



# Invitation

## Mobility and Career of Researchers

*Looking beyond the European Partnership for Researchers*

**A High-level Belgian Presidency Conference  
in collaboration with the European Commission**

**8, 9 & 10 November 2010**

It is a great pleasure for us to **invite you** to this mind-blowing and brain-dazzling event.

To support the further development and consolidation of the European Research Area (ERA), one of the main challenges in science and technology is to ensure a **high quantity and quality of human resources**. In close collaboration with the European Commission (DG Research), the Belgian Presidency of the European Council organizes a conference on Mobility and Careers of Researchers.

### **Come and join us!**

Grasp this unique opportunity to share your experience with highly mobile researchers, R&D and HR managers, business leaders, high-level policy makers and academic representatives, and contribute giving a new vital impulse to the mobility and career of the researchers, towards a prosperous ERA! We look forward to seeing you in Brussels!

### **What's the story?**

The Belgian Presidency wants to build on the momentum; we believe that the time is right to take further steps in improving the mobility and careers of researchers. Building the ERA is one of the priorities set by the Belgian presidency. Within this priority line, the Researchers conference, with its objectives of stocktaking AND delineating future pathways towards better careers for researchers, will be one of the flagships of the Belgian presidency.

- to take stock of the progress made on EPR implementation, highlight best practices and identify common approaches if applicable. Time is right to think upon what has been achieved already and what the issues at stake are. More specifically, the four pillars of the Steering Group for Human Resources and Mobility will be discussed in detail, along with some others. Among these, we can find flexicurity, working conditions, gender issues, specificities of the research careers, pensions, scientific

visas...

- to highlight gaps and challenges in EPR implementation.
- to identify focus areas for the near future and to make recommendations on where we can go from here, and on the potential new initiatives and next steps to be taken.

### Conference

The conference will take place on 9-10 November 2010 and aims to take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the European Partnership for Researchers and of the "Scientific Visa", to highlight gaps and challenges in the EPR implementation, and to identify focus areas for the near future.

Policy makers, academics, representatives of industry and civil society will share experiences, best practices and main achievements. The conference conclusions will be made into policy recommendations.

### Workshop on Scientific Visa

In prelude to the conference, a Workshop on Scientific visa will be held. Belgian stakeholders, the European Commission and French, German and Irish experts will discuss the implementation of the visa and its future.

### Practical information

**Participation** is free, for the Conference as well as for the Workshop, but you need to register as the seats are limited. Registration is necessary for both, as these are distinct events.

**Conference:** 9 & 10 November 2010, Square Meeting Centre, Brussels.

**Language:** English

**Registration:** Made through the website, <http://www.researcherscareer2010.be/> .

**Workshop on Scientific Visa:** 8 November 2010, Museum of Musical Instruments, in Brussels. See <http://www.belspo.be/WorkshopVisa/meet.stm> for more information.

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