

## Internationalisation Day

# EURAXESS – Developing Institutional Potential for Welcoming International Researchers

Krakow, Poland, 17 December 2024

The event will contribute to the discussion on preparing the strategy for the internationalisation of science and higher education in Poland, with particular focus on developing institution's potential to host international scientists and doctoral students, emphasizing the role of the EURAXESS network in supporting research mobility. The event aims to increase Poland's competitiveness and innovation as a global research centre, using EURAXESS experience in facilitating attractive academic environment and building international scientific networks.

| Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland<br>Exhibition Hall |  |
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| 9.00-9.30  | Registration of participants   |
| 9.30-10.20   | <p>Opening session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. dr hab. Jarosław Górniak – Vice-Rector for International Relations, Jagiellonian University in Kraków</li> <li>Dr Łukasz Gołota – Director, Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange</li> <li>Ewa Kiszka – President, International Relations Offices Forum, Medical University of Gdańsk</li> </ul> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slaven Misljencevic – Policy Officer, European Commission (<i>on-line</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>The role of EURAXESS network in attracting and retaining scientific talent in Europe</i></p> <p>By breaking down barriers and connecting talent across borders, EURAXESS improves the competitiveness of participating countries by attracting top researchers and driving innovation. For 20 years, EURAXESS has been important in building a unified European Research Area. As challenges in research and innovation grow, expanding and strengthening EURAXESS in Poland and elsewhere will be essential to remain an attractive destination for researchers and innovators.</p> |
| 10.20-10.40  | <p>Session 1: <i>EURAXESS - A European Initiative Connecting Experts Supporting International Researchers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therese Lindkvist &amp; Ulrika Åstrand – EURAXESS Sweden Coordinators, Linköping University (<i>on-line</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>EURAXESS Sweden – how to run a successful network</i></p> <p>EURAXESS Sweden managers will share their perspective on how to run and manage a strong national network. They will tell us how their activities contribute to facilitating attractive environment for international researchers and their families. They will also share good practices and</p>   |

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|             | <p>success factors for developing collaboration among departments at institutional level as well as between various stakeholders regionally and country-wide.</p>  |
| 10:40-11:30 | <p><b>Session 2: <i>International Researchers in Poland – Institutional and Individual Researcher’s perspective</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dr hab. Magdalena Barwiołek, prof. UMK – Vice-Rector for International Relations, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, University Committee for Internationalisation</li> </ul> <p><i>Increasing international mobility of researchers in Poland: How to create favourable conditions for developing an international research career?</i></p> <p>Poland needs increased influx of international researchers and doctoral candidates, and attracting talent in this field is key to further develop research and innovation. Even though we have succeeded in attracting international students, especially from Central and Eastern Europe and Asia, the mobility of researchers and PhD students remains a challenge. What factors besides engaging in EURAXESS will facilitate scientific collaboration at international level. What does an attractive international research environment which takes care of work and life wellbeing mean? Finding a balance between research support, social integration and favourable living conditions in Poland is essential for talent attraction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prof. Richard Robinson, dr Maria Florencia Heber, dr Rebekah Aruldhas - Jagiellonian University in Kraków</li> </ul> <p><i>Navigating academia with EURAXESS from researcher’s perspective</i></p> <p>The presentations will be devoted to opportunities and challenges faced by international scientists in Poland. Participants will share their experiences related to international cooperation, integration in the Polish academic community and difficulties related to relocation. In their speeches, the guests will also focus on the role of scientific institutions in attracting and supporting researchers, including taking care of their scientific career development. It will also be an opportunity to exchange ideas for building a more open and friendly academic environment for researchers from other countries.</p> |
| 11:30-12:00 | Coffee break   |
| 12:00-13:00 | <p><b>Session 3: <i>Developing EURAXESS network in Poland: Role, Activities and Funding</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Wiśniewska &amp; Monika Zaremba – EURAXESS Poland Coordination, Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> <p>During this session the managers of EURAXESS Poland at NAWA will present the scope of national network activities, opportunities for institutions of joining the network, as well as the benefits stemming from being part of this European community. The speakers will also talk about initiatives and NAWA programmes funding university and research institutes’ activity aimed at supporting international researchers and PhD candidates coming to Poland, including the new NAWA programme called <i>NAWA-EURAXESS Network</i>.</p>   |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch break  |

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| 14.00-15.40 | <p><b>Session 4: EURAXESS in Action: Supporting Researchers – Good Practices and Testimonials from Polish Institutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dr Olga Pliszczyńska-Mokijewska, Head, International Relations Centre, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin<br/><i>Presentation of Expert Group for International Staff Welcome Points, IROs Forum</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion panel<br/>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dr Maciej Jażdżewski, Head, International Hub, University of Lodz</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katarzyna Włodkowska-Łoziak – International Visitors' Office, Jagiellonian University in Kraków</li> <li>• PhD Eng. Grzegorz Kłapyta – Head, International Relations Office, Silesian University of Technology</li> <li>• Katarzyna Fiedorowicz - Head of HR Unit, International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw</li> <li>• Agnieszka Ryba – Human Resources Department, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń</li> <li>• Magdalena Jędrkiewicz – Head of HR Division, National Centre for Nuclear Research</li> </ul> <p>The discussion will be devoted to the role and impact of the EURAXESS network in the process of supporting international scientists and research employees in Poland. Representatives of Polish scientific institutions will present their good practices which contribute to effective support for scientists in their integration within the Polish academic environment, as well as their experiences from using resources offered by EURAXESS. The discussion will be an opportunity to exchange ideas and strategies for further development and promotion of diversity in Polish science.</p> |
| 15.40-15.50 | <p><b>Summary of the Conference – PhD Eng. Izabela Zawiska, Head of International Relations Office, Jagiellonian University in Kraków</b></p>  |
| 15:50-16:50 | <p><b>Networking</b></p>   |