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## **TIME TO ACT ON A PAN-EUROPEAN POLICY ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY TRAINING: HOW CAN EMBO CONTRIBUTE?**

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EUROPEAN MOLECULAR  
BIOLOGY ORGANISATION

## EMBO members

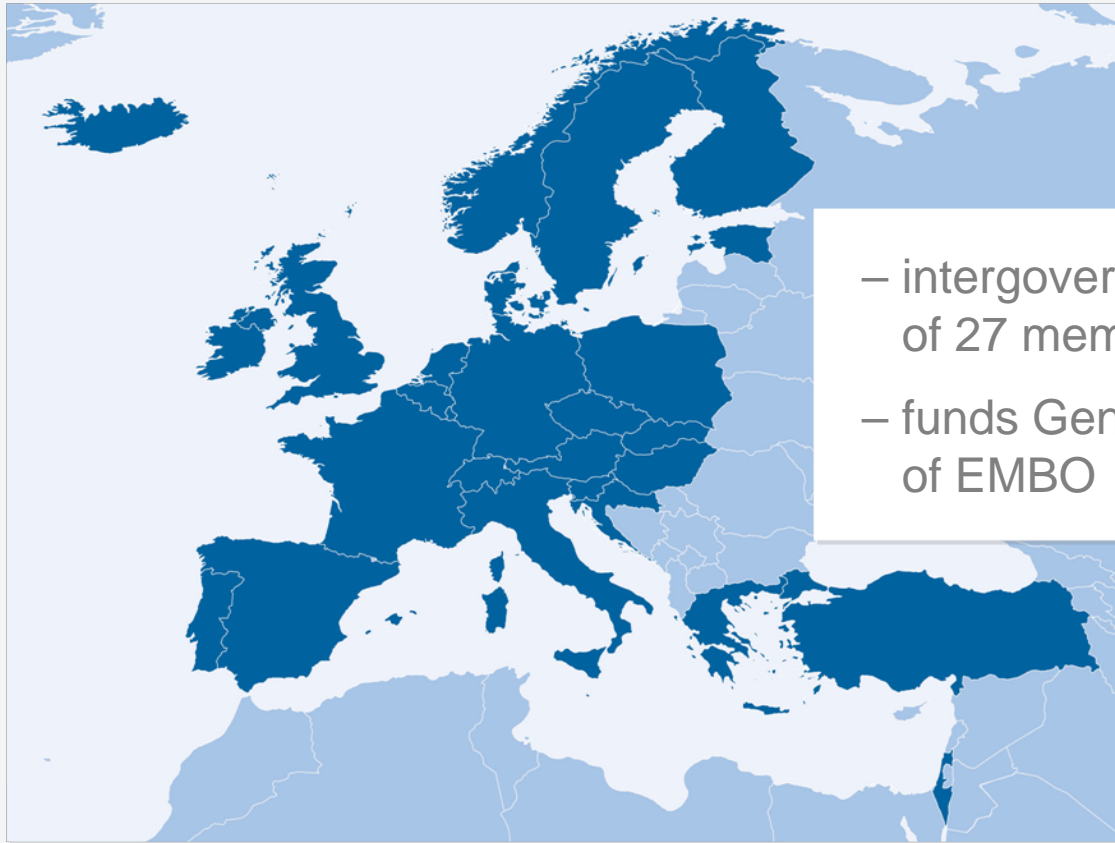
- more than 1400 scientists
- annual peer election
- guide all EMBO activities to deliver high-quality programmes

## EMBO Staff

- programme managers and administrators (25)
- journal editors and editorial assistants (20)

# EMBC

European Molecular Biology Conference



- intergovernmental organization of 27 member states
- funds General Programme of EMBO

# Programmes

## EMBO Courses & Workshops

- funding & support to organize practical courses, workshops & conferences

## EMBO Long-Term Fellowships

- post-doctoral research funding

## EMBO Short-Term Fellowships

- short research stays for up to three months

## EMBO Young Investigators

- funding & networking with young group leaders

Some national or local efforts on training in Research Integrity in Europe.....

But:

- coordination at the European level is needed
- tools are needed: guidelines, training modules

**Key problem: raising general awareness among scientists of the issues and existing guidelines**

# Potential role of EMBO

## A. Existing communication channels

- EMBC Member States and national institutions
- EMBO Members, Young Investigators, Fellows
- EMBO scientific publications: authors, reviewers, readers

## B. Experience

- peer review activities in EMBO programmes
- manuscript reviewing process at journals

# Activities and Platforms at EMBO

## EMBO Laboratory Management Courses

- training for conflict management, responsible mentoring
- platform for future activities

## Annual EMBO Fellows Meeting

- Session on research integrity for postdocs

## The EMBO Journal

- Transparent reviewing process



# Outlook

- a concerted action on RI in Europe?  
(who involved, who initiates, who leads?)
- a European ombudsman system?

## EMBO:

- EMBO Members as ombudsmen in their institutions?
- EMBO Science & Society Programme with new focus:  
research integrity as major remit