



Dear Colleague,

The coming months will be crucial to the design of European research funding schemes. Recent EU policy proposals provide the legal foundation for combined actions using the European Structural and Investment Funds and the new Framework Programme – the 7-year Horizon 2020. This means more funding for research and researchers in the next financial perspectives.

I am writing to announce that a key conference **INVEST IN RESEARCHERS: Better training and careers using new funding opportunities** will be held under the auspices of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Vilnius on 14–15 November 2013. It is the period when the Member States are submitting their Smart Specialisation Strategy to be followed by the Commission–Member States' agreements and National Work Programmes in 2014.

In Vilnius you will learn about combining different funding sources, including Horizon 2020 measures to widen participation, Structural Funds and Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions – COFUND, to boost investment in human resources for research and development in your country. You will learn about what makes doctoral training more effective for employment through research networking and flexible mobility. You will also learn how new tools and instruments for career development – online self assessment, dual careers (life–work balance), tenure tracks, double nominations (industry–academia), HR Strategy for Researchers logo/accreditation – work in practice.

You are welcome to this event!

Sincerely,

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