

SPECIFIC SUPPORT ACTIONS WHICH IMPROVE RESEARCHER'S MOBILITY AS EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS CARRYING OUT AT THE SILESIAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN GLIWICE, POLAND

Poland membership in the European Union means facing new challenges for the country and Polish higher education institutions, including the Silesian University of Technology, which takes an active part in cooperation with European Union countries. 18 projects were realized within the 5th Framework Programme, and 17 projects are carried out within the 6th Framework Programme. Two of them, the EConetus Project and the ERA-MORE Project are present in this article.

Членство Польши в Европейском Союзе ставит новые проблемы как перед государством, так и перед польскими вузами, включая Силезский университет технологии, который ведет активное сотрудничество со странами ЕС. Были реализованы 18 проектов в рамках 5-й базовой программы и еще 17 проектов проводятся в рамках 6-й базовой программы. Освещены два из этих проектов – EConetus и ERA-MORE.

The Silesian University of Technology builds up an active scientific co-operation with foreign centres. The University is widely known and acknowledged in Poland, Europe and all over the world, and its cooperation is based on bilateral agreements with over 100 foreign universities and research centres. Poland's membership in the European Union means facing new challenges for the country and Polish higher education institutions, including our university. The Silesian University of Technology takes an active part in cooperation with European Union countries. Within the framework of the 5th Framework Programme 18 projects were being realized, and in the 6th Framework Programme 17 projects are being carried out. Two of them – EConetus project and ERA-MORE project – I would like to present in this article.

EConetus project entitled: "Support for networks creation in the field of Global Change and ECOSystems – from idea through proposal submission and project managing till completion and successful audit" aims to provide support for networks creation in the field of Environment (including Climate Change) in Europe and to establish strong cooperation between participants from Member, New Member and Associate Candidate Countries.

Project's consortium consists of: Poland, Lithuania (representatives of New MC and ACC), the UK and Austria (representatives of MC). In this project Poland and Lithuania will act as a bridge between New MC, ACC and MC while promotion of this project in MC will be assured by other partners. Good relations with Contact Points from other New MC and ACC countries will ensure efficient project results dissemination.

The project will actively contribute to the implementation, stimulation, encouragement and facilitation of the participation mainly in the research activities of this priority thematic area among potential RTD projects' participants. It also aims to assist all established consortia during a whole "project's life" – from idea through proposal submission and project managing till completion and successful audit. At the beginning participants from MC and ACC will have a possibility to get to know one another during brokerage meetings and create consortia, which will allow opening research groups from MC to cooperate with participants from New MC and ACC. Later on, established international consortia will have a chance to participate in workshops organized by EConetus and then create and consult their proposals with its Scientific Advisory Group and Assis-

tance Group. It is expected that there will be RTD projects submitted by consortia established and Assisted by EConetus in 7th FP.

Another aim of the project is to better educate the Contact Points' experts from all New MC and ACC in important and needed expertise of negotiating and managing RTD projects. This will consequently lead to better assistance for researchers and contribute to creation of ERA in the field of Environment (including Global Change).

By participating in EConetus project you have possibility to promote your institution, to receive information concerning international partnership in research project as well as acquire new knowledge and gain valuable practical skills in the following fields:

- Proposal submission,
- Project managing,
- Intellectual property rights,
- Financial Rules within Framework Programmes,
- Exchange ideas and find common solutions for research project in field of Global Change and ECOSystems.

Another aims present European Network of Mobility Information Centres (ERA-MORE) project which is address to researchers, scientific institutions to improve their mobility. The project is a joint initiative of the European Commission and the 33 countries, participating in the European Union's Sixth Framework Program for Research.

The purpose of the national mobility portals is to create a more favorable environment for researchers' career development, by providing all the relevant information on research opportunities, grants and fellowships, general and practical information required for the mobility of researchers.

Each Researcher's Mobility Center, operated by the universities, offers free, customized assistance and information to mobile researchers who are planning to pursue research in Europe. The centres assist researchers in all matters relating to their professional and daily lives, including practical information on housing, schooling, day-care or language courses.

Of course there is no 'European answer' to questions about visas, tax issues, or social security. That is why the MCs work on a national and sometimes local level. Each participating country provides at least one MC, but the total number of MCs depends upon the countries themselves. Some countries, such as Malta and Ireland, have a single MC because of their small size or centralized research structure. In other countries for example, France and the Poland is decentralised so several MCs.

The Polish Network of Mobility Information Centres <http://www.eracareers-poland.gov.pl/index.html> has been based on the existing Polish network of Contact Points responsible for implementation of research programmes of the European Union. The Polish Network of Mobility Information Centres <http://www.eracareers-poland.gov.pl/index.html> consists of the national Mobility Information Centre located in Warsaw at the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the 10 Regional Mobility Information Centres established at universities or research institutes. The activities performed by the Polish Network of Mobility Information Centres are jointly financed by the Polish Ministry of Education and Science and the European Commission from the 6th Framework Programme.

Mobility Information Centers provide information to all researchers, European and non-European, with an interest in moving to a European country. The Web portals http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/index_en.cfm?l1=4 of the national Mobility Centres list preliminary information and relevant contact addresses. Additionally most MCs organise informational meetings or training sessions. Detailed information about these meetings and sessions are available at the MC's Web site of your destination country. At the European Researcher's Mobility Portal http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/index_en.cfm there is the information of all national MCs is collected into a large database of job vacancies, fellowships, grants, and practical information. With this portal the whole of Europe is at your feet.