



# The EU Institutional Tools Promoting Researchers Mobility

PEOPLE NCP NETWORK, EURAXESS Services Network



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### **Policy Background**

## **Europe Needs Researchers**

- The European Research Area (ERA), January 2000
- Lisbon Spring Council, March 2000
- European Council Barcelona, March 2002
- Bologna Process
- Europe 2020





## EU institutional tools for promoting researchers' mobility

- PEOPLE Specific Programme, 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, DG Research
- EURAXESS Researchers in Motion Initiative
- The European Charter for Researchers and The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (Charter & Code)
- "Better Careers and More Mobility: A European Partnership for Researchers",
   May 2008
- Scientific Visa Directive (Researchers)
- Blue Card Directive (Highly qualified workers)





### The National Contact Point (NCP) Network

•National Contact Points (NCP) provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in FP7. The NCP network is the main provider of advice and individual assistance in all Member States and Associated States

•NCPs are appointed for each FP7 area. When seeking support you should contact the NCP relevant to your area of interest





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## The Greek PEOPLE NCP Network and its background

- The Greek PEOPLE NCP Network was created in 2006
- The innovative element to the set up of the Greek PEOPLE NCP Network was the fact that its members are, also, members of the EURAXESS Services Network along with the Greek Marie Curie Fellows Association
- Each Greek PEOPLE NCP operates at its geographical area of responsibility





## The members of the Greek PEOPLE NCP Network

ONIKO PA WA Se A ON S	National Hellenic Research Foundation	Attica Region	
	Centre for Research and Technology-Hellas	Northern Greece	
FORTH Foundation for Research & Technology, Helias	Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas/ PRAXIS/Scientific Technology Park of Crete	Southern Greece	
MARIE CURRY SANCATION OF ASSOCIATION OF ASSOCI	Greek Marie Curie Fellows Association	Greek MC Fellows	
Πωνετιιστήμιο Οτασαλίος	University of Thessaly	Central Greece and Aegean islands	
ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΠΑΤΡΩΝ	University of Patras	Western Greece, Ionian islands and Peloponnisos	SIE CURIE



## The comparative advantages of the Greek PEOPLE NCP Network

- Geographical distribution → work distribution → better services' provision (decentralisation of services covering all Greece)
- The variety of the legal entities participating in the Network (Research Centres, Universities, other Networks and Researchers' Associations, Technology Parks) in combination with their respective organisational structural mechanisms (research committees, liaison offices, international affairs offices etc.) operate supportingly to the services provided by the NCPs
- Extended Network of contacts
- Long term experience in disseminating information relevant to the mobility of researchers





#### **Provided Services**

- Collecting and disseminating information about the PEOPLE Programme
- Organisation of workshops, seminars and events in collaboration with the EC and GSRT
- HelpDesk services
- Maintance of internet portals where coherent information is provided to the general public
- Support to researchers for participating at the calls (i.e. pre-screening of proposals)
- Assistance on the legal, financial and administrative aspects of implementing a MC project
- Partner search
- Organisation of events targeting the participation of the Greek industrial sector at the PEOPLE Programme
- Collaboration with the other Greek NCPs from other Themes
- Collaboration with the other European PEOPLE NCPs
- Promotion and implementation of the Charter and the Code





#### The EURAXESS Services Network

#### The EURAXESS Services Network (ex ERA-MORE):

- Around 250 mobility centres from 38 EU/AC countries and numerous contact points
- Offers customized assistance to researchers and their families before, during and after their move abroad

#### **Each EURAXESS Service Centre:**

- Acts as a point of entry for researchers looking for practical information and guidance
- Fulfils its information and assistance task either by direct proximity assistance or by directing the person(s) concerned to the appropriate specialised centre





## The Greek EURAXESS Services Network

#### How are researchers benefited?

The Greek EURAXESS Services Network provides assistance to all mobile researchers on matters such as:

- entry conditions
- visas
- work permits
- recognition of diplomas
- job opportunities
- salaries
- taxation
- pension rights
- health care
- social security
- accommodation
- day care
- schooling
- language courses
- access to the culture of the host country etc





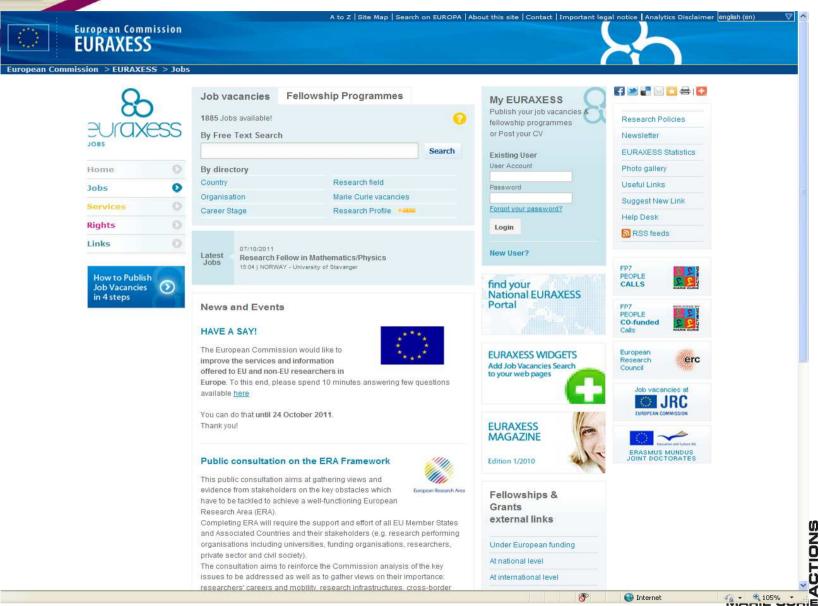
#### The EURAXESS Jobs Portal

- http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
- Launched July 2003
- Single Entry Point for:
  - Researchers looking to advance their career in another European country
  - Organisations wishing to recruit the most talented
     European and non-European researchers





### The EURAXESS Jobs Portal





### The Greek case: one stop-shop

- All members of the Greek PEOPLE NCP Network are also members of the EURAXESS Services Network
- INNOVATIVE ELEMENT: One stop-shop NCP services + EURAXESS Services
- The PEOPLE programme provides the financial support to researchers to start
  on and strengthen their research career perspectives through mobility, while
  the EURAXESS Services Network provides personalised services to researchers
  so as to facilitate them during their mobility experience





### **Summary**

- Mobility of researchers = key element for the establishment of the European Research Area
- Mobility helps researchers diversify their skills, develop and improve their career perspectives
- The Commission has developed a wide range of institutional and funding tools for the promotion of researchers' mobility:
  - PEOPLE Specific Programme
  - EURAXESS Services Network
  - The European Charter for Researchers and The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (Charter & Code)
  - "Better Careers and More Mobility: A European Partnership for Researchers",
     EU Directive on Scientific Visa





### Thank you very much for your attention

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