

## What Euroscience has done for the S&T community in 2011

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### Euroscience Statements

**May 19** Euroscience published a statement on *the proposed EU Green Paper for a Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation*. In this document, Euroscience presents its views on the EC Green Paper on the Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation. The EC poses 27 wide ranging questions. Euroscience has chosen to respond by addressing a number of specific issues, which in its view are at the heart of the discussion. A principled discussion on the essence of EU policies and instruments should be had with the community. To download the complete statement:

<http://www.euroscience.org/euroscience-statements,34194,en.html>

**December 9** Euroscience invites its members to comment on Horizon 2020 by using the article "*Horizon 2020: an enticing perspective, but will implementation live up to it?*" by Peter Tindemans as starting point. The deadline was set to the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2012. The Executive Committee is currently finalising the position paper.



<http://www.euroscience.org/horizon-2020,44665,en.html>

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### Euroscience Letter of Support

**October 11** Euroscience writes a letter of support concerning the situation of the Turkish Academy of Science. Download the complete letter here:

[http://www.euroscience.org/index.php?module=media&action=Display&cmpref=44571&lang=en&w  
idth=&height=&format=&alt=](http://www.euroscience.org/index.php?module=media&action=Display&cmpref=44571&lang=en&width=&height=&format=&alt=) (PDF 257.27 Kb)

See other responses to the situation on TÜBA's website: <http://www.tuba.gov.tr/en.html>

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2011, seventeen former members of the Turkish Academy of Sciences have founded the "Science Academy Society," as an independent, self-governing, civil-societal organization to promote scientific merit, freedom and integrity. The charter of the Science Academy was officially approved on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2011. The Science Academy made its public debut on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2011, at a well attended press conference which received considerable coverage in the mainstream news media.

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## Euroscience in the media

### Some examples:

- President Enric Banda in Times Higher Education ["Research suffers if scientists are forced to marry for money"](#), article by Paul Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.
- Euroscience and ESOF being featured on the editorial of NATURE, 2nd of June 2011 - ["Board the Eurostar"](#)
- Euroscience is part of the article ["Europe's FP8 Wishlist"](#) in Research Europe the 26th of May 2011
- Tania Rabesandratana writes about Euroscience 's response to the Commission's consultation on the future of EU research funding, 20th of May 2011 - ["Research responsibilities must be better divided, says Euroscience"](#)
- Research Europe writes about the preparations of Euroscience's statement on the proposed EU Green Paper for a Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation, 22nd of March 2011 - ["Grass roots group Euroscience warns 'inertia' could shape Framework 8"](#)
- Peter Tindemans, Convenor of the Science Policy Work Group, was interviewed by the Public Service Review\* on the 18th of February 2011 - ["Deficit reduction: will R&D pay the price?"](#)
- Peter Tindemans, Convenor of the Science Policy Work Group, was interviewed by the Public Service Review on the 5th of January 2011 - ["Investing in the Future"](#)

\*The Public Service Review carries analysis of issues that crucially affect the public sector throughout Europe, including health, education, transport, science and the environment.  
[http://www.publicservice.co.uk/pub\\_selectissue.asp?publication=European%20Union](http://www.publicservice.co.uk/pub_selectissue.asp?publication=European%20Union)

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## Euroscience in Projects, Meetings & Conferences

**ISE meeting** On November 24th, 2011 Enric Banda, Martin Andler and Michael Grewing met with representatives from the "Initiative for Science in Europe" (ISE), Wolfgang Eppenschwandtner (Executive Coordinator for ISE), Maria Leptin, director of EMBO (EMBO hosts ISE), and Karin Metzloff (Executive Director of the European Plant Science Organisation, an ISE member) in Brussels.



The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views about the visibility of science at the European level, and the respective roles that ISE and Euroscience have. It is clear that the goals of Euroscience and ISE as defined in their respective statutes and recent strategy plans show a large overlap. The question that therefore arises is if and how the impact of both organisations can be significantly enhanced by coordinating at least some of the activities.

The Euroscience Executive Board had already decided that Euroscience should become member of ISE, upgrading its status from that of an observer. The outcome of the joint meeting was to work together on hot topics such as **open access** to scientific results published in journals and other

formats. It was also decided to explore the **possibility of organising a joint session at ESOF2012 to expose some of the key issues.**

**SciTechEurope** Enric Banda, ES President, made a presentation on “Developing the vision on a globally competitive European Research Area”, which was much appreciated. In his speech, he stated that Europe does not pay enough attention to science education.

Peter Tindemans, Convenor of ES Science Policy Working Group, was also invited to this conference as a guest speaker. He presented Euroscience views on the “Cuts in STI Budgets: A Real and Present Danger for Jobs and the Climate.” 23-24 November in Brussels, Belgium.

**World Science Forum** Mid-November (from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>)

Peter Tindemans and Raphaela Kitson-Pantano attended the World Science Forum in order to give a plenary talk on the subject of “Forum of Global Fora: Sharing Knowledge for Global Challenges”.

The session was well attended, with almost 500 people present. This was the opportunity to present Euroscience and its main activity, ESOF, to an attentive audience who later wrote to the ESOF Hub to say how interesting and compelling the talk was. In addition, the unusual format of two speakers for one talk was appreciated: “*I believe you were the only two speakers for one presentation in the entire forum which was nice.*”

Following the event, approximately 170 people wrote to the ESOF Hub to enquire further about ESOF2012 and ESOF in general, so it may be concluded that the talk was a success.



**European Gender Summit** Raymond Seltz, Secretary of Euroscience, chaired a session at the 1<sup>st</sup> European Gender Summit in Brussels, 8-9 November. It was called “Scientific Leadership - Equally valuing talent of women and men”. <http://www.euroscience.org/european-gender-summit,44428,en.html>. Janna Wellander was also present at the conference tweeting about the event and later writing a blog article about it for the Euroscientist.

See @JWellander on [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) to read the tweets and for the article, please go to <http://euroscientist.com/2011/11/gender-equal-teams-do-better-science/>



**Strengthening the links to the Georgian Local Section**



On October 19 - 21, 2011 Raymond Seltz, secretary general of Euroscience, was visiting Tbilisi, Georgia, to attend the Conference on “*International Cooperation for Sustainable Development through Science and Technology*” and a NATO workshop on “*Philosophy and Synergy of Information : Sustainability and Security*”.

In the framework of a session chaired by Professor Giorgi Chakhunashvili, chair of the Euroscience Georgia National Section (EGNS), he was invited to deliver a talk on the activities of Euroscience and the ongoing preparation of ESOF2012 in Dublin. Professor Nazim Nasrullayev, responsible of the Euroscience section of the neighbour country Azerbaijan, joined in a

discussion on future activities involving both communities. The importance of attracting students and young researcher was unanimously stressed.

**International Symposium in Kiev** Raymond Seltz also attended an international symposium on “*Contemporary Tendencies in Transference of Centres of Science & Technology Activity on the European Area and Cross-Country Mobility of Scientists and Specialists*”. He was part of a session presenting: “Heading for a Knowledge Society: from cross-Border to International Collaboration”.

In the framework of the European Neighbourhood policy, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, the Representatives of the European Union are committed to the development of the Eastern Partnership. A Joint declaration of the Eastern Partnership summit, Warsaw, 29-30 September 2011 outlines many paths of future collaboration. Raymond stated that Euroscience supports, with great interest, the neighbourhood policy of the European Union in developing closer contact between the Union and the Eastern Partnership. He suggested aiming for the creation of a “South-Eastern Research Area”.

**Project PLACES** Raphaela Kitson-Pantano was asked to represent ESOF and Euroscience on the Stakeholders’ Assembly of the European funded project PLACES. The PLACES project is ensuring that science centers and museums are quickly becoming the ideal forums for politicians to easily access reliable scientific information and for citizens to engage in two-way dialogue about science. The four-year PLACES project will guide science communication institutions in their quest to develop and strengthen their understanding of what is a European City of Scientific Culture. The PLACES Stakeholders Assembly operates at the European level to provide expert insight and analysis on project outputs. The Assembly is an external and specialized voice in PLACES composed of non-governmental organizations, journalists, universities, research centres, and others.

Raphaela attended the first PLACES conference in Paris and is participating regularly on the online forum.

**EUSEA Annual meeting and 10th Years Anniversary + the Gothenburg International Science Festival**

Euroscience were present at the Annual meeting of the European Science Events Association (EUSEA). Raphaela Kitson-Pantano made a speech about Euroscience & ESOF which appealed to the audience and raised many questions. The theme of the festival was “Go creative” and there were fantastically inspiring sessions on the topic. The science was as present in the sessions as it was in the streets of Gothenburg. There were people skate boarding and explaining the physics at the same time, mathematics experiments in one of the biggest shopping mall and the art of dancing with quarks as inspiration." <http://www.eac2011.eu/> | <http://vetenskapsfestivalen.se/english/>

**The European Parliament and Euroscience at BioVision**

As a partner of BioVision, Euroscience together with [STOA](#) (Science and Technology Options Assessment) of the European Parliament organized a workshop entitled “Nano-Safety – Risk Governance of Manufactured Nanoparticles”. BioVision is the World Life Sciences Forum and this was the 7<sup>th</sup> edition which took place in Lyon, France, on March 27-29, 2011. <http://www.euroscience.org/euroscience-at-biovision,40441,en.html>

**STOA meetings** Euroscience attends the STOA monthly panel meetings in Strasbourg where projects are discussed and sometimes lectures are held on “hot” scientific topics.

**SIS Catalyst project launching** This ambitious EU funded project, in which Euroscience is a partner, aims to identify how children can be change agents in the Science and Society relationship. From this starting point, it seeks to indicate how they can be catalysts in the longer term solutions to the grand challenges faced by society - their future. <http://www.siscatalyst.eu/>. Raymond Seltz attended the launching event, on behalf of Euroscience, on 23-25 February in Liverpool.

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## ESOF2012

**ESOF2012 is being launched in Dublin** We are looking forward to a 2012 with a sparkling 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Euroscience Open Forum in Dublin, Ireland. Euroscience Board Members are involved in the development of the programme and will organise a top-down session which is in preparation. The Euroscience Office is intensively involved in the Career Programme of the ESOF2012 and promises interesting sessions on alternative and academic careers, research integrity and practical sessions on science communication. The Local organising team is working hard on the programme for ESOF2012. The first newsletter has come out a few months ago featuring a personal interview with Clive Cookson:

<http://chiefscientificadviser.newsweaver.com/na0tg58r2y315evs2wm7ji?email=true&a=2&p=17839395&t=19766005>.

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## ESOF2014

**Copenhagen to host ESOF2014** Copenhagen (Denmark) has been selected as the host for the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) in 2014, to take place June 21-26. The Selection was made by the ESOF Supervisory Board comprising representatives of Euroscience and its five partner foundations that support the ESOF central operation.

Science Minister Charlotte Sahl-Madsen says: "*We must use ESOF2014 to discuss current and ground-breaking research, impart exciting new knowledge and debate which research policies we will pursue in the future not just in Denmark, but in Europe and at a global level.*"

With "*Science Building Bridges*" as the motto, ESOF2014 has research, education and innovation as its focus. It will gather both young and established researchers to facilitate a dialogue between business leaders, media, policymakers and the wider public.

Dr Gail Cardew, Chair of the ESOF Supervisory Board commented: "*We are excited by the prospect of ESOF visiting Copenhagen. The city will form the perfect backdrop to the inclusive scientific debate that has come to characterise ESOF. We look forward to taking the bid to reality with the Danish team.*"



The Danish traditions of openness and inclusiveness in debates on research policies will characterise the agenda of ESOF2014. *"We want to create an event that is inclusive for all those who wish to discuss research, technology, innovation and education. We do not see ESOF2014 as a one-off event, but as a culmination of an international wider effort to embrace research in the run-up to 21-26 June 2014"*, says Prof. Klaus Bock, who has been selected as the Champion for ESOF2014.

Copenhagen is a popular conference city and host to more than 100 international conferences every year. *"We are looking forward to welcome ESOF participants in Copenhagen and expand the European and global network of the host region"* says city representative, Lars Bernhard Jørgensen.

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## Work Groups and Local Sections

**WG Scientific Publishing** has added **Open Access** to the title and has changed Convenor. Euroscience thanks H  l  ne Bosc for all the efforts she has put into the work group up till now and wishes Alma Swan all the best for the future activities of the work group. The group announces that they have submitted a response to the European Commission's online consultation on Scientific Information in the Digital Age, through Daniel Mietchen.

Prof Alik Ismail-Zadeh announced that he will step down from the position as Convenor of **WG Science and Urgent Problems of Society**. He wrote in a mail that: *"it was a great pleasure for me to work with the members of the group and special thanks go to several distinguished scientists: V. Kossobokov (Russia, mathematician), H. Moderassi (France, geologist), G. Panza (Italy, seismologist), J. Peterson (UK, law and sustainability), and A. Smolka (Germany, risk and insurance). I acknowledge their work and support of the WG. Also I thank Euroscience for providing a tribune for expressing urgent problems of society and the role of science in solving the problems. I am particularly grateful to Raymond Seltz with whom I collaborated for many years."* Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would be interested in being the new Convenor of this work group.

The **LS in Ireland** is making big progresses with the Euroscience Open Forum coming up soon. Some of their activities are going to be an Irish citizen science initiative, utilising the IRSA network, to identify research projects, which can have meaningful input from members of the public, and a collaborative programme for artists and researchers to create engaging public art exhibitions for members of the public.

We welcome a new **LS in Austria** thanks to Bernhard Seyringer and Simone Seyringer. If you are interested in joining this new local section, please do not hesitate to contact us on [office@euroscience.org](mailto:office@euroscience.org) and we will transfer your demand.

We also wish to acknowledge the excellent work Nelly Didenko is doing for the **LS in Russia**. They have ambitious long term objectives, for ex to organise a FP7 project (SSA) and joint meetings of several ES Local Sections for consolidation of international links of scientists.

## The Euroscientist

**The Euroscientist's face lift and a new careers feature** Leila Sattary has launched the new look of the Euroscientist this week following the feedback from the editorial board. Thanks to the web designer Tom Gallacher the blog has gotten a new logo as well. Leila also announces that they are about to launch a "careers column" for postdocs and new academics. <http://euroscientist.com/>

## Euroscience special activities

**Campaign for and on Young Researchers** Following the initiative of Board Member Pauline Mattsson, Euroscience is working on a questionnaire to assemble the Voices of Young Researchers on their career development. It is in its trial phase and will be sent out in the beginning of next year.



Make Your Voice heard!

Euroscience also acknowledged a Young Researcher through the 2<sup>nd</sup> **European Young Researchers Award**. The Selection Committee unanimously decided to give the European Young Researchers Award 2011 to **Dorthe B. Ravnsbæk** from the Interdisciplinary Nanoscience Center, iNANO, at Aarhus University. <http://www.euroscience.org/european-young-researchers-award.html>

## Euroscience special offer

**Euroscience & Nature** Euroscience is happy to announce that as of 2012 the Euroscience members can benefit from a special offer from one of the biggest science magazines - Nature ([www.nature.com](http://www.nature.com)). By paying 40€ in addition to your annual fee, you are entitled to receive Nature, either as a hardcopy and/or in electronic form. Please, indicate your choice when paying your contribution.

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