

# International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)



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## Tasks of EU Office Bavaria

- Information about contents of programmes and funding schemes
- Analysis of your project idea – find the right funding scheme
- Assistance with proposal preparation
- Proposal check
- Support in project management
- Organisation of talks, events and workshops



## International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)

### Funding instrument

- to strengthen **research partnerships** through **staff exchanges** and **networking activities** between **European** research organisations and research organisations from **Third countries**\*
- to support research organisations to establish or reinforce **long-term research cooperation** through a **coordinated joint programme of exchange** of researchers for **short periods**

\* **Countries with EU International agreements on Science and Technology**: Algeria\*, Argentina\*, Australia, Brazil\*, Canada, China\*, Chile\*, Egypt\*, India\*, Japan, Jordan\*, Rep. of Korea, Mexico\*, Morocco\*, New Zealand, Russia\*, South Africa\*, Tunisia\*, Ukraine\*, United States. **Countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)**: Eastern Partnership Countries: Armenia\*, Azerbaijan\*, Belarus\*, Georgia\*, Moldova\*, Ukraine\*. Mediterranean Partnership Countries (MPC) that are not associated countries: Algeria\*, Egypt\*, Jordan\*, Lebanon\*, Libya\*, Morocco\*, Palestinian administrated areas\*, Syrian Arab Rep.\*, Tunisia\*. \* **International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC)** eligible for funding in IRSES



## Who can participate in this action?

### Minimum requirement for participants:

- at least two **European** research organisations\* established in at least two different EU Member States or Associated countries and at least one research organisation from a **Third country**
- each participant contributes to the joint exchange programme by **seconding** and/or **hosting** eligible researchers.

\* **Research organisations** are defined in the FP7 Rules for Participation as a „legal entity established as a non-profit organisation which carries out research or technological development as one of its main objectives“.



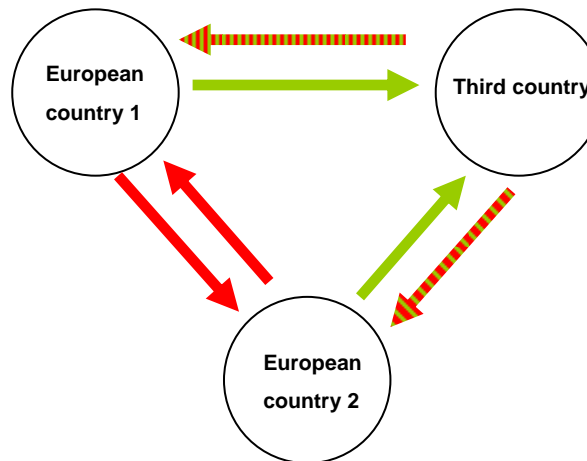
## What are „eligible programmes“?



- The proposed staff exchange programme must have a duration **between 24 and 48 months**
- Aim of the joint programme: **trans-national mobility** from the European research organisations towards the research organisation(s) in the Third country, and vice-versa
- typical activities of an IRSES project: joint **research** and **training activities**, joint **workshops** and **seminars**, **networking activities**  
=> to **exploit complementary expertise** of the partners (transfer of knowledge), to **create synergies** and to create a basis for **long-term cooperation**.



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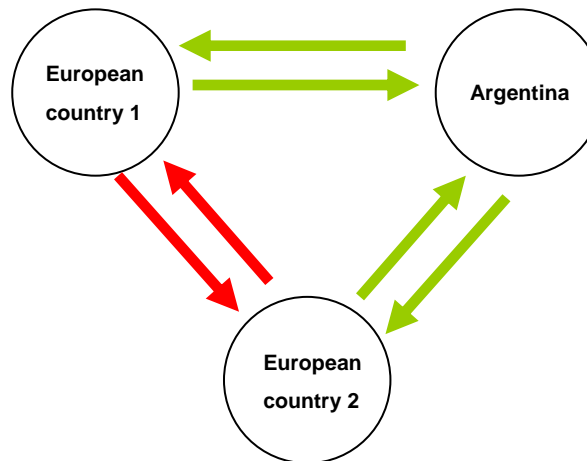
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## Conditions for staff exchange

- duration of exchange/person: 12 months (can be split up in several stays)
- short stays (less than one month) are exceptional and have to be well justified
- staff is seconded (the employer continues to pay the salary during the stay abroad)





## Financial regime

- fixed EU contribution (flat rate) of 1900 EUR/month (or pro-rata for parts of months)
- EU contribution covers costs of travel and subsistence of the exchanged staff; networking activities, management costs and overheads
- additional long distance allowance per staff member/month of 200 EUR\*

\* Countries eligible for the additional long distance allowance in the IRSES Action: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea, South Africa, United States



## Evaluation of proposals

Criteria	Quality of the Exchange Programme	Transfer of Knowledge	Implementation	Impact
<b>Weighting</b>	25%	30%	15%	30%
<b>Threshold</b>	-	3	-	3
<b>Priority in case of ex aequo</b>	1	2	4	3
<b>Sub-criteria</b>	Objective and relevance of the joint exchange programme	Quality and mutual benefit of the transfer of knowledge	Capacities (expertise/human resources/facilities/infr astructure) to achieve the objectives of the planned cooperation	Relevance of the proposed partnership to the area of collaboration and for the ERA
	Research quality of the partners	Adequacy and role of staff exchanged with respect to the transfer of knowledge	Appropriateness of the plans for the overall management of the exchange programme	Potential to develop lasting collaboration with eligible third country partners
	Complementarities/ synergies between the partners			



## International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)

Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IRSES

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Deadline: **17 March 2011, 17:00:00 hrs Brussels time**

Website: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>



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### Further information:

IRSES call and relevant documents:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

Information in German about IRSES:

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/nks/irses.html>

EU and International cooperation

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=people>

**Thank you for your attention!**

**...Questions??**