

The Austrian FP7 PEOPLE National Contact Point Organisation

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"The daily business"

The main job - Advice for Marie Curie proposers

- The phone rings → a researcher asks for an appointment to get advice for a Marie Curie proposal.
- At the appointment \rightarrow detailed information and advice for the proposal preparation.
- Researcher does the work \rightarrow we are always there for any kind of questions.
- We continually check the proposal \rightarrow to help with feed back.
- After submission → help to handle the CPFs.





The daily business

"Side effects" of the main job - general information for mobile researchers

Information about:

- entry and visa conditions
- social security, pension, taxes
- other funding opportunities
- housing
- schooling and kindergarten
- language courses
- any practical questions in the context of mobility





The "needs" for a successful daily business...

... concerning advice for Marie Curie proposers

- Science community must be very well informed about the "when" and "how" of Marie Curie Actions.
- NCP must be very well informed about the objectives of Marie Curie Actions.
- General knowledge about EU research policy is very important.





... science community must be very well informed

General information about the Marie Curie Actions on a regular basis



Cooperation with universities (international offices, research service offices...), RBBZs (local organisations with the same assignment of tasks like FFGEIP), partners from industry for the organisation of...



- Timely information about published calls
 - To remind the science community of the content of the calls, the deadlines and consequently the time left for the preparation of proposals
 - mailings, newsletters, ...





... science community must be very well informed

- Different target group for different Marie Curie Actions
 - Information events for Marie Curie applicants can be too long when all different Marie Curie Actions are presented at once
 - Different information events for different target groups are much more efficient.

 Continuous up-dating and extension of existing "customer" data base
- Information about offer of service of NCP organisation
 - A lot of applicants are not aware of the offer of service provided by the NCP organisation and how necessary it is for the preparation of a successful proposal (especially for "newcomers").
 - Proposers can and will continuously profit from the expertise at the NCP organisation, NCPs will continuously learn from the ideas and the background of the proposers. This increases the number of successful proposals.





... NCP must be very well informed about different types of Marie Curie actions

- Analysis of submitted proposals, successful and failed
 - All Marie Curie framework proposals, the evaluation summary reports, abstracts,... if available.
 - To get the picture of what the real objectives of the action are.

 To identify major problems of the science community.

 To optimise the NCP activities and give better advice to applicants.
- Cooperation with the Mobility unit in Brussels
 - Contact person for every Marie Curie Action for specific questions.
 - For questions that can not be answered by the NCP.

 For the discussion of specific problems proposers are faced with.





... NCP must be very well informed about different types of Marie Curie actions

- Cooperation with experienced proposers
 - Profit from their experience and know how.
 - Participation at information events.

 If agreed use their proposals for best practise examples.
- "Find a document" → How to use CORDIS
 - Provide all necessary documents on your own homepage (or have it available on your own server).

 Collect most important links for your own purposes.
 - Send documents and links directly per mail. Saves time for proposers.





... general knowledge about EU research policy

- Knowledge about the framework programme in general and other EU research initiatives in relevant fields as well as background information on EU research policy.
 - Important because of the bottom up character of the programme and the question: "Does my proposal have a chance?"
 - It is easier to understand certain phrases in the guide for proposers with some background knowledge about EU research policies.





The "needs" for a successful daily business...

... concerning the "side effects" of the main job – general information for mobile researchers

- International network of mobility centres ERA-MORE
- European and national researchers' mobility portals





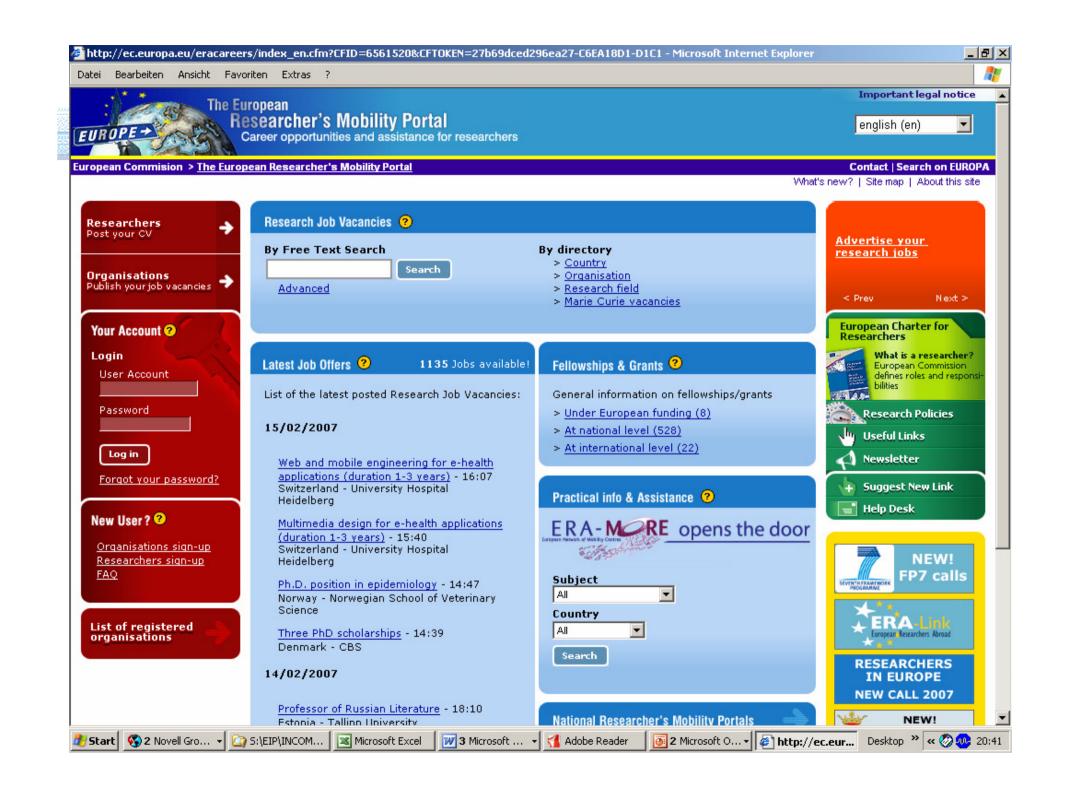
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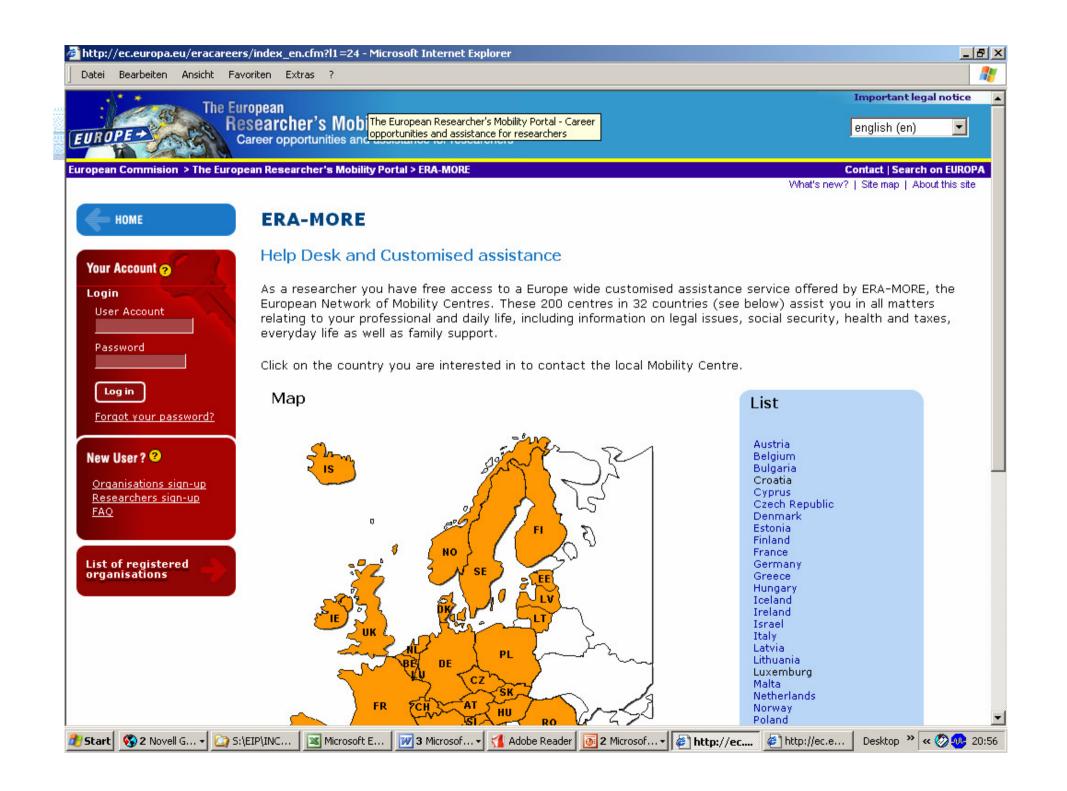


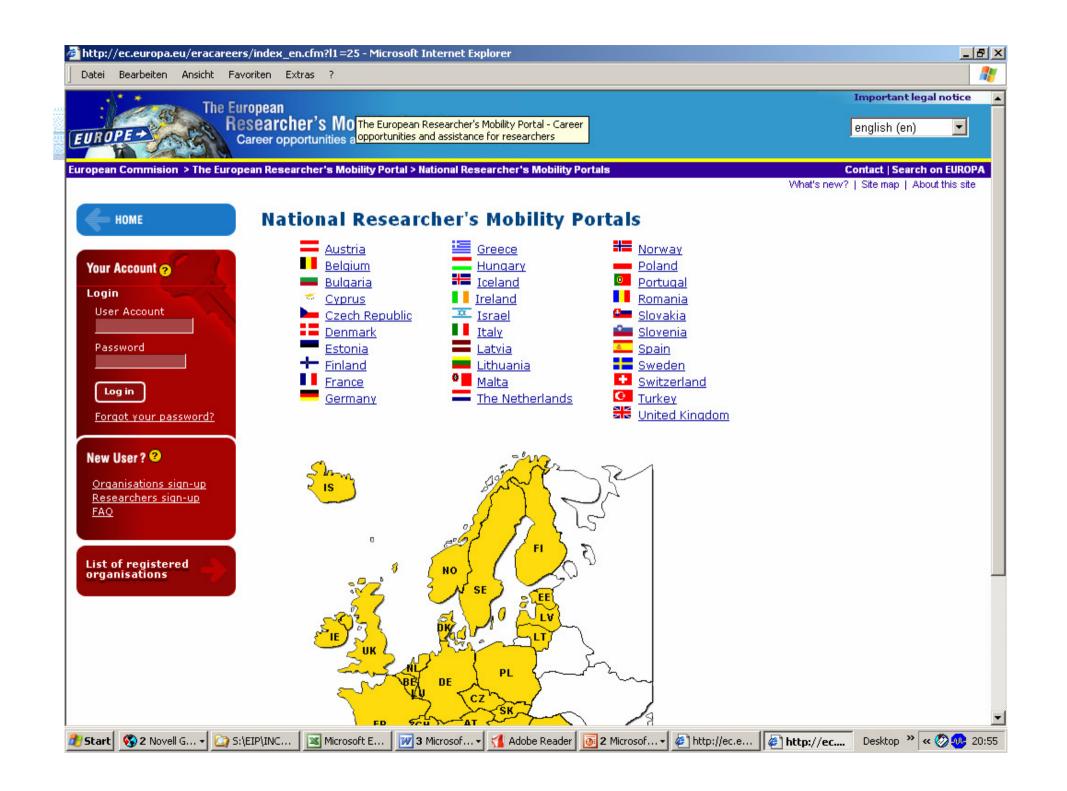
What is ERA-MORE?

- EU-supported initiative to enhance the mobility of researchers in the
- European research area by answering questions about legal, administrative and practical matters of relevance for mobile researchers and to provide general information about funding opportunities and jobs.
- Network of more than 200 offices all over Europe to provide personal assistance for mobile researchers.
- Questions can be answered directly or by forwarding it to expert of concern.
- Austria participated (like all other EU and associated countries) in the frame of a national project supported by the EU to structure the information of relevance in the country.
- In Austria there are two official mobility centres
 - Austrian Research promotion Agency (FFG)
 - Austrian Exchange Service (ÖAD)
 which cooperate with 30 local offices and experts.













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European Researcher's Mobility Portal

Austrian research job vacancies submitted to the pan-



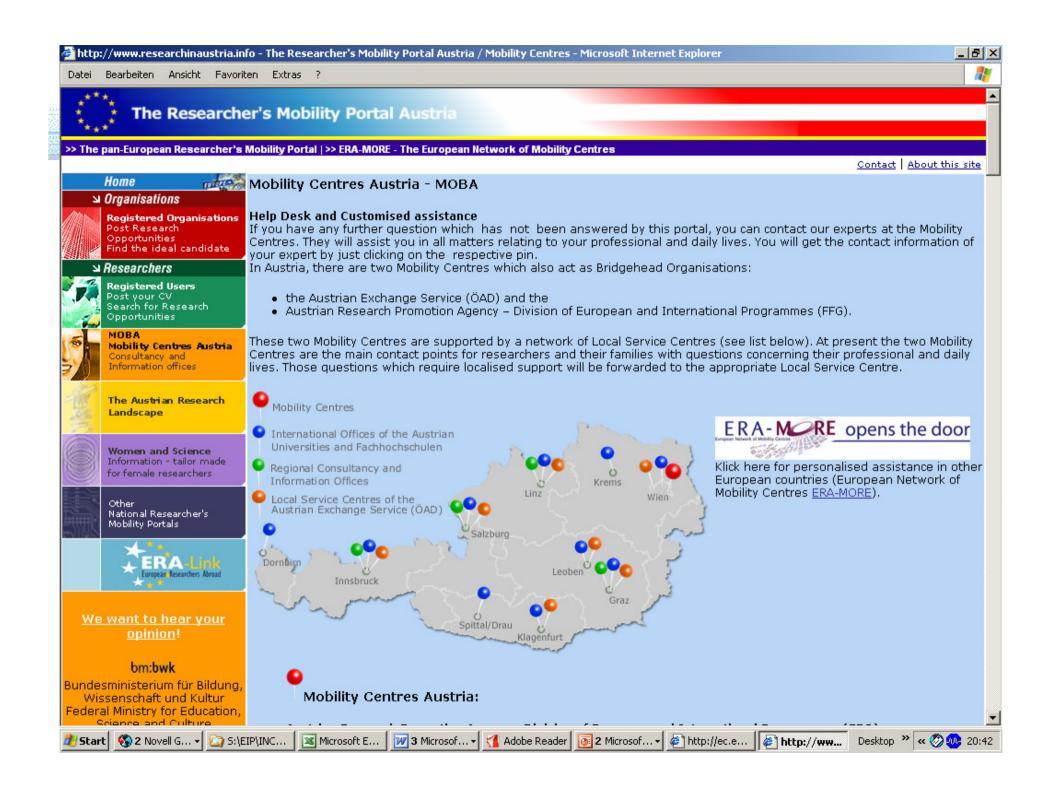














European and national researcher's mobility portals

What are the mobility portals?

- The EU portal provides information for mobile researchers electronically.
- Easy access to information about fellowship and grants as well as legal and administrative questions, culture, living and leisure in European countries.
- Platform for European-wide research job offers.
- Numerous other interesting links and services (newsletter,...).
- From the EU portal there is a link to 32 national portals that provide countryspecific information for mobile researchers (partly overlapping with the information on the EU portal).
- On the EU portal there is a link to ERA-MORE, the network of mobility centres, and the details of the contact person(s) in charge for each participating country.





... web-addresses

European researchers´ mobility portal:

http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/index en.cfm

Austrian researchers' mobility portal:

http://www.researchinaustria.info

Link to other national portals:

http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/index en.cfm?l1=25

Link to ERA-MORE:

http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/index en.cfm?l1=24





Conclusions



Information & Cooperation

- Keep the scientific community informed.
 Keep yourself informed.
- Cooperate within your country.
 Cooperate internationally.





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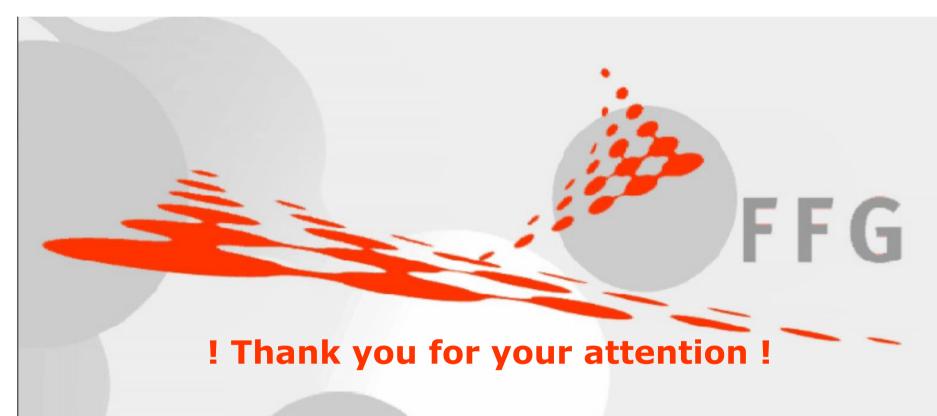
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The ÖAD is your contact point for information regarding visa, entry and recidency permits, work permits and accommodation & housing in Austria.





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