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Launch of the Young Academy of Europe – Boosting Frontier Research in Europe

The Young Academy of Europe (YAE), an independent association of top young scholars aims at boosting frontier research in Europe. Established in September 2012, the YAE was now officially launched at its first Annual Meeting in Brussels on 7/8 December 2012, which focused on *“How to enhance the European Research Environment for the Next Generation of Young Scientists”*. At the launch event, which was supported by European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), over 70 scientists, policy makers, and representatives of European initiatives and funding agencies were present to explore avenues to create a synergistic European environment to do excellent research.

The future of European Science strongly depends on the efficient use of public funds and hence on the close collaboration of individuals and the different member states. Since 2010, a dynamic and innovative group of recognized young European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant grantees with outspoken views about science and science policy from Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom has established the YAE.

The YAE is a pan-European initiative aiming to provide a platform for scientific exchange, science policy, and networking to widen participation across Europe and across the research domains.

Pursuing a democratic bottom-up approach, the YAE brings together top-level young scientists and is associated with the Academia Europaea (AE). The AE was established in 1988 as an initiative of a number of European national academies and governments, whose emphasis is on excellence, cooperation and interdisciplinary dialogue.



The Young Academy of Europe aspires to

- Providing input and feedback on aspects of doing science in Europe, with all its facets, from a “younger” perspective and particularly to the ERC;
- Involving top young scientists in the future European research strategy such as Long-Range Plans and ESF Roadmaps;
- Supporting other young scientists in Europe in their further development and in thinking strategically about the future of their own discipline;
- Creating and fostering a network of top young researchers across the disciplines in Europe.

Members of the YAE co-initiated the recent petition for ‘Securing the EU research Budget for a future-oriented Europe’ (<http://www.no-cuts-on-research.eu>), which also stresses the importance of funding provided by the European Research Council (ERC) for the attractiveness of Europe for top researchers.

<http://www.yacadeuro.org>

For more information about the Young Academy of Europe or to schedule an interview with one of the founding members please contact: press-office@yacadeuro.org.

