

# EURAXESS Newsletter #3 January 2022

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## KEY FIGURE OF THE MONTH

In 2021, the foreign researchers and PhD students welcomed by the EURAXESS office represent **over 76 different nationalities.**



## What's up in EURAXESS? 💬

### NEW TOOL, NEW REGULATION

### Focus on the hosting of foreign researchers, towards more attractiveness!



The French Law has introduced a new frame to facilitate the welcome of foreign doctoral students and researchers in research and higher education institutions. The "research stay agreement" (called « convention de séjour de recherche »), signed between the host institution and the PhD student or the researcher, provides a legal and secure framework for the conditions under which the researcher is hosted, particularly in certain cases of doctoral students or researchers with a scholarship.

This agreement details the terms and conditions of hosting, and defines the rules regarding intellectual property.

#### Which length of stay?

3 years for doctoral students (renewable twice) and one year maximum for post-docs.

### NO MORE PAPER FILE!

### I renew my residence permit online with ANEF!

The visa validation, the residence permit application and renewal procedures have been dematerialized for several months thanks to a **new platform**: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>.

The process can be done in French or in English.

Nevertheless, since many technical problems are still reported, do not hesitate to contact us in case of difficulty.

ATTENTION: The renewal of the residence permit must now be done **between 2 to 4 months before its expiry** whatever your situation. If you forget, you risk a fine of 180 €.



Validate your VLS-TS long stay



I would like to apply or renew my



Je demande la nationalité



I would like to apply for a work

## CALL: WE NEED 3 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME

The EURAXESS Office for Foreign Researcher would very much like to offer you **the best communication services possible**.

In this regard, we would be thankful if you took 3 minutes of your time in order to tell us more about your expectations by **filling this anonymous form**:

<https://sondagesv3.unistra.fr/index.php/917669?lang=en>. Thank you very much!



## Researcher in the spotlight

### Meet PhD Researcher

#### Jean-Jacques MADIANGA

I am originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo where I did most of my schooling. After a literary baccalaureate, I studied philosophy and theology, then public law at the University of Lubumbashi until 2010. After studying law, I worked as a lawyer and assistant lecturer at the University of Kikwit until February 2015, when I was forced to leave my country. First I went to Germany, where I attended the law faculty of the University of Würzburg for one and a half years, and then to the University of Strasbourg where I briefly studied international and European law, before starting a PhD thesis in October 2017 under the **supervision of Pr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer**.

I am conducting my **research in international human rights law at the Institut de Recherches Carré de Malberg (UR3399)** of the University of Strasbourg. My thesis focuses



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on the African mechanism for the protection of human rights. I am studying the convergences between the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights based in Arusha, Tanzania. To give you an example, I show in my thesis that the judges of the African Court draw a lot of inspiration from the decisions of their Strasbourg counterparts in the area of protection of freedom of expression and even more in the area of the right to a fair trial, for example. I conclude that it is essential that this phenomenon of borrowing, which is called "the dialogue of judges", be further strengthened in order to manifest the universality of human rights, while respecting the specificities of each legal system and the margin of appreciation of States, but avoiding that the pretext of cultural diversity be used to confiscate the fundamental rights and freedoms of peoples.

After my thesis, I plan to return to Congo to pursue a career as a teacher-researcher and a lawyer. If the security situation does not allow me to return to my country as soon as possible, I will examine the possibility of pursuing the same dream in France.

*Translation from French: Marion Thurot*

## Don't miss it : EURAXESS agenda

### UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturday, February 19th

#### Visit of the Château du Haut-Barr (Saverne)

Located at an altitude of 470m and known as the «eye of Alsace», this 12th century fortress offers a superb view and a journey back in time.



*Photo credit: Office du tourisme du Pays de Saverne*

#### Visit of the Villa Météor (Hochfelden)

The visit will allow us to discover the history of the brewery: an ancestral history for this family and traditional brewery.



*Photo credit: Marie-Hélène Mattern*

The detailed program of the day is not available yet. **Stay updated on our social media for more information!**



## The Euraxess' Tip

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO STAY UPDATED

You already know **our website** and **our contact email address**. But did you know that we are also present on **social media**?

**Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn and stay updated** on all our coming news!

<https://www.facebook.com/euraxessunistra>

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/euraxess-universite-de-strasbourg/>



### REGISTER ON ALFRED FOR A BETTER FOLLOW-UP OF YOUR FILE



**Alfred** is the database used by all Euraxess Centers in France in order to provide the best services for foreign PhD students and researchers.

If you are coming to work as a researcher at the University of Strasbourg in 2022, **please create your file in the database** by answering **the dedicated form**:

<https://www.fnak.fr/inscription/?lang=en&cid=alsace>

## Did you know?

### LA GALETTE DES ROIS

Traditionally, **on 6th January**, the French share the **galette des rois**.

This **delicious pie** is made of puff pastry and is usually filled with frangipane, a cream made of sweet almonds, butter, eggs and sugar. A porcelain lucky charm, **la fève**, is hidden inside.

This tradition takes place on **Epiphany**, originally to celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men, who came to bring gifts to the Baby Jesus in the Christian tradition.

Today, it is a time for **family or friends gatherings**. According to custom, the youngest guest present must hide under the table, and blindly allocate the slices to those present. The person who finds the fève in hers/his is declared **queen or king of the day**.



Since the French Revolution, there has been **no king or queen in France**. So there is no question of serving a galette des rois at the Élysée Palace, home of the President of the Republic... but not of a king or a queen!

*The Euraxess Team wishes you and your family all the best for 2022!*

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