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## **Increasing participation in the EMBO Programmes across Europe**

*Launch of funding and support schemes for life scientists in Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovenia, and Türkiye*

**Heidelberg, 18 October 2022** – EMBO launches further funding and support schemes for life scientists at all career stages in eleven countries. The schemes include grants for researchers displaced by the military invasion in Ukraine or other armed conflicts.

Until the end of 2024, life scientists in or going to Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovenia, and Türkiye (Turkey) can apply for the schemes. These countries are member states of the EMBC (European Molecular Biology Conference), the intergovernmental organization that funds the EMBO Programmes. The initiative aims to increase participation of scientists from across Europe in the programmes, especially in countries that currently benefit less from the programmes.

The new schemes and support offerings are:

- **EMBO Solidarity Grants supporting life scientists displaced by armed conflicts:** The grants will be available as one-year stipends for researchers to start, continue or finish their PhD thesis; for post-doctoral researchers; and for research stays by scientists at the professorial and group leader level. The research must be carried out in one of the eleven countries that have joined the EMBO initiative to increase participation. Applications for the grants can be submitted from 5 January 2023 until 15 February 2023.
- **Open Access publication at no cost for authors in all EMBO Press journals:** As of 1 November 2022, EMBO Press offers Open Access publication in The EMBO Journal, EMBO Reports, Molecular Systems Biology and EMBO Molecular Medicine at no cost for corresponding authors based in one of the eleven countries, provided that the authors are not covered by a transformational agreement.
- **Grants for participation in EMBO Courses & Workshops:** Researchers at any career stage and from any discipline in the life sciences who are based in one of the eleven countries are eligible. They can apply for a grant of up to 700 euros to cover registration fees, travel and accommodation costs, depending on the needs of the applicant, for all EMBO Courses & Workshops.

These new schemes and support offerings are in addition to those launched previously:

- **EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships reserved for researchers applying to work in one of the eleven participating countries:** An interview is guaranteed to all applicants, provided their application passes initial screening for overall quality.
- **EMBO Advanced Collaboration Grants:** A new scheme for group leaders in the eleven countries who wish to visit scientists in other EMBC Member States to develop or carry out collaborative projects, or to prepare joint grant applications.
- **EMBO Lecture Courses:** Funding for lecture courses to train PhD students and postdoctoral researchers in the eleven countries.
- **EMBO Lecture Series:** Funding to invite EMBO Members and Young Investigators to give lectures in institutions in the eleven countries.

Details of all schemes and offerings, including eligibility criteria and the application process, are available [here](#).

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