

# Association of European Researchers in Brazil

## Founding charter

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Name of the Association:

Association of European Researchers in Brazil

### Mission

What is the Association about?

The Association initially aims to provide a space, a forum where **European researchers working in Brazil** can get together, self-organise, and discuss how to improve their collaboration with – and representativeness of – the European Research Area.

Our network was therefore created to build bridges between Brazil and Europe. It will help us to tackle the unique set of challenges we face in our endeavours, in alliance with those who have experienced or continue to experience the same.

We have identified, and will work to improve, two different flows of activities:

- Facilitating the integration of European researchers moving to Brazil, whether for short, long-term or permanent stays; this activity will strengthen ties among European scientists in Brazil.
- Amplifying and improving the collaboration among Brazil-based researchers who are doing research with Europe.

How did the Association start?

The Association of European Researchers in Brazil was created thanks to the proactivity/non-binding support of EURAXESS<sup>1</sup> in Brazil. This is a European Commission initiative to promote researchers' mobility and career development, enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world.

However, it should be noted that the Association is self-organised and self-funded. The Association is not responsible for any funding programme, either Brazilian or European.

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<sup>1</sup> Now known as EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean - <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/lac>

## Objectives of the Association

### Vision

We want to become a reference for European researchers who move to Brazil, and a reference for Brazilian researchers interested in cooperation with Europe.

The goals of the Association are to:

1. Promote networking among its members.
2. Share experience on how to prepare a proposal for different kinds of collaboration (student exchanges, international projects, events organisation, etc.) supported by the different funding agencies – both European and Brazilian.
3. Connect and integrate incoming European researchers moving to Brazil.
4. Increase awareness of the different cultures in Europe and in Brazil.

### Who is the Association intended for?

The Association is aimed at European researchers established in Brazil or moving to Brazil.

### What is the added value for its members?

- Being part of a dynamic community and building a network.
- Participating in the discussions and workshops organised by the Association.
- Learning from your peers: information on existing programmes (Brazilian and European), and on how to develop proposals for collaboration.
- Learning how to navigate the Brazilian and European higher education systems.
- Mentoring activities for incoming European researchers.

## Organisation/Structure

The Association is organised in Sections, initially with the following:

- A section for Connecting and integrating incoming European researchers moving to Brazil.
  - Integration of newcomers moving to Brazil.
    - Sharing experience between researchers who are long-established in Brazil, and newcomers.
    - Mentoring of newcomers.
  - Help with navigating the Brazilian academic system.
    - Explaining to new European researchers in Brazil how the Brazilian academic environment works, and the specificities of each State.

- A section for Brazil-based researchers interested in partnerships with Europe.
  - Sharing experience on how to prepare a proposal for different kinds of collaboration (student exchanges, international projects, events organisation, etc.) supported by the different funding agencies – both European and Brazilian.
  - Sharing our researchers' know-how on how to write a proposal and with whom to connect.
  
- A section for Culture, to promote intercultural issues: workshops, and a lecture series on Brazilian and European culture, politics, history and languages, all within an intercultural perspective.
  - Collaboration with organisations such as the Goethe-Institut, Alliances Françaises, and Instituto Cervantes, including for language courses, etc.
  - Information on funding from these institutions, etc.
  - Sharing good practices on multilingualism in the European Research Area with Brazilian research institutions.

Each Section is led by an Executive Coordinator and includes potential collaborators.

#### Coordinating Committee

- This is made up of the Executive Coordinators of each Section.
- A Secretary, for six months.
- The Coordinating Committee is in charge of:
  - Coordination of the Association and of the Sections;
  - Promotion of internal networking and communication;
  - Building a membership, and building the community;
  - Networking among the Association's researchers;
  - Coordinating practical activities, such as organising events and an internal newsletter;
  - Increasing outreach, and dissemination of the Association's activities.