

About Inspireurope

Inspireurope promotes cooperation across Europe in support of researchers at risk. As pressures on academic freedom are growing around the world, so too are pressures on individual researchers. Inspireurope partners join forces across Europe to respond.





Dr. Homa Hoodfar, Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Concordia University, Montreal. Previously imprisoned in Iran in retaliation for her research.

When researchers are at risk, and excluded from participating in the global research circuit, whether due to discrimination, persecution or violence, not only are individual lives and careers at risk - the very future of research is also at stake.

Inspireurope begins from the view that excellence in research depends upon open scientific debate, and is driven by a multiplicity of ideas, people and perspectives. The skills and attributes of researchers at risk represent significant potential for the receiving countries in Europe.

However, for such potential to be fully realised on a Europe-wide scale, well-coordinated efforts by a diverse set of experienced actors are required. In recognition of a shared commitment to excellence in research and to the principles of freedom of inquiry and academic freedom that are essential preconditions for world-class research, the Inspireurope partners join together across Europe to strengthen support for researchers at risk.



Biochemist Dr. Eqbal Dauqan left Yemen due to the civil war and is now continuing her work at the University of Agder, Norway.

Inspireurope Facts

Project Title

Initiative to Support, Promote and Integrate Researchers at Risk in Europe

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Project Coordinator

Maynooth University (host of SAR Europe)





Partners

10 project partners, 5 associate partners, 1 international partner, 6 advisory board members

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Inspireurope Actions for Researchers at Risk

Building a cross-sectoral, European support structure

Serve as a vehicle for cooperation and coordination of European support.

Contributing to informed policymaking across Europe to strengthen support

Inspireurope maps and analyses existing support (financial, career development, policy environment) for researchers at risk and produces concrete, detailed policy recommendations for future support.

Bridging the gaps between national and European support mechanisms

Inspireurope organises mutual learning sessions and high-level stakeholder fora to facilitate exchange between key actors in research and innovation in Europe, including higher education networks and institutions, research funding agencies, employers' organisations, government ministries, EU and other policymakers in Europe.

Providing career development opportunities

Inspireurope provides training and guidance for researchers at risk, including face-to face trainings, webinars and a pilot of 1-to-1 coaching services.

Preparing the work environment

Inspireurope provides guidance through webinars and training for employers, host organisations and other key stakeholders in the academic and non-academic sectors to prepare the work environment in Europe.

Growing the network of actors supporting researchers at risk

Inspireurope conducts outreach, networking and awareness-raising on support for researchers at risk with an emphasis on stakeholders in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, including through national and regional workshops and events.

Inspireurope Partners

Inspireurope is led by a consortium of organisations active in supporting researchers at risk

Project Partners





















International Partner



Associate Partners











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