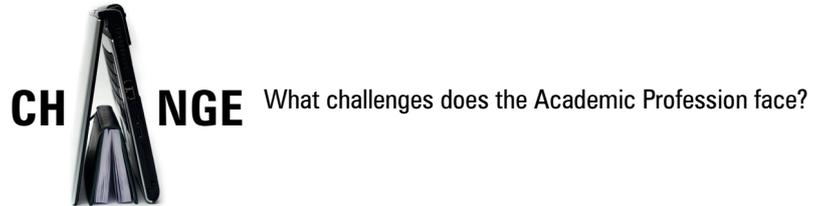


**EUROAC - The Academic Profession in Europe: Responses to Societal Challenges**  
A Collaborative Research Project within the EuroHESC-Programme



**Project Overview**

**Duration:** 1 October 2009 – 31 March 2012 (30 months)

**Participating countries:** AT, CH, DE, FI, HR, IE, PL, RO

**Funding Source:** ESF and National Research Councils

**Objectives and Concepts**

The EUROAC Study takes up the themes of the CAP Study ('Changing Academic Profession') e.g. general work situation and activities, teaching, research, management, personal background and professional preparation but widens the scope.

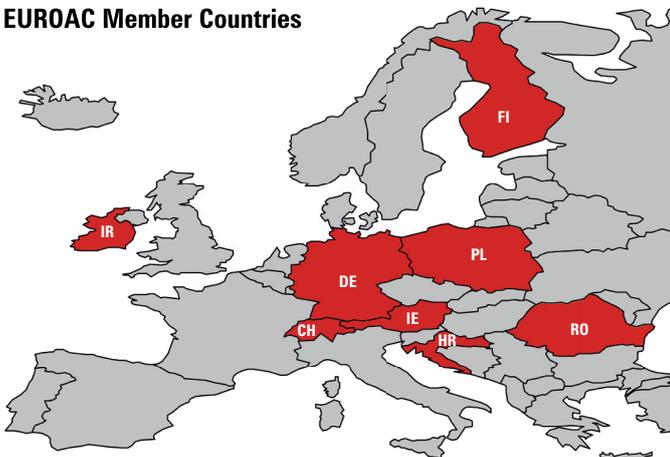
**EUROAC Topics**

- Governance, management and evaluation (e.g. quality assurance and quality development): AT, FI & RO
- Academic career settings (e.g. changes in the employment conditions): AT, CH & PL
- Professionalisation (e.g. the challenge of 'relevance' of higher education for job enrichment): DE, HR & IE

**Expected Outcomes**

European academic profession to societal and organisational challenges.

**EUROAC Member Countries**



**Aim of the Project**

This project aims to establish how the academic profession in various European countries perceives, interprets and interacts with changes in the socio-economic environment and in the organisational fabric of higher education institutions. How do academics view major developments around and within higher education institutions as potentially relevant, and how do they interpret and eventually shape their professional roles under these circumstances?

In relation to the societal developments potentially crucial for the academic profession, attention will be paid to three key issues:

- Relevance of knowledge.
- Diversification.
- Internationalisation.

Challenges: Careers, Governance and Professionalisation



**Methodology**

Questionnaire survey:

A EUROAC survey data set will supply comparable information and include additional European countries from the CAP study (2007).

Interviews:

Interviews with members of the academic profession will provide in-depth information on major themes of the questionnaire and specific themes of the EUROAC study.

Literature review:

Analysis of the state of the art in research.

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