



Community Research

IRSES – origins

- Increased researchers' **mobility for career development**, world-wide
- Declared **interest** by non EU countries to increase **exchange of researchers with EU**
- **Problem of "brain drain"**: traditional fellowships contain a high risk of "no-return" (particularly to less attractive economies)
- **EU policy** to increase international RTD cooperation
- Interest to enhance **sustainable cooperations between research organisations**



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IRSES – objective

- The Marie Curie International Staff Exchange Scheme is a new type of action first implemented in 2008, that aims to **strengthen research partnerships** through **staff exchanges and networking** activities between European research organisations and organisations from countries (with which the Community has an S&T agreement or are in the process of negotiating one, and countries covered by the European Neighbourhood policy). Compared to existing Marie Curie actions, which provide mobility possibilities to individual researchers, this new action will provide support to research organisations to establish or **reinforce long-term research cooperation** through a **coordinated joint programme of exchange of researchers** for short periods.



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