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Dear all,

We hope this email finds you well.

The pursuit of scientific knowledge knows no borders. In its quest for discovery, science transcends geographical boundaries, but what of the scientists themselves? Do they truly have equal professional and personal opportunities in the diverse and dynamic landscape of international scientific exploration?

In this edition of the newsletter, we delve into the realm of scientific mobility, focusing on the experiences and motivations of Eastern European scientists who have ventured westward in search of new horizons.

The article (“Motivations in East–West Doctoral Mobility: Revisiting the Question of Brain Drain“) we propose is based on the narratives of Polish and Bulgarian doctoral students who have chosen to explore new territories, both professionally and personally. These journeys are often driven by a patchwork of motivations, not defined solely by monetary gain but deeply intertwined with the economics of research and development. In an age where scientific positions are influenced by spending in these fields, we discover the intricate relationship between financial considerations and the allure of research opportunities.

While these trips may result in a net loss of researchers to their home countries, the findings reveal that scientists frequently return to their home countries, often for professional reasons, and maintain strong ties there. This phenomenon highlights the enduring bonds between scientists and their homelands, even in the early stages of their careers.

We invite you to look at the [full article](#), hoping it will be useful for your research process.

Best regards

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