

Talent Center Career Sessions

Researchers are very passionate about their job. At the same time, for many PhD students and postdocs their job raises imminent questions concerning the further development of their career. They struggle with the uncertainty of their employment status and often feel insecure when it comes to planning - let alone discussing with peers or their supervisor - their (future) career. Reflection, insight and being well informed are however crucial pieces to solving the career puzzle.

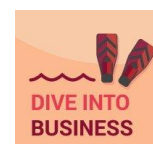


The Career Sessions aim to give more insight in a wide range of career opportunities for Early-Career Researchers both in- and outside academia. The sessions range from open testimonials to in-depth info sessions about various career paths for PhD holders. All sessions – except “the one that takes you international” – take place just before lunch hour. After the talks, there is plenty of room for

questions. The sessions are a nice opportunity to get to know your peers and talk about your career questions.

Programme

- **“The one that takes you international (12/03, 13h-17h)”**: this career session focuses on entry-level jobs and internship possibilities within the European Parliament and the European Commission. It will give you insight in different career tracks for PhD-holders within these institutions. Marta Makhoul, who will give this session, has worked for several bilateral development agencies and for the United Nation's International Labour Organisation in Brussels, Geneva, Turin and Abidjan, dealing with labour market policies and skills development. She also worked for the European Parliament and the European Commission on macroeconomic pro-employment policies.
- **“The one about financial opportunities for postdocs (30/03, 11h-12h30)”**: this [Dive-into-Projects](#) session will be offered by the Grants Office of the Department of Research Affairs and Innovation. It provides an overview of the funding opportunities for postdoctoral research fellowships, leading to an academic career or a career outside academia. It furthermore covers funding opportunities for projects, with postdocs in a leading role.
- **“The one with the professors (27/04, 11h-12h30)”**: in this session professors of the University of Antwerp give a testimonial about their academic career trajectory and speak openly about the job of being a professor. How did their career journey take shape? Which steps did they take and which did they not? What does their career as a professor entail? What tasks do they manage on a daily/weekly basis? Speakers to be confirmed!
- **“The one about valorisation” (20/05, 11h-12h30)**: this session will be offered by the [Valorisation Office](#) of the Department of Research Affairs and



Innovation. It will cover the different pathways to valorize your knowledge and PhD research.

- **“The one with the post-academic careers” (17/06, 11h-12h30):** during this session several alumni PhD-holders talk about the transition from an academic to a post-academic career. They will talk about how they experience their career trajectory, whether they experienced obstacles, how their academic experience and skills are an added value for their current job....

Registration procedure

You can register online by clicking **this link**, with approval of your supervisor.