

# EUSPR Early Careers Forum

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ACTIVITY REPORT 2014/15

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# Background

- EUSPR already undertook a number of activities to support ECRs, e.g.:
  - Postgraduate Forum held at the EUSPR Annual Conference
  - Travel bursaries to support ECRs to attend the pre-conference workshops, and thereby the Annual Conference (with support from SPAN)
  - ECR Poster Prize (with support from SPAN)
- Potentially fragmented, **low visibility**
- Activities **centred on the conference** with little support available to ECRs between conferences.

**OUR AIM: Explore ways to sustain and develop activities and create appropriate structures**

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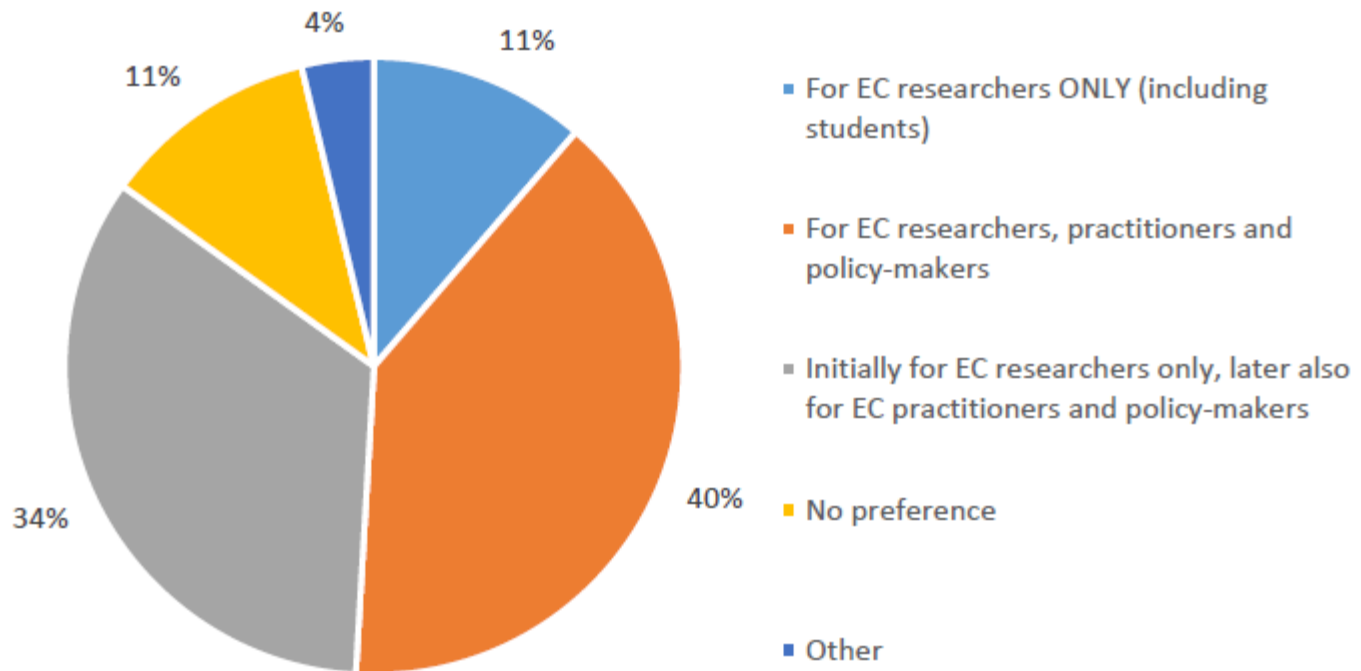
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# Online survey

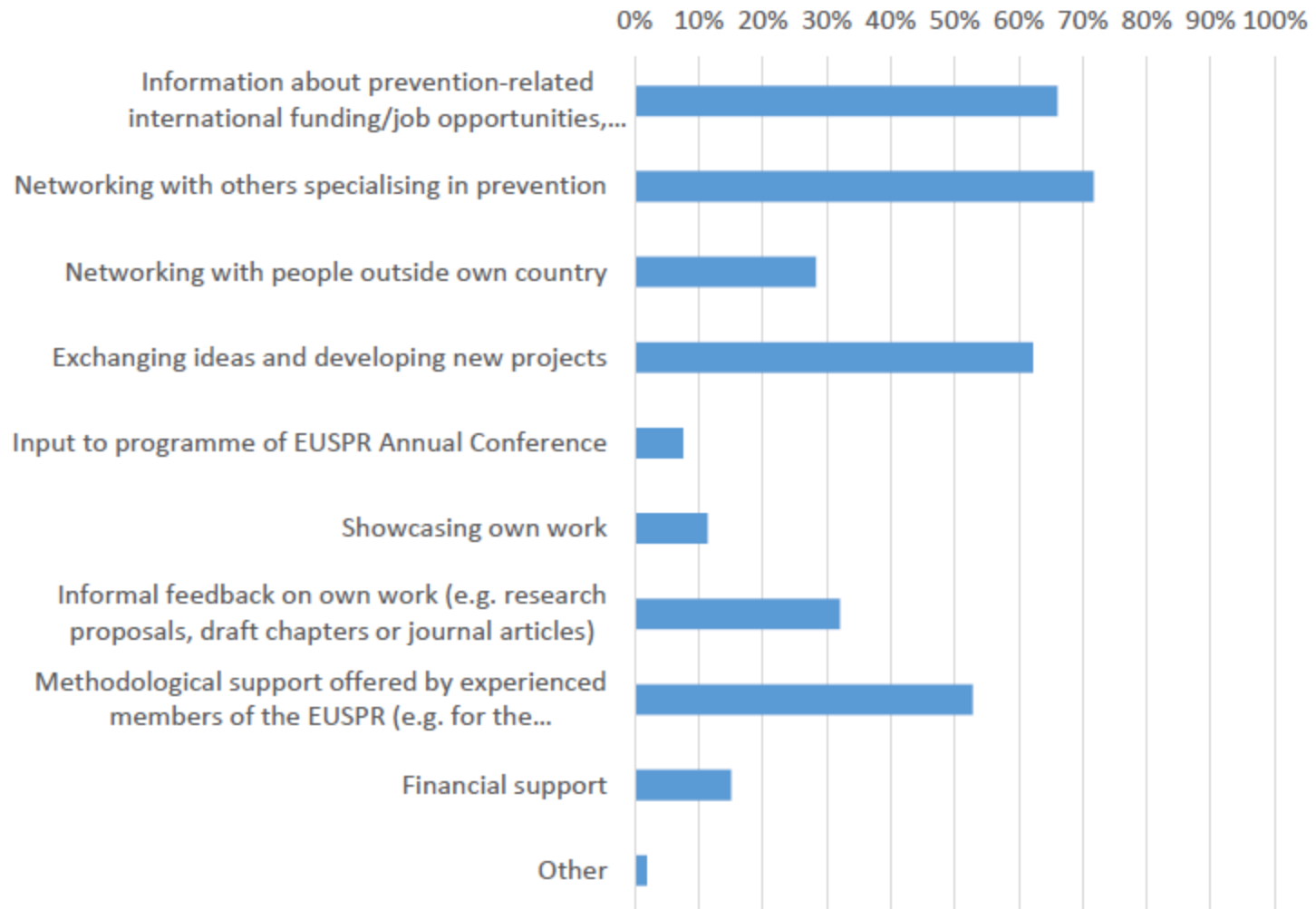
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- **53 respondents**, mostly self-identified as being early-career, involved in prevention research (anyone could participate via a public-access URL)
- Sought to collect views to help decide:
  1. What **definition of 'early career'** should be used to determine eligibility to join?
  2. Should the Forum be addressed to early-career researchers only, or target also early-career **practitioners and policy-makers** working in the prevention field?
  3. What are the key benefits that members would expect to obtain? What are the key needs that should be addressed? Should the Forum provide general support to ECRs, or be aligned specifically with the aims of the EUSPR (e.g. promote methodological skills relating to prevention science)? What should **be priority activities** of the Forum?
  4. Is there **any interest** in such a Forum? Who would participate in the Forum?
- Summary report available on the website (<http://euspr.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/EUSPR-Early-Careers-Forum-survey-report.pdf>)

### Q6 The Early Career Forum should offer activities ...



### Q3 What would you expect to gain from the Early Career Forum? (main motivation to join or important benefits)



# Who can join?

- All early-career members of the EUSPR can join the Early Careers Forum. No additional fee.
- **‘Early career’ members** include:
  - Young preventionists (no more than 8 years since entering the prevention field through first job or commencing doctoral studies)
  - Current Masters and doctoral students in a prevention-related discipline (full time or part time)
- **‘Senior’ colleagues** are also encouraged to join the Early Careers Forum to offer advice and support
- Open to early-career researchers, policy-makers, and practitioners
- Sign-up as part of registration for EUSPR or via email to Stuart Smith (see website for details)



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# Web page



## Mission Statement

The European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR) will advance the science base of environmental, universal, selective and indicated prevention aimed at improving human health and well-being and addressing health inequalities.

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Will you be in Ljubljana for @EUSPR conference? If you'd like to run 10km on Sunday 25th, I have a free ticket for you. Please contact me.

Retweeted by EUSPR

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## Early Careers Forum

The Early Careers Forum offers early-career members of the EUSPR a dedicated platform for professional exchange and mutual support.

Download the promotional flyer

### Official launch

The Forum started its work at the beginning of 2015 and will be formally launched during the sixth EUSPR Annual Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Thanks to financial support from the EU co-funded SPAN project, we will be able to include specially themed workshops, a networking event, early-careers parallel session, and special awards. Please contact us to help develop the Forum. Full details about the Conference including the early careers related...

### Aims

The EUSPR's Early Careers Forum has been established to facilitate networking and shared learning among members of the Forum. It offers the first European and interdisciplinary platform for early-career researchers, practitioners and policy-makers.

Specifically, the Early Careers Forum aims to offer:

- Networking opportunities with fellow early-career researchers, practitioners and policy-makers across Europe
- Information concerning prevention-related funding and job opportunities, upcoming conferences and interesting research
- A chance for early-career members to present and obtain feedback on their work
- Methodological and professional development support

### Activities

To achieve these aims, the Forum maintains a mailing list for its members and hosts a number of events at the EUSPR Annual Conference. The activities within the EUSPR include:

- Mailing list (via JISCmail)
- Special networking event at the Annual Conference
- Early Careers session at the Annual Conference

Existing EUSPR members should please send an informal email to Stuart Smith at [s.s.smith@jmu.ac.uk](mailto:s.s.smith@jmu.ac.uk) stating that they would like to join the Early Careers Forum. Please briefly indicate in your email how you meet the criteria for an 'early-career' member as outlined above. Alternatively you can join the Early Careers Forum as a 'senior' member.

If you would like to participate in the Early Careers Forum but you are not yet a member of the EUSPR, then you can find all information about joining the EUSPR here.

Membership in the EUSPR starts from €33 per year for students and selected countries, and of course you'll have all the benefits of EUSPR Membership as well as being able to participate in the Early Careers Forum. You will be able to sign up for the Forum as part of your membership application to the EUSPR. During the registration period for the annual EUSPR conference, we also offer attractive "combined membership + conference fee" deals with a discounted rate.

By joining the Forum, you agree to observe the Code of Conduct (see bottom of this page).

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### Contact

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You can also find us on Twitter @euspr, Angelina @pbm\_ab, Kimberley @kimberlym\_hill. The Early Careers Forum hashtag is #EUSPR-ECF.

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# Exploring opportunities for international collaboration



- Dialogue initiated by colleagues at the Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN) US Society for Prevention Research
- Shared **learning**, e.g. recruitment and engagement strategies
- Shared **activities**, e.g. Webinars
- Shared **advocacy**, e.g. joint session at SPR 2016 in San Francisco
- Feedback & further ideas welcome

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# ECF at the EUSPR 2015 conference

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## Wednesday, 21 October 2015

09:30-16:00

Pre-conference workshops: “Conducting systematic reviews”, “Writing for publication and publishing papers”

## Thursday, 22 October 2015

12:00-13:45

Early Careers Forum Launch and Networking Event (pre-booking required)

## Friday, 23 October 2015

14:15-16:00,  
Ljubljana

Post graduate and Early Career parallel session 1

## Saturday, 24 October 2015

10:00-11:45,  
Ljubljana

Post graduate and Early Career parallel session 2

13:00-13:30,  
Karantanija

Giving of this year’s Early Career Prize

# Current status & next steps

- **A really good start** to the Early Careers Forum
  - Ideas put into practice, increased visibility/presence
  - 20+ members signed up; Launch event FULLY BOOKED
  - Thanks to Kimberley, Stuart, David, Rosaria and many others
- **Next steps / Potential future issues to be addressed**
  - Ensure that all interested EC's within EUSPR are aware & join
  - Nourish the new structures (e.g. mailing list, decision-making)
  - Shared responsibility for content/activities (sub-leads)
  - Add 1-2 new activities over next year (e.g. webinars)
  - Funding of future activities (following end of SPAN project)
  - Administrative support

Thank you

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