

EUA WEBINAR

European support for researchers at risk – launch of the Inspireurope mapping report

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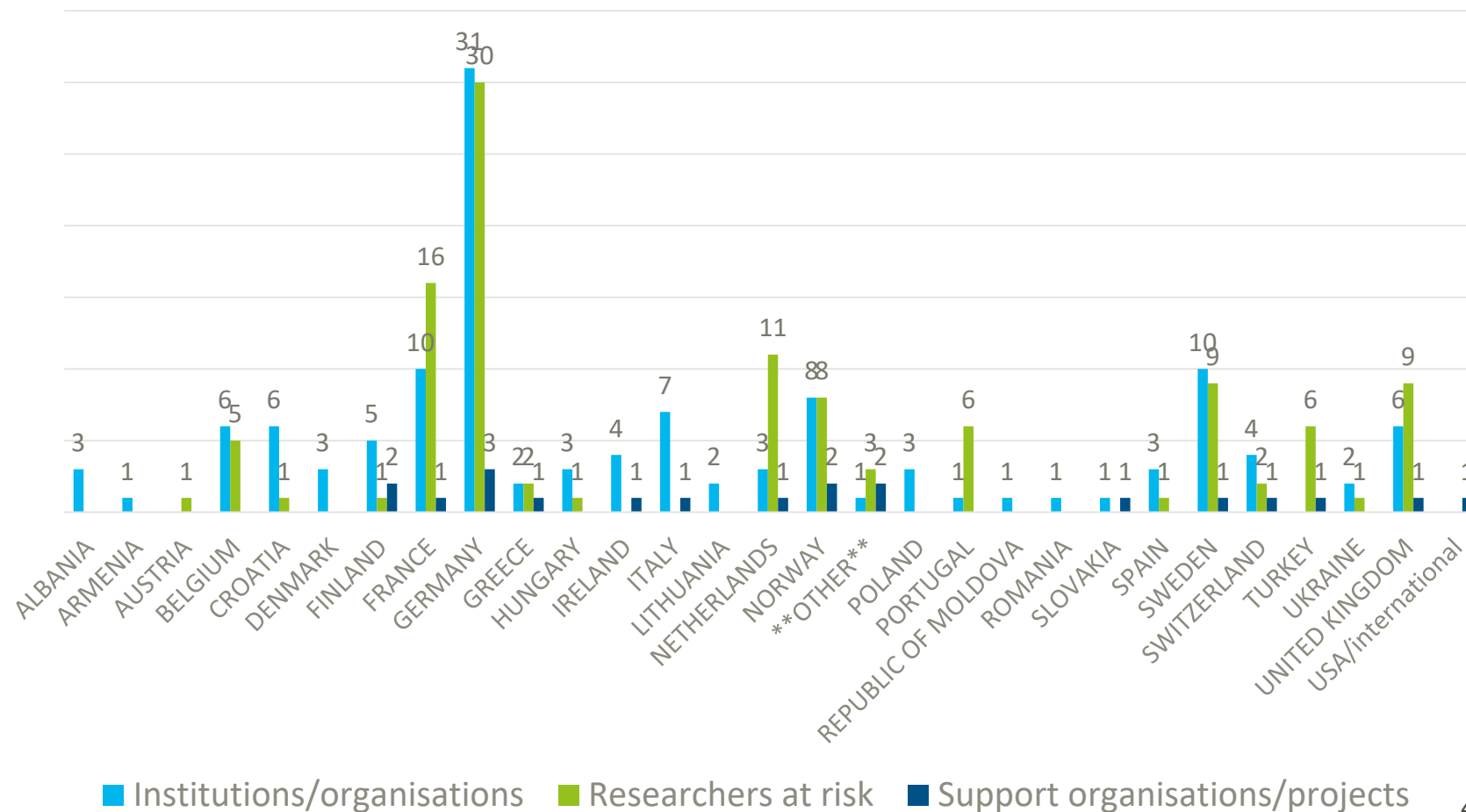
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Initiative to Support, Promote and Integrate Researchers at Risk in Europe

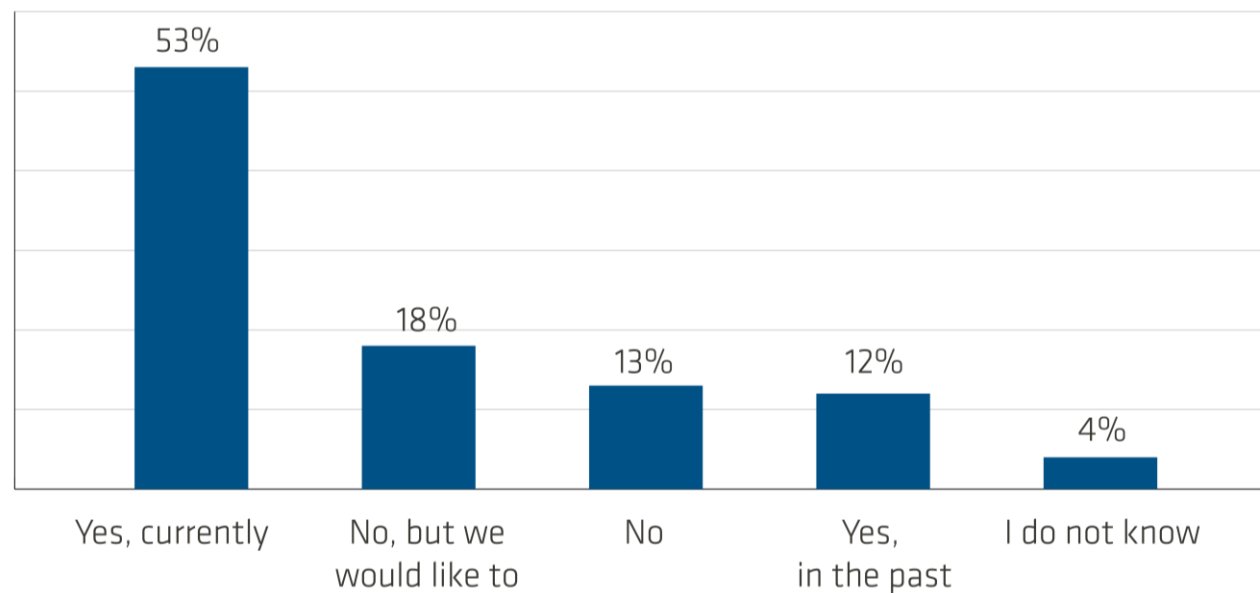
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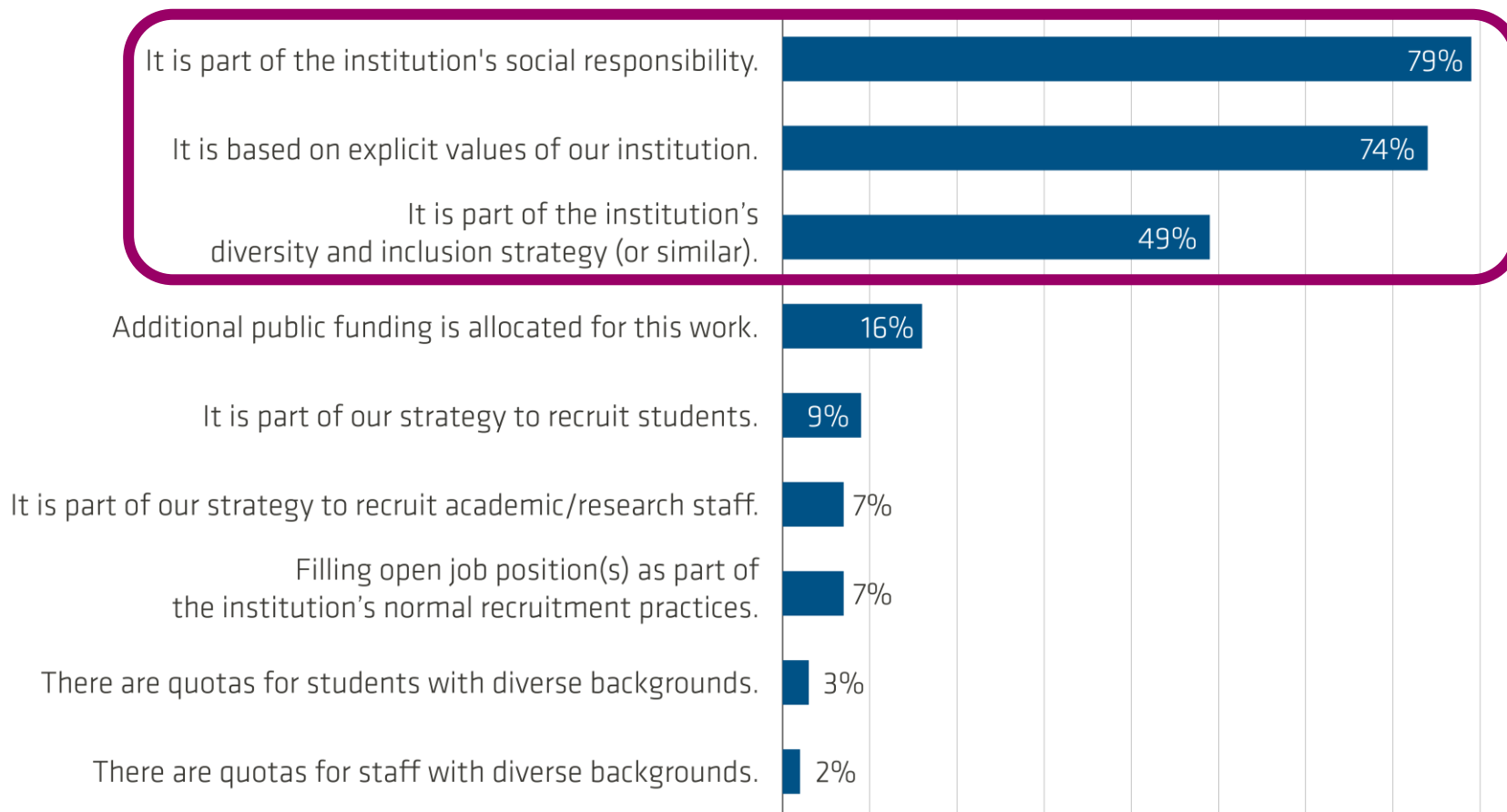


Current and future hosts

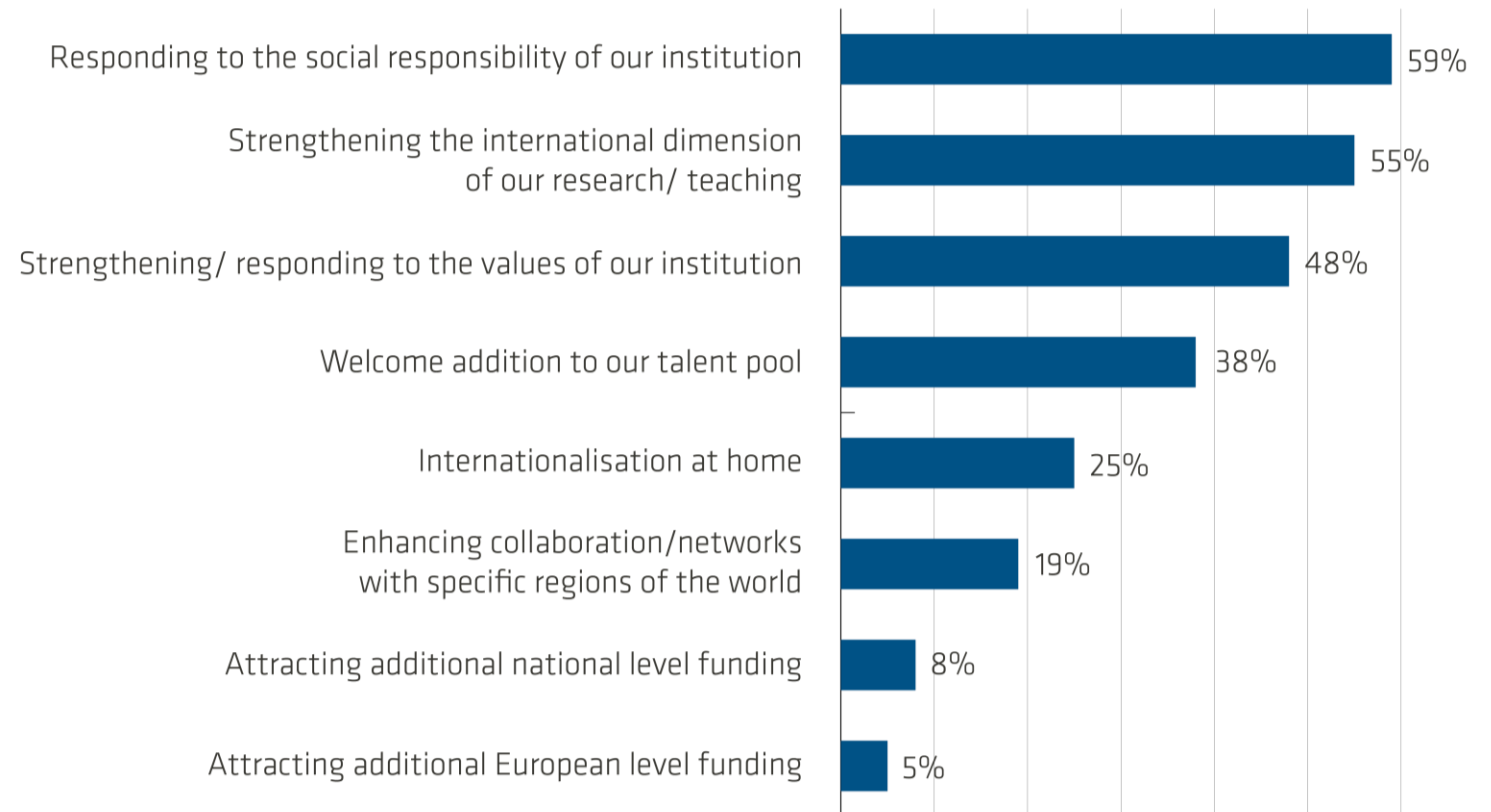


- 89% are higher education institutions
- 66% offer temporary contracts or placements
- 52% hire researchers at risk of any level, 28% focus on R2- recognised researchers

Rationales



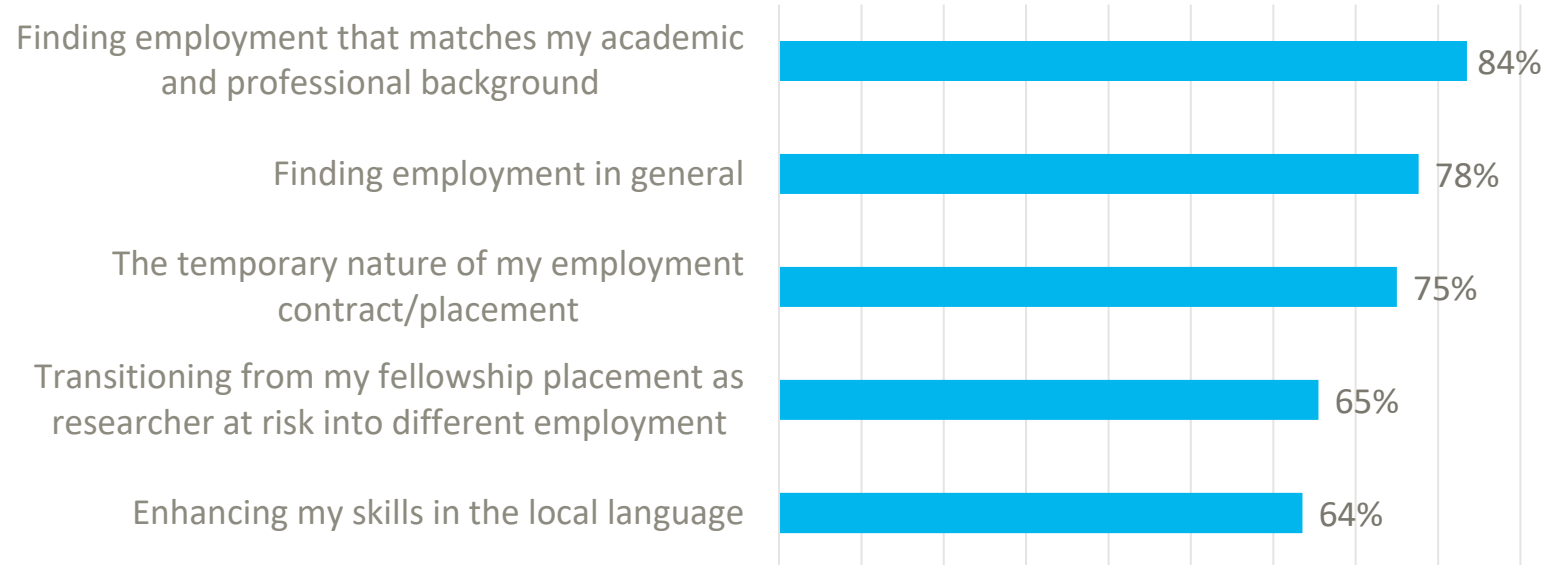
Benefits of hosting



Discussion: Rationales and benefits

Challenges

Top challenges for Researchers at Risk



..according to Support Organisations

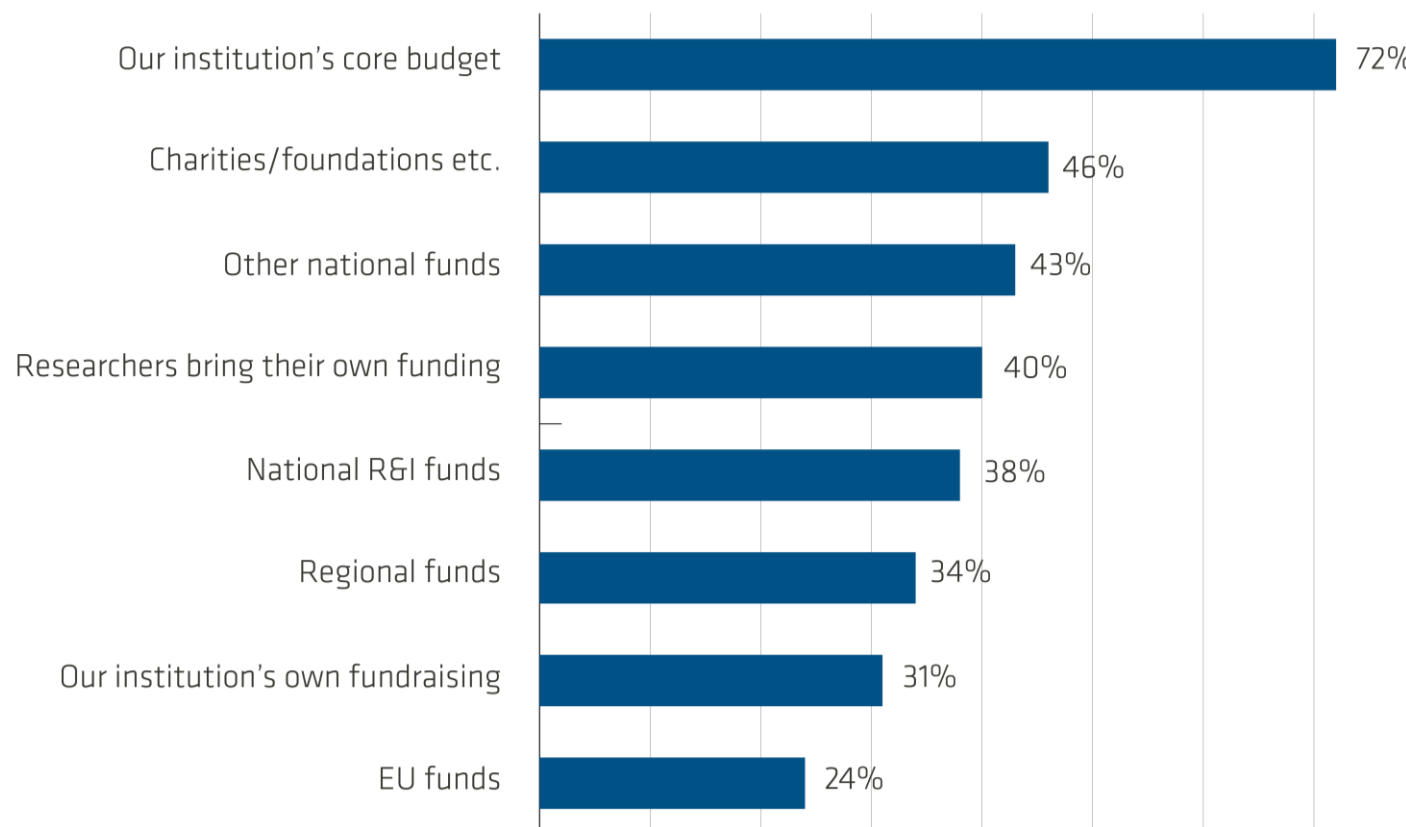
- shortage of dedicated funding (20)
- competitiveness of the academic labour market in Europe (19)
- shortage of funding for integration measures at host organisations and institutions (17)

...for Host Institutions

- lack of overall financial support available to host (81%)
- lack of funding for offering appropriate remuneration and placement conditions (80%)
- lack of funding for integration measures (69%)

Spotlight: Funding

- 55% of host institutions currently or recently hosting receives some external funding to finance scholarships, fellowships, grants etc.
- 10% able to repurpose external funds received for other activities



Discussion: Challenges and funding

Policy opportunities

- Universities' support to researchers at risk - a matter of values and responsibility
- **European Education Area (EEA) Communication (October 2020)**
 - promotion of common, fundamental values
- **European Research Area (ERA) Bonn Declaration on Freedom of Scientific Research (October 2020)**
 - demonstrates a joint commitment to the freedom of research
 - “solidarity with researchers around the globe whose right to freedom of scientific research is violated”
- **European Higher Education Area (EHEA) Rome Communiqué (forthcoming, November 2020)**
 - *“We [the Ministers] reaffirm our commitment to promoting and protecting the fundamental values in the entire EHEA through intensified political dialogue and cooperation as an indispensable foundation for quality learning, teaching and research as well as for democratic societies.”*
 - Working group for future monitoring of values in the next working period of the EHEA (2021-24)
- **? European fellowship programme for researchers at risk?**

Discussion: Policy opportunities

Resources

Researchers at Risk: Mapping Europe's Response. Report for the Inspireurope Project.

<https://eua.eu/resources/publications/947:researchers-at-risk-mapping-europe%E2%80%99s-response.html>

Full (anonymised) data set for from the Inspireurope surveys

- **to researchers at risk**

<https://www.slideshare.net/EurUniversityAssociation/inspireurope-survey-data-collected-from-researchers-at-risk>

- **to host institutions and organisations**

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List of support mechanisms available to researchers at risk in Europe, and other resources

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/resources>

Upcoming events and past recordings

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/events>

Thank you for your attention



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