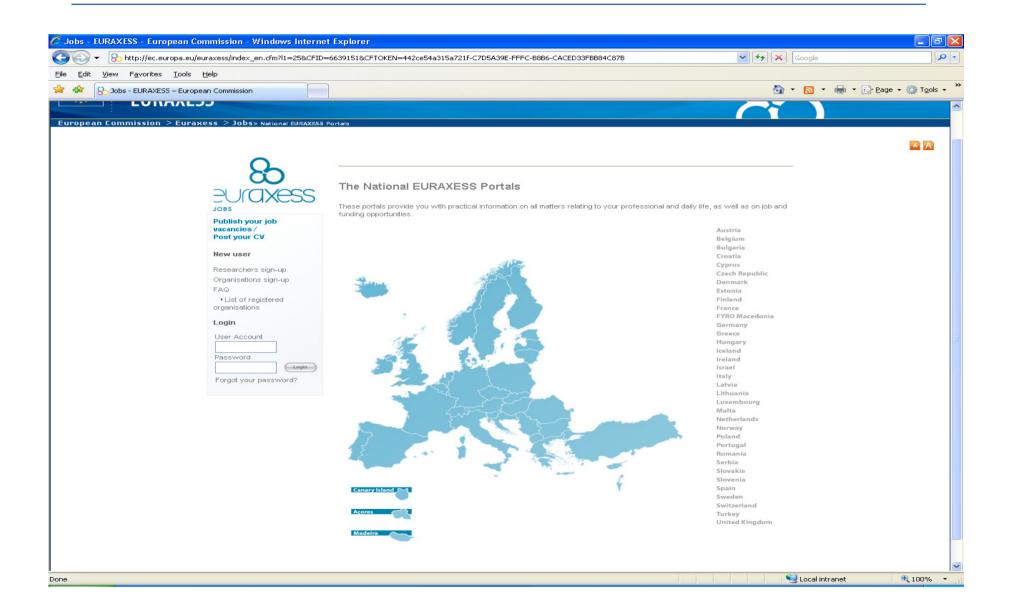
- Search for jobs according to career stage, research field, country, publishing research organisation
- Edit their CV for free
- Self-tune their job search
- Have access to a wealth of useful info

#### Research Organisations can:

- Publish their job vacancies for free
- Get enhanced visibility
- Self-tune their search for candidates to recruit
- Have access to useful info



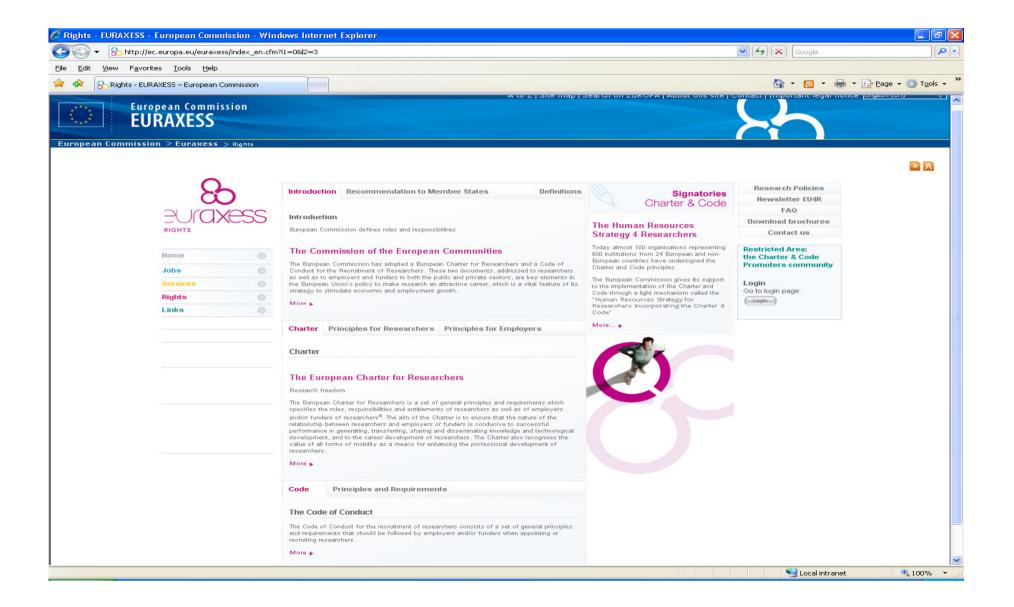
#### 31 national EURAXESS Portals



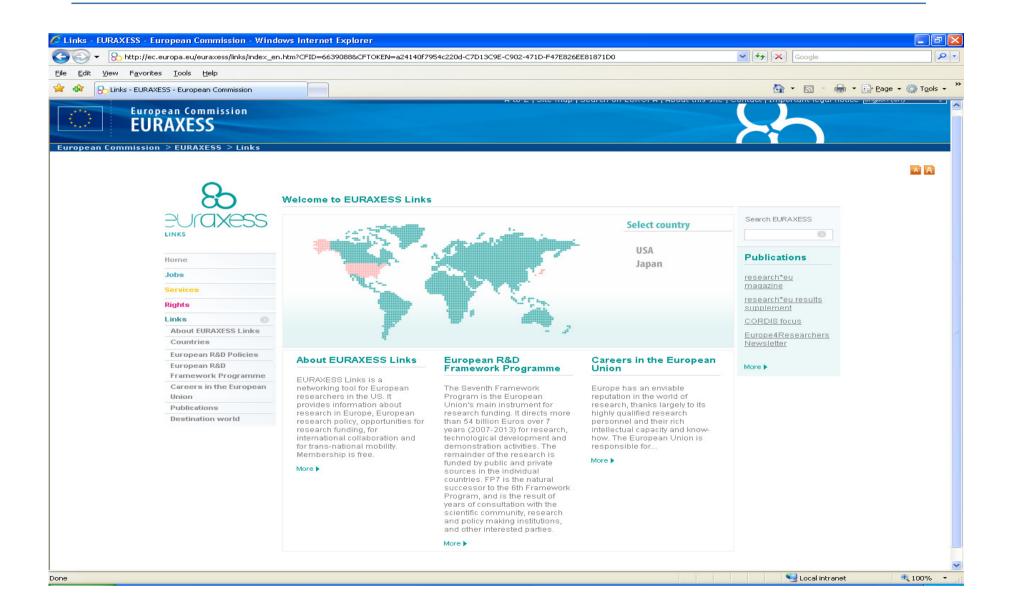
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