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Abstract: This is the intermediate press release under the title “EURAXESS serves researchers in motion”. It was published on the Coordinator’s newsletter on web page <https://kaapeli.tut.fi/en/articles/2014/2/researchers-in-motion>. It includes an interview of MULTI-POS fellow Ondrej Daniel.

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EURAXESS serves researchers in motion

THUMBS UP

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The EURAXESS web portal provides support for researchers looking for jobs in Europe. The portal advertises research positions and offers practical information that helps researchers and their family relocate to another country.

Some 6,500 open positions in close to 40 different fields were advertised through the Euraxess Jobs Portal in early November 2014.

Vacancies are advertised by universities, research institutions and companies from more than 40 countries not only in Europe but also in America and Asia. Recruiters are looking to hire researchers at different stages of their careers, ranging from professors to research assistants.

Job seekers can register to Euraxess and upload their CV. More than 13,000 researchers already have.

The Services section includes information on housing, social security, permits, funding opportunities and links to the national Service Centres in each country. In addition, the portal provides a comprehensive introduction to the employment and working conditions of researchers throughout Europe.



MULTI-POS fellows recruited through Euraxess

Professor **Jari Nurmi** of the Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering heard about Euraxess in autumn 2012, when the first researchers were recruited to the Marie Curie Initial Training Network MULTI-POS funded by the European Commission. MULTI-POS is a network made up of six European universities and companies to address challenging research topics in the field of wireless localization.

Four of the 15 fellows included in the MULTI-POS network are placed at TUT. The European Commission required that all the fellowships be advertised through the Euraxess Jobs Portal. TUT's job postings alone were viewed by 500–600 job seekers. Each position available in the MULTI-POS network attracted some 20 applications.

"The results were excellent. My first experience of the Euraxess Jobs Portal was fairly positive, but it would be an improvement if recruiters could also receive and manage job applications through the portal," Nurmi says.

Euraxess brought Ondrej Daniel from the Czech Republic to Finland

Euraxess was launched 10 years ago and was originally known as ERA-MORE. The service remains underused: of the three MULTI-POS fellows hired by Nurmi, only **Ondrej Daniel** was found through Euraxess. The other fellows were not familiar with the portal.

"I started contemplating a career change while working for Honeywell in the Czech Republic in 2012. I'd never heard of Euraxess until a colleague tipped me off," Daniel says.

Daniel found two jobs for which he applied. He was invited to an interview in Belfast, Northern Ireland, but is now very happy with his position in Finland. His interest in the Nordic countries was triggered by an internship, which he completed in Norway as a student.

"I would definitely recommend all researchers who are looking for jobs in Europe to visit the Euraxess Jobs Portal. The portal provides a single point of access to information about interesting vacancies and saves time, but it's more than a recruitment tool."

Daniel's three-year employment contract with TUT continues until 2016, by which time he will have completed his doctorate.

University of Tampere is a national Euraxess Service Centre

Euraxess has a network of Service Centres across Europe. The centres offer free support and information for incoming researchers and their families in all matters relating to their mobility needs. One of the three Service Centres in Finland has been located at the University of Tampere since October 2014.

"All our positions that are available for international candidates are advertised through the Euraxess Jobs Portal," **Nuppu Suvanto** says. She is the Euraxess Local Contact Point in the University of Tampere.



Suvanto says that the use of Euraxess Jobs Portal varies among countries. The European Commission, which maintains the portal together with the member states, is concerned that the service remains poorly known.