



## Eurodoc News

### **PRESS RELEASE: Researchers Respond to Revised Guidance for Plan S**



On June 3rd 2019, Eurodoc, the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) and the Young Academy of Europe (YAE) approved the latest updated guidance for the implementation of Plan S published by cOAlition S on 31 May 31 2019. The study builds on over 600 comments and proposals reported during open talks and consultations by both scientists and interested parties, including academic and non-academic organizations. Details and positive changes concerning researchers are available [here](#).

### **Interview with Michael Markie, Director of Publishing at F1000**



Eurodoc has published the interview with the Director of Publishing at the F1000 scientific platform, Michael Markie. F1000 represents a new concept for an open publishing platform that aims to facilitate faster, more efficient publishing, as well as making the whole publication process more transparent through Open Data and Open Peer Review. Find out more on why early career researchers should use the platform and how the platform supports Plan S and FAIR data [here](#).

# Eurodoc at the European Landscape of Doctoral Education: The Future of Research Collaboration



On 3 May 2019, the UK Council for Graduate Education (UKCGE) and the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE) met at an event entitled '[The European landscape of doctoral education: the future of research collaboration](#)'. This forum aimed to discuss future research policy with the prospect of Brexit looming. Eurodoc actively contributed to discussions on the strengths of the current approaches to doctoral education across Europe and on the opportunities and challenges related to the collaboration between UK and Europe in the light of Brexit. Particular emphasis was placed on doctoral education funding, the quality of doctoral studies, researchers' independence, professional mobility, mental health and the attractiveness of PhD training. [Read more...](#)

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## Eurodoc and MCAA Calls on Research Institutions, Funding Bodies and Governments to Ensure Sustainable Researcher Careers in a Joint Declaration



On 27 May 2019, Eurodoc and the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) called on research institutions, funding bodies and governments to ensure a sustainable career for researchers in a joint declaration. Eurodoc and MCAA are concerned about the current situation and call for action on the career models of researchers. Together, they emphasize that the academic system will grow faster if the sustainable employability of researchers at an early stage is guaranteed. This joint declaration contains key recommendations on the true responsibility of the institutes, funding bodies and governments in the new and dynamic higher education, research and innovation ecosystem. The document elaborates specific recommendations to strengthen the position of scientists and to ensure a globally competitive European research area and the higher education sector.

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## Members News

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### Azerbaijan Answered to Eurodoc Survey on the Structure of the Doctorates Across Europe



The Eurodoc survey was prepared by the Doctoral Training Working Group (DTWG) to analyze the diverse landscape of doctorates across Europe. In this survey, doctorate is understood as the institutional frameworks and processes geared towards the

completion of a doctoral degree, and doctoral candidate is a person enrolled in a doctorate. Detailed information on how the doctorates differ in countries such as Azerbaijan, Norway, the Netherlands, Italy, Poland, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Croatia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Spain and H2020 The MSCA Innovative Training Network can be found [here](#).

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## Conditions and Prospects of Higher Education in Italy: the ADI Survey on Early-Career Researchers



On May 8th 2019 ADI - the Association of PhD Candidates and PhDs in Italy - presented its “8th Survey on PhDs and Postdocs”. According to the survey, the number of PhD positions in Italy reduced by 3.5% in 2018, from 9,288 to 8,960. This equates to a 43.4% drop from 2007. The reduction in the number of PhDs hit particularly hard in the southern part of the country, which lost 55.5% of its PhD positions, with heavily negative consequences for the R&D sector in southern regions. As of 2018, temporary research contracts make up 59% of all positions, and only 37% of permanent positions are occupied by women. We hope that the ADI’s survey will finally convince the Italian government to allocate more funds for research and higher education. [Read more...](#)

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## Stakeholder & Partner News

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### BoostUrCareer: 15 Doctoral Fellowships Available



This programme wishes to attract to the French Riviera 15 early-career researchers (ECRs) with the world's highest academic, creative and innovative potentials and enhance their employability. The proposed programme will foster interdisciplinary, intersectoral and international experiences with the objective of contributing to creating a new generation of PhDs equipped for both academic and non-academic careers in e-health and inclined to the great research and innovation challenges of tomorrow. A list of PhD topics and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

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### European Union Copyright Directive: European University Association Issues Guidelines for Universities



European University Association has prepared a [set of guidelines](#) for the university sector to influence the national implementation of the European Union Copyright Directive. The document highlights the key provisions that are relevant to education,

research and innovation, as well as the opportunities and dangers involved in their transposition into national law. EUA's guidelines are intended to support universities in making their voices heard in national discussions in the coming months and years. [Read more...](#)

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## Call for Nominations: 2019 John Maddox Prize



Nominations for the 2019 John Maddox Prize are now open. The John Maddox Prize recognises the work of individuals who promote sound science and evidence on a matter of public interest, facing difficulty or hostility in doing so. This is a global prize: people from any country and in any field can be nominated. Find more information about the prize and how to nominate [here](#). Deadline for nominations is 19 July 2019. [Read more...](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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### Berlin Summer School on Open Research

16-20.09.2019

Oxford

United Kingdom

The QUEST Center for Transforming Biomedical Research, Berlin Institute of Health and Reproducible Research Oxford, University of Oxford organize a 5-day summer school for early career researchers. The subject of the school is to introduce PhD students and postdocs towards an open, transparent, and reproducible research workflow. The school will consist among others of a series of lectures dedicated to open data, meta-research, publishing, ethics and citizen science. The [application](#) deadline is 15th July 2019.

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### European Mobility Week 2019

16-22.09.2019

European Union

The annual EU campaign 'European Mobility Week' takes place from 16-22 September each year. The idea of the event is promoting clean mobility and sustainable urban transportation. This year's campaign is dedicated to the issues connected with safe walking and cycling. Non-governmental organizations and academic institutions that want to get involved in the European Mobility Week are invited to register [online](#).

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### European Academy for

ENABLE's 3rd European PhD and Postdoc symposium is this year entitled "Next-generation life scientists: Side by side to break new ground".

## Biomedical Science Conference 2019

13-15.11.2019

Nijmegen

Netherlands

It aims to involve young scientists in opening the academic world from within by promoting crosstalk between biomedical disciplines, collaboration with industry, and engagement with society. The late [registration](#) period runs from 1st July to 16th September 2019.

## Euroscience Open Forum ESOF 2020 - deadline extension for applications

5-9.07.2020

Trieste

Italy

The deadline for submitting proposals for 90-minute activities, panels, discussions, etc to the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) 2020 in the 'Science to business' and 'Careers' programme has been extended. The new deadline is 7 July 2019. Individual travel grants are also available for people from Eastern and Central Europe. The ESOF is the largest and most influential European event for promoting debate between science, technology, society and politics (ca. 40,000 participants). More information is available [here](#).



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