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## Eurodoc News

[Eurodoc president writes open letter to European  
Commission president Ursula von der Leyen](#)



Sebastian Dahle in [Open Letter](#) to the [President of the European Commission](#) notes that the decrease in the numbers of young scientists in Ukraine raises particular concerns. Without intervention, an academic generation will be lost, which will have consequences lasting long into

the future. If they leave academia now, they will not be in academia in a decade or two. The various measures taken by the EU and the member

states since the beginning of the full-scale invasion have been crucial. A strong research and higher education sector is necessary in today's knowledge economy and will be important for a sustainable recovery after the war. We believe, that further measures should be commensurate with the scale and urgency of the issue, as the recovery, including of the Ukrainian research and higher education sector, should begin immediately.

## Meeting with young ukrainian researchers: as a result of the war, the number of young scientists has decreased by 30%



As part of the visit of Eurodoc with stakeholders in Ukraine, a round table with representatives of the 24 regional [Young Scientist Councils](#) took place on July 21, 2023. The decrease in the numbers of young scientists raises particular concerns. The number of scientists decreased because some went abroad, some went to fight the war, working conditions became worse due to a corresponding increase in workload due to a lack of specialists, low salaries, and, of course, the need to pay for publications for young scientists. Without intervention,

an academic generation will be lost, which will have consequences lasting long into the future. That is why, particularly crucial to consider how to make academic career paths attractive for the young scientists in Ukraine.

## The Young Scientists' Council of Ukraine hosted Eurodoc's delegation in Kyiv



Despite the country being in the midst of a war, the [Young Scientists' Council](#) managed to create a well-organized event focusing on different themes related to early-career researchers' lives. [Eurodoc delegation](#) met with various stakeholders, including government officials, representatives from regional Young Scientists' Councils, and representatives from the education and science sector. They also visited the Ministry of Education and Science building, which had been damaged in a missile attack, and met with researchers from the National Antarctic Scientific Centre. Throughout the visit, the hosts provided hospitality, accommodation, and transportation, and the visit wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of many individuals, particularly [Olesia Vashchuk](#) and [Anastasiia Simakhova](#). Overall, the visit left a lasting impression, showcasing the resilience and dedication of Ukrainian scientists, and the importance of investing in their scientific sector. The group expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality and friendship extended during their stay.

## [Creating a strong research and higher education sector is fundamental for the sustainable recovery of Ukraine](#)



Eurodoc's president [Sebastian Dahle](#) and vice president [Pil Maria Saugmann](#) met with the [Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine](#), the National Research Foundation, the National Academy of Science, the Office of the President, and the members of the Ukrainian parliament, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The main topic for all meetings was: the war has had devastating effects on the Ukrainian research and higher education sector and this threatens Ukraine's recovery as a knowledge economy.

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## [MCAA, Eurodoc, ICoRSA and YAE organize a survey on the needs of Iranian scientists](#)



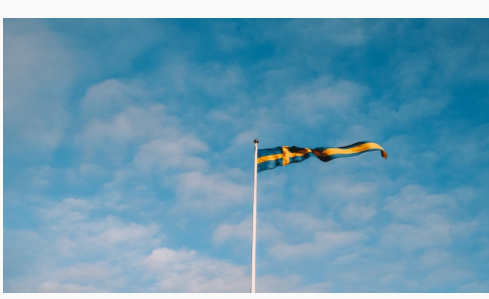


Eurodoc has earlier already commented on the situation of researchers in Iran and, together with the [Marie Curie Alumni Association](#), the International Consortium of Research Staff associations [ICoRSA](#) and the [Young Academy of Europe](#) published a joint statement on the matter. As this affects not just researchers in Iran, but also Iranian scholars in Europe and other scholars with connection to Iran, we intend to jointly organise more support efforts. In order to do so effectively, all four organisations together, we are conducting a [survey](#) about the needs of Iranian scholars both in Iran and abroad. The results of the survey will be used to inform our joint advocacy and support efforts, as well as to develop new programs and initiatives that meet the needs of Iranian scholars and other scholars with connection to Iran at risk.

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## [Eurodoc announces statement on Swedish government's decision to reduce funding for development research](#)

On June 22, 2023, the Swedish Government made an amendment to the regulatory letter of the [Swedish Research Council](#). This amendment terminated the longstanding funding program for development research in Sweden effective immediately. This program was renewed



last summer and was supposed to run at least until 2028. While research projects that have already received funding through this program will not be affected, the current review process has been terminated, with this year's

applicants having received the information that their application will not be reviewed and thus has been rejected. [Eurodoc deems the decision](#) and the precedence this sets highly problematic, particularly for how it affects both academic freedom as well as the academic future of early career researchers.

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## [Eurodoc Elections of the New Board at the AGM 2023 in Uppsala](#)



Eurodoc's new administrative board for 2023-2024 was elected during the annual conference and general meeting (AGM) on 7-10 June 2023 (Uppsala, Sweden). [Sebastian Dahle](#) (YAS, Slovenia) was elected as Eurodoc President. [Pil Maria Saugmann](#) (SFS/SFS-DK and SNPA, Sweden) was elected as Vice-President. The conference was full of discussions on how to make academia more sustainable. In case of you

were unable to attend the Conference you can find all the panel discussions online on our [Youtube](#).

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## OPEN RESEARCH EUROPE

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### [Exploring the portal of the Earth and Environmental Sciences community](#)

#### Community Gateway of the month



This time ORE presents an interview with [Dr. Win Cowger](#), a researcher at The Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research (USA) and Gateway Co-Advisor of the [Earth & Environmental Sciences Community Gateway](#) on Open

Research Europe. [The article](#) tells us about the study of the [earth's surface](#), atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and environmental system processes.

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### [Horizon Europe Open Science requirements in practice](#)

#### Research Spotlight



The [webinar](#) was organized to help project coordinators, researchers and support staff with the European Commission's requirements for Open Science. You can [find more](#) about the

requirements for Open Access to scientific publications and research data management.

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### [Promoting skills development in the EU for more sustainable, resilient and equitable societies](#)



As you know, the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen has declared 2023 the [European Year of Skills](#). As a result, this year should promote the development of skills that reflect

people's ambitions as well as the changing needs of the EU labor market by promoting professional training, requalification, and upskilling. Find out 13 ways of Supporting skills.

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## Stakeholders & Partners News

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### [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#)

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All European  
Academies

A new version of the European Code of Research Integrity has been prepared to ensure that the

document meets its objectives and is relevant to all disciplines, new research areas, and practices. The European Commission recognizes this document as the basic research integrity document for all EU-funded projects Read the [summary](#) of the stakeholder feedback process and how this informed the 2023 revisions.

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### [Joint statement of EUA and the Latin American and Caribbean Higher Education Area](#)

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The statement notes the necessity of solutions built on knowledge and skills, whether in long-term

transition processes or in response to sudden crises. To further enhance [EUA-CELAC](#) collaboration in higher education, research and innovation, the statement recommends measures such as a more



structured [EU-CELAC](#) higher education and research policy dialogue, with the systematic involvement of stakeholder organisations.

## Open Calls



**GLOBAL  
YOUNG  
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[Apply now to become a New Member](#)

**Deadline: September 20, 2023**

The [GYA](#) is an international organization that highly values its diversity. They encourage applications from all qualified candidates, especially women and candidates from various minority groups, and from a variety of disciplines, including the natural, physical and social sciences, as well as the arts and humanities, and people working in government, industry and the non-governmental sector. [Apply via the online form.](#)

## Upcoming Events



**ENRIO 2023 CONGRESS**

[The ENRIO 2023 Congress](#)

The European Network of Research Integrity Offices, the French Office

**7- 8 September 2023**

The ENRIO 2023 Congress on Research Integrity Practice is the second session of a European congress series that brings experts together to critically explore and develop research integrity practices. [Follow the registration page.](#)



## Big data in biology promises and challenges

SIB Swiss Institute of  
Bioinformatics

11 - 13 September 2023

[BC]2 is Switzerland's leading event in this field and one of the largest of its kind in Europe. And this year they will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Conference. **Deadline: September 4, 2023** . [Here you can find registration form.](#)

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