



Supporting Researchers at Risk

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**Researchers at Risk:
An Update on National-
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The Inspireurope+ consortium is pleased to announce the publication of *Researchers at Risk: An Update on National-Level Actions in Europe 2024*. Co-authored by Inspireurope+ partners the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the PAUSE Programme, the report documents the experiences of 15 national-level initiatives supporting researchers at risk across Europe. The report highlights how many national programmes have successfully adapted to meet growing demand for fellowships and other support services, while facing challenges arising from acute and overlapping international crises. Key advice for prospective national-level initiatives is provided, emphasising the many promising pathways through which researchers at risk can be supported at the national level. By spotlighting these different approaches, the consortium hopes to encourage the establishment of new and the expansion of existing support programmes to support researchers at risk and advance academic freedom.

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Recording available: Philipp Schwartz Initiative and Inspireurope+ Stakeholder Forum 2024

The annual Philipp Schwartz Initiative and Inspireurope+ Stakeholder Forum took place 18 and 19 April 2024 in Berlin. It was attended by around 300 participants from 37 countries. The programme included panels and exchanges on academic freedom, as well as national-level and European scale initiatives to support scholars at risk. The event also provided informal networking opportunities, coaching workshops, and information sessions geared towards different audiences. These included mainly researchers at risk, especially those supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Philipp Schwartz Initiative, as well as researchers from Ukraine, supported by MSCA4Ukraine. European and national government officials and other policymakers also participated, alongside representatives from NGOs, SAR sections, and higher education institutions across Europe. Recordings from the event are available [here](#).



Inspireurope+ Webinar



Peer and Mentoring Approaches to Support Researchers at Risk



On 19 April 2024, Inspireurope+ hosted a webinar organised by the University of Gothenburg on peer and mentoring approaches to support researchers at risk at the Philipp Schwartz Initiative/Inspireurope+ stakeholder forum. The webinar considered the roles and responsibilities of mentors in supporting researchers at risk at host institutions. It explored the role of mentors in helping researchers at risk integrate into the host institution and supporting the researcher to identify career development opportunities during the placement. The webinar was led by Sarah Blichfeldt, SAR Sweden and International Centre at the University of Gothenburg. Based on the discussions, a brief guide to peer and mentoring approaches to support researchers at risk is now available.

[View the recording and guide >>](#)

Select Funding Opportunities

MSCA4Ukraine: 2024 Call for Applications



[MSCA4Ukraine](#), an EU-funded fellowship scheme for displaced researchers from Ukraine will shortly open a new call. With a [recent top-up of 10 million euro from the European Commission](#), the scheme will support around 50 additional researchers displaced from Ukraine by means of fellowships of up to two years and other supports. Comprehensive information on the second call for proposals, including all relevant documents, is now available on the [SAR Europe website](#). A launch event took place on 14 June 2024 and two further information sessions are planned for 20 and 24 June 2024. **Deadline: 5 September 2024.**

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships Call

[MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) are EU-funded fellowships for researchers holding a PhD and who wish to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to excellent researchers of any nationality, including researchers at risk. The MSCA Guidelines for the Inclusion of Researchers at Risk provide useful background on researchers at risk and recommend ways to improve their recruitment. **Deadline: 11 September 2024**

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MSCA Doctoral Networks Call

[MSCA Doctoral Networks](#) are open for applications from universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond. MSCA Doctoral Networks are open to the participation of organisations from third countries, in view of fostering strategic international partnerships for the training and exchange of researchers. The MSCA Guidelines for the Inclusion of Researchers at Risk provide useful background on researchers at risk and recommend ways to improve their recruitment. **Deadline: 27 November 2024**

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Select Partner News & Resources

SAR 2024 Global Congress: June 25-27, 2024

The Scholars at Risk Global Congress 2024, in partnership with the European Humanities University, is set to take place from June 25-27 in Vilnius, Lithuania, The 2024 Global

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Congress theme, “Sustainable knowledge: Lessons from universities, scholars and students in exile” seeks to explore and capture the experience of current and prior generations of academic communities forced into exile by political unrest, repression, disaster and conflict. With the rise in global challenges to academic freedom, the SAR Global Congress 2024 is a crucial gathering for reinforcing the commitment to safeguarding the free exchange of ideas. [Register now for remote or in-person attendance >>](#)

Fragile Freedom – Dialogue with displaced researchers



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In a series of five public events across Germany, Philipp Schwartz Fellows will discuss the curtailing and loss of freedom from a personal and professional perspective. Aimed at the general public, the event series will contribute to a debate about the fragility of civil liberties and academic freedom. It will start on [13 June 2024 at Ruhr University Bochum](#) with the Philipp Schwartz Fellow Vasil Navumau from Belarus, whose research focuses on socio-political transformation, digital government and democratic communication between civil society and government.

The Fragile Freedom series of events is being conducted by the science communication agency con gressa in collaboration with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. It is being financed by Germany’s Federal Ministry of Education and Research as part of Science Year 2024 – Freedom. The discussions will additionally be produced and released as live podcasts. You will find a newsletter, a list of all the events and the podcasts at www.fragile-freiheit.de.

PAUSE Welcome Handbooks for researchers at risk and host institutions

The French hosting programme for scientists and artists in exile has updated in April 2024 its’ [welcome handbooks for](#)

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[researchers at risk and their host institutions](#). The welcome handbook for researchers contains useful information and resources for scientists in exile wishing to obtain- and those who already benefit- from the support of the PAUSE programme. It contains all the essential information, from administrative procedures on arrival in France, to the integration into the host institution. The Handbook is also available in English for non-French speakers. The handbook for host institutions contains useful information and resources for scientists hosted in French institutions, from submitting an application to the PAUSE programme, to supporting their professional integration at the end of the PAUSE contract.



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