New Action Plan 2016-2018

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0.- Introduction

- The URV continues seeking its objective of being a world recognised university. Enhancing its Staff policy is the beat way to achieve this strategic objective, since it promotes the quality of its employees and creates the best working conditions for them.

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0.1.- Revised action plan incorporating OTM-R policy & the HRS4R Charter and Code

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| 1. Have we published a version of our OTM-R policy online (in the national language and in English)?  
8. Is our current OTM-R policy in line with policies to attract underrepresented groups? | A1. Include the HRS4R into the strategic Plan for Research and Innovation |
| 1. Have we published a version of our OTM-R policy online (in the national language and in English)? | A2. Implement the OTM-R principles into the Research HR policy and strategy |
| 2. Do we have an internal guide setting out clear OTM-R procedures and practices for all types of positions?  
5. Do we have a quality control system for OTM-R in place?  
16. Do we have clear rules governing the appointment of selection committees?  
(See chapter 4.4.2.a)  
17. Do we have clear rules concerning the composition of selection committees? | A3. Include HRS4R and OTM-R into the Quality Management System of the HR Unit |
| 6. Does our current OTM-R policy encourage external candidates to apply?  
7. Is our current OTM-R policy in line with policies to attract researchers from abroad?  
9. Is our current OTM-R policy in line with policies to provide attractive working conditions for researchers?  
11. Do we have clear guidelines or templates (e.g. EURAXESS) for advertising positions? | A4. Increase our capacity to attract talent |
| 3. Is every involved in the process sufficiently trained in the area of OTM-R  
4. Do we make (sufficient) use of e-recruitment tools?  
15. Do we keep the administrative burden to a minimum for the candidate?  
21. Do we provide adequate feedback to interviewees?  
22. Do we have an appropriate complaints mechanisms in place? | A5. Recruitment process: Revision and encharment |
| 24. Working conditions (HRS4R Charter and code) | A6. Definition and implementation Welcome process |
0.2.- Self Assessment

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- It follows the information and deliverables for each action in the Action Plan 2013-14:

  Self Assessment
1.- Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment of Researchers

OTM-R ensures that the best person for the job is recruited, guarantees equal opportunities and access for all, facilitates developing an international portfolio (cooperation, competition, mobility) and makes research careers more attractive.

What is in it for the URV?

OTM-R brings benefits to researchers, within the URV and the wider research system. More specifically, OTM-R makes research careers more attractive, ensures equal opportunities for all candidates and facilitates mobility.

Overall, it may contribute to an increase in the cost-effectiveness of investments in research!
## 2.- Action Plan (I)

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| A1. Include the HRS4R into the Strategic Plan for Research and Innovation Plan | Create an specific comission to deal with our future HR policy  
Study the current situation of our researchers  
Design and approve our future policy  
Approve the new policy by the governing board  
Review recruitment processes and policies to ensure the ability to attract international talent and from underrepresented groups (women, disabled ...) | Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy and Research  
Vice-Rector of teaching and research staff | November 2015 - November 2016 | Strategic Plan for Research and Innovation policy document |
| A2. Implement the OTMR principles into the Research HR policy and strategy | Include the OTM-R policy into de URV HR policy  
Publish and wide disseminate the document in English, Spanish and Catalan  
Create a specific subunit to deal with this implementation in the HR unit | Quality Department and HR Unit | October 2016 - December 2017 | HR Policy document  
Functional description of the HR unit and the specific subunit  
Organization chart |
| A3. Include HRS4R and OTM-R into the Quality Management System of the HR Unit | Review and define processes and indicators related to the implementation of the HRS4R and OTMR principles  
Preparation of the services chart, including commitments related HRS4R and OTM-R  
Review of the Quality Manual to adapt to OTM -R  
Including the mechanism for evaluating compliance with the objectives of OTM-R in the system of quality management | Quality Department | December 2016 - December 2017 | Quality Manual  
Service Charter  
Description Process documentation |
# 2.- Action Plan (II)

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<td><strong>A4. Increase our capacity to attract talent</strong></td>
<td>Program &quot;Attracting talent -ICREA&quot;&lt;br&gt;Marti and Franqués Program (pre and post doctoral positions)&lt;br&gt;Review external mechanisms for offers publication (Euraxes jobs, etc.) to ensure they serve to attract the best candidates</td>
<td>Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy and Research</td>
<td>December 2017</td>
<td>Call dissemination process documentation</td>
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<td><strong>A5. Revision of the recruitment process</strong></td>
<td>Analysis of the survey to improve the process (working feedback channel)&lt;br&gt;Implement a OTMR training course for researchers and technical staff&lt;br&gt;Extend to all position the on-line and paper free application process&lt;br&gt;Implement complaints and suggestions process defined under the QMS services URV</td>
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<td><strong>A6. Definition and implementation Welcome process</strong></td>
<td>Adapt the web tool to welcome process&lt;br&gt;Define the coordination process within the URV units involved to welcome external researchers</td>
<td>HR Unit and other units involved: Icenter, departments, ...etc.</td>
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