



## **NEWSLETTER**

# **ALBANIAN EURAXESS SERVICE NETWORK**

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## **WELCOME TO EURAXESS ALBANIA**

Researchers are the main creators of knowledge and the most important link in the knowledge-based society. In its commitment to join the European Research Area, Albania must be committed to become attractive for prominent researchers from Europe as well as to send their best researchers to gain the “European Experience”.

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative providing access to a complete range of information and support services to researchers wishing to pursue their research careers in Europe or stay connected to it. It is a joint initiative of the European Commission and the countries participating in the European Union’s Framework Programme for Research. It offers access to the job market; assists researchers in advancing their careers in another European country and supports research organizations in their search for outstanding research talent.

Facilitating mobility of researchers enables the exchange of knowledge outside national border. Reducing the administrative barriers is one of the most important factor in facilitating mobility and this will be done through the commitment of ministries, state administration as well as universities.

The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation (ARTI) is implementing the Albania EURAXESS Service Network project that aims to support the commitment of European Union to remove the barriers to free movement of knowledge within Europe, strength cross-border mobility of researchers and students. As representative of ARTI, we are pleased and we have a great responsibility to make this initiative operational and sustainable in three years.

We hope that this will be a successful story and to make the Albanian research community attractive and to minimize the administrative barriers related to mobility of researchers.



## **AGENCY FOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

The Albanian Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation (ARTI), has been established in August 2009 and started its work in March 2010 as a public legal institution under the competences of the Prime Minister. ARTI's mission is to support, monitor and evaluate programmes and projects in the field of science technology and innovation. ARTI's vision is to enhance science and technology, in accordance with national priorities, by developing cooperation with national and international institutions in the field of R&D. ARTI contribute in the establishment of infrastructure and instruments which implement said policies by playing a leading role in the creation of a scientific and technology culture.

ARTI has two directories, National Programs Directory divided in two Units, National Programs Unit and Technology and Innovation Unit, and International Programs Directory divided in two Units, Bilateral Relations Unit and Multilateral Relation Unit.

The National Programs Directory is in charge to give financial support to national programs and projects in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation, in accordance with the priorities defined by the Council of Ministers, based on the assessment made by the relevant commissions. This directory in cooperation with government institutions, universities and research institutions is implementing the national strategy of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and to promote research in this field.

The International Programs Directory is in charge of the cooperation with EU, foreign countries and international organizations in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation.

ARTI promotes and coordinates participation of Albanian institutions in regional and EU programs in the field of STI, such as HORIZON 2020, EURAXESS, EUREKA, TEMPUS, COST, ERASMUS etc. A special focus is given to support the private sector and SME-s participation in Research and Innovation programs in accordance with national high priorities, such as public health, agriculture and environment.

## **ALBANIAN EURAXESS SERVICE NETWORK**

Albanian EURAXESS Service Network is established within the AL-ES.Net Project, funded by the European Commission through the FP7-People Programm. The project started in October 2013 and will last 36 months.

This network will be a key initiative in supporting the commitment of the European Union to remove the barriers to free movement of knowledge within Europe, to strength cross-border mobility of researchers, students, scientists and academic staff and to provide researchers with better career structures.

The primary objectives of this project are:

- To set-up the ALBANIAN EURAXESS Service Network, where a comprehensive up-to-date information will be provided and also a personalized assistance to mobility researchers coming to and going from Albania;
- To provide access to a complete range of information and support services for European and non-European researchers wishing to develop their career, this will help integration of Albanian Research Area into European Research Area;
- Set up a well-structured Albanian mobility network with a geographical and sectorial balance involving universities, research institutions, companies and governmental agencies to connect and incorporate them into one system facilitating researchers' mobility;
- Develop quality assistance for researchers and their families, whether incoming or out going, comprehensive and up-to-date information and personalized assistance in all matters relating to their professional and daily lives in matters such as entry conditions (visa requirements, etc.), work permits, job opportunities, salaries and taxation, pension rights, health care, social security, accommodation, day care and education, language courses, general culture of the host country , intellectual property rights;
- Provide training facilities to officials and administrators dealing with mobility, particularly within the strongest research institutions in order to ensure quality.

The structure of EURAXESS Network in Albania is:

- ❖ The Bridgehead Organization (BHO) established at the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation.
- ❖ The EURAXESS Service Center (ESC) established at the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation.
- ❖ The Steering Group (SG) that have 11 members which involves representative from ministries, public and private universities, research centers and Academy of Science.
- ❖ The Network of Local Contact Points (LCP) is set up with 15 LCP in public and private universities and research institutions.



On **29 September 2014** the BHO organized The First EURAXESS Steering Group Meeting. The main objective of this meeting was to present the European EURAXESS Network project, support the development of Albanian EURAXESS Network and the duties of the Steering Group

members. All the members defined that the implementation of the project is the highest priority and they will support the implementation of it.

Through this project ARTI will promote the EURAXESS Programme in the academic and research area in Albania, information days, workshops and trainings will be the way to go behind them.

**EURAXESS SERVICE CENTER**

The Albanian EURAXESS Service Center (ESC) is established at The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation. The center provides the required services to the researchers who work and want to work at higher education institution and research institution in Albania.

The main role of the center is to assist, coordinate and facilitate the legal procedures for incoming and outgoing researchers, including expatriation, as well as the dissemination of information to all interested parties.

The center will support incoming researcher and their families during their period of mobility, in all matters relating to professional and daily lives. Also the center will assist contact points about matters to interest of mobility and career development. The services provided by EURAXESS Service Center are free of charge.

The practical information or requests to EURAXESS Service Center can be obtained by e-mail, telephone or visiting our Help-Desk office. The Help-desk office is located at the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation. The web portal [www.euraxess.al](http://www.euraxess.al) is available online and there you can find information.





## **PUBLISHING JOB VACANCIES FOR RESEARCHER IN EURAXESS PORTAL**



National EURAXESS portals exchange information with the European EURAXESS portal. European EURAXESS Jobs is a recruitment tool where researchers can find constantly updated information on job vacancies, finding opportunities and fellowships throughout Europe.

In EURAXESS JOB portal researchers can post their CV and recruiters, as scientific research institution or companies, can find them. Also research institution or companies can post vacancies free of charge and search for the CVs of international top-notch researchers. The announcement will be able at global level and provide you at one stop the largest selection of competent researchers across Europe.

You can also directly access the national EURAXESS portals of the partner countries which contain information on research job and finding opportunities, as well as on personalized services in each country.

The intention of the European Commission is to publish all the scientific and research positions, financed from national budgets of member states on this portal, as well as advertisement of scholarships and grants from state and private organizations at national, regional and local level.



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