

Researcher Mobility Task Force meeting in Helsinki December 2015

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Venue University of Helsinki

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Minutes in brief:

First face-to-face meeting with current task force members. The meeting was started with an introduction of all the members and of the task force, incl. past activities such as the quality charter and training event.

The discussion focused on the future plans of how to best promote and support researcher mobility within UN. Suggestions varied from modification of the quality charter to task lists for admin staff to surveys among researchers. The TF members felt the following had the most potential at this point:

- Survey of mobility, including service needs, of researchers within UN (target group researchers)
- Survey of provided and planned mobility services for researchers, target group mobility professionals/admin staff within UN universities
- Electronic brochure of mobility services provided within UN (to assist both mobile researchers and supporting admin staff)
- List of best practices from within UN universities regarding mobility support services
- Job shadowing pilot among TF members (possibly in cooperation with Staff Training TF, has not been discussed yet though)

The TF then proceeded to make plans for the above, starting with the surveys, as the brochure and list of best practices would be based on the results of the survey.

It was agreed that Kirsi as the chair person would discuss the plan in the joint meeting in Antwerp in January in general, and also specifically with the chair of the Staff Training TF concerning the job shadowing. If the plan is plausible to the network, the TF will start working on the survey in Jan/Feb 2016.

The next meeting will be a Skype session. The next face-to-face meeting could be in Belfast in conjunction with the AGM as the majority of the TF members will be at the AGM in any case.