

Letter of Intent

Transfer of Grants – ‘Money follows Researcher’ (MfR)

1. The Science Europe Member Organisation _____ is dedicated to the further development of the European Research Area (ERA) and fully acknowledges its role in the advancement of research in Europe.
2. One of the preconditions for a successful ERA is the possibility for researchers to move to, and work at, the places best suited to their needs. One way to use existing national funding across Europe is to allow researchers to take with them the remainder of their grants to their new host institution.
3. The objective is to enable continuity of funding when researchers move locations, regardless of the reasons for mobility. This funding continuity can safeguard funding organisation investments in specific projects and minimise the disruption of work programmes.
4. In order to achieve the ambition of this Letter of Intent, _____ shall authorise researchers moving to another country to use the remainder of a current research grant for the continuation of their research abroad.
5. This Letter of Intent covers funding as indicated by each organisation in their national annex, displayed on their own webpages.
6. The authorisation for a transfer must be requested by the Principal Investigator wishing to move.
7. The grant shall be continued at the new research institution as closely as possible to the original terms and objectives.
8. Due consideration should be given to all members of the research team directly or indirectly impacted by the transferral of funds.
9. The conditions and requirements for MfR, as well as the components of a grant that are transferable, are listed in the annex to this Letter.
10. Data on the number of transfers, the amount of budget it transferred and the receiving countries will be collected by the Science Europe Office with the agreement of MOs for internal analysis and review. The Letter of Intent is publicised on the Science Europe website in order to make it transparent.
11. If _____ would like to withdraw from the agreement, the Science Europe Office should be notified.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Annex: Terms and Conditions

Each organisation must clarify the exact terms and conditions of the transferral of grants within three months after the Letter of Intent is signed. As a minimum requirement the organisation will provide the following:

1. List of types of grants which can be taken abroad:
2. Parts of the grants (types of cost) which are transferrable:
3. Conditions and requirements for submitting an MfR request including information on how direct and indirect impacts on research teams will be managed:
4. Limitations to the transfer of the grants:
5. Other relevant regulations: