



Designing a Talent Support Network (2011-2018)

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Presidential Conference on Talent Support Budapest - 2011



The idea of the European Talent Support Network and establishing Talent Centers appeared

ECHA CONFERENCE Münster - 2012



Prof. Peter Csermely introduced the
idea to the ECHA members



Forming the Documents on the European Talent Support Network

2012 Münster –

- 2-year-long process – ETC - Budapest
- discussion with about 50 international experts
- introduction the idea on international conferences, meetings
- discussion with ECHA correspondents all over Europe and beyond
- summerized by Prof. Peter Csermely

Talent Support Activity Map of Europe

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The General Assembly of ECHA agreed that ECHA supports, regulates and guides the formation of a European Talent Support Network and elected Qualification Committee.

Qualification Committee



Lianne Hoogeveen
NL, president



Csilla Fuszek
HU, secretary



Christian Fischer
DE



Brone Narkievicene
LT



Colm O'Reilly
IR



Margaret Sutherland
UK, Scotland



Ugur Sak
TR

Talent Centre qualification

In 2015 and in 2016 and 2017: 3 rounds of applications to become a European Talent Centre

**Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Greece,
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia,
Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey**

India and Peru, United Arab Emirates

24 centres from 21 countries

Over 350 Talent Points from 42 countries

Official Establishment 2015, 29 September



Membership of the ETSN

is open and limited to organizations/ joint organizations or parts of organizations active in the field of high ability.

- may have two forms:
 - that of a **Talent Centre or of a Talent Point.**
 - **Talent Centres or Points** situated in **Europe** are called **European Talent Centres or European Talent Points**
 - Talent Centres or Talent Points situated **outside of Europe** are called **Associated European Talent Centres or Associated European Talent Points.**

Talent Centres

organise activities in the field of high ability

- **in a region**
- **or a whole country**

Talent Centres are qualified by the Qualification Committee of ECHA

Talent Points

- organisations focusing on talent support (e.g. educational institutions), and/or of highly able young people, and/or their parents, teachers, mentors, policy makers, etc.
- **Talent Points are registered by Talent Centres /Network Council.**
- Guidelines for selection criteria of Talent Points are compiled by the Network Council and are finalized and accepted by the representatives of Talent Centres.

The ETSN today - 2018

- **Colourful variety:**

- field of gifted education,
- teacher education and training,
- programs for talented people
- some of the European Talent Centres are associated with universities or state institutions;
- some others are fully non-governmental, non-profit enterprises.

Such a diversity – if organized to a complex network – gives a great strength and resilience of the whole organization.



The Network – basic values

informal
personal
reciprocal
transparent
consistent
rational
communicative
enrichment
openness
cooperation



sharing
and
giving

First meeting (Brussels) - 2015





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European Talent
Support Network

Second meeting (Budapest)- 2016

Network
Council



Network Council

- Chairman: Albert Ziegler (Germany)
- Secretary: Csilla Fuszek (Hungary)
- Treasurer: Colm O'Reilly (Ireland)
- Mojca Jurisevic (Slovenia)
- Antonios Apostolou (Greece)

Presidential Conference Slovakia- 2016



Aims of the ETSN

- to increase the identification and different types of support
- to boost research activity in the field of high ability and help transfer findings to practice, especially into education;
- to extend the current sharing of best practices (from policies to educational know-hows) in the field of high ability;
- to help the increase of the European Council for High Ability (ECHA) membership

Aims of the ETSN

- to demonstrate that people involved in the field of high ability have reached a “critical mass” at the European (and worldwide) level;
- **which needs to be taken into account when discussing EU and national policies** in Europe (such as in education, research, innovation, social affairs, public health, etc.) related to high ability.
(human and financial resources)

Common programmes

- The European Talent Centres invites all organizations contributing to talent support in Europe and beyond to become **European or Associated Talent Points**
- **Erasmus Plus** – 3 year-long project
 - On-line learning Platform
- **Youth Summit – Youth Platform of the Network**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/167746493609769/?fref=ts>

websites

- <http://etsn.eu/>
- <http://www.echa.info/>

- Talent Map of Europe
- TalentWeb Newsletter
- Application to be a Talent Point - ongoing

