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Research Organisations Enabling Wider Career Options for Researchers

(Brussels, 16 January 2017) Intersectoral mobility of researchers is gaining political momentum in Europe, with more interest in bringing in the competences that characterise researchers into public, private and not-for-profit sectors. In response to the increasing emphasis put on this career stage, Science Europe carried out a survey to look at the diversity of measures that are in place to enable researchers to be more mobile across different sectors of employment.

This new survey report, 'Intersectoral Mobility Schemes in Science Europe Member Organisations,' highlights the efforts made by public research organisations in Europe to develop and implement intersectoral mobility schemes and looks at what is being done to support researchers in an increasingly difficult employment context. While such schemes are not yet widely common practice for research organisations, engagement in intersectoral collaborations and researcher's mobility are quickly becoming key topics for them to address in the future.

Earlier and better involvement of the industrial or non-academic sector would greatly maximise the success of intersectoral mobility schemes, the survey found. Other improvements would also be seen if transparent intellectual property rules are developed, and by training researchers in 'soft skills' to facilitate their adaptation from one sector to another.

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

Notes to Editors

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