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Science Europe Postdoctoral Funding Schemes Survey Report Out Today

(Brussels, 5 October 2016) A new survey report is released today by Science Europe, entitled 'Postdoctoral Funding Schemes in Europe.'

This report presents the results of a survey of Science Europe Member Organisations undertaken by the Working Group on Research Careers. The report maps support opportunities available for postdoctoral researchers in order to improve understanding of how funders support researchers' careers after the completion of their PhD; it builds upon this to make a number of key recommendations for improving funding schemes.

The postdoctoral period is a critical phase in a researcher's career: it is when (s)he chooses whether or not to pursue a scientific career, and succeeds in achieving that goal, or not. By issuing this survey report and its recommendations, Science Europe wishes to emphasise that the 'postdoc' stage needs to stop being seen as a mere transition phase and to instead be considered a key building block of a research career, and that this requires better adaptation of the funding schemes to meet the needs of early-stage researchers.

The full report can be downloaded at the following address: <http://scieur.org/postdoc-survey>.

Notes to Editors

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