



### **Highlight:**

#### **ERC President Professor Helga Nowotny visits Singapore and New Zealand**

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The President of the European Research Council, Prof. Helga Nowotny will visit various organisations, universities and institutes in Singapore (3-4 February) and New Zealand (5-10 February). Her visit, which includes high-level meetings with counterparts and personalities from the science scene, is in line with the ERC's stepped-up efforts to reach more top talent overseas and inform them about what the ERC can offer.

In Singapore, Prof. Nowotny will meet with the Ambassador of the EU Delegation in Singapore and Ambassadors from various EU countries, as well as researchers. She will also meet with the Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences of the National Technological University. In this country, Prof. Nowotny will give a speech at the EU Chamber of Commerce on "The Role of the European Research Council in the Global Scientific Landscape".

The ERC President then moves on to New Zealand, where she will give a keynote speech, entitled "What next? Frontier research and innovation for a fragile future", at the Inaugural Asia-Pacific Science Policy Studies Research Conference "Constructing National Wellbeing through Science and Innovation", to be held at the Victoria University of Wellington (9 February, 8:30-10:30 am).

During her stay, Prof. Nowotny will also meet with key officials from the Royal Society of New Zealand, the Ministry of Science and Innovation, and the Marden Fund Council, and will attend a meeting with Sir Peter David Gluckman, first Chief Science Advisor to the [New Zealand Prime Minister](#).

Up till now, three top researchers from New Zealand and one from Singapore have been awarded an ERC grant.

### **Links**

[The Inaugural Asia Pacific Science Policy Studies \(SPS\) Research Conference](#)