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Objectives and Principles of the EUFASA Research Department

Objective

The primary mission of the EUFASA Research Department (ERD) is to conduct applied research on the challenges and opportunities arising from the high international mobility of public sector employees and their accompanying families. The aim is to produce practical, actionable insights that support policy development and advocacy efforts concerning foreign service partners and spouses.

More broadly, the ERD seeks to act as a hub for scholars and practitioners interested in the intersection of international mobility, gender equality, and family-tied migration—fostering dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.

Principles

ERD research is guided by the highest academic standards as set out in the [European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#). This includes a commitment to:

- the honest pursuit of knowledge,
- the appropriate use of research methods,
- respect for confidentiality in all research involving individuals, and
- strict compliance with intellectual property and copyright laws.

Research Focus

The ERD considers all topics relevant to foreign service partners and spouses for research, with particular attention to issues outlined in the [EUFASA Charter of the Rights of Families](#).

Research priorities, questions, and methods are shaped in consultation with EUFASA members and the EUFASA Board, while final decisions on scope and approach rest with the ERD.

Dissemination of Results

The ultimate goal of ERD research is to improve the mental, physical, and economic well-being of foreign service partners and spouses. Findings are shared with EUFASA members, European MFAs, and other relevant stakeholders.

Research Team

The ERD brings together representatives from family associations and affiliated researchers. Given the transitional nature of members' lives, individual contributions may vary over time. To ensure consistency and impact, each project is managed by a dedicated core team supported by additional research members. Profiles of some core researchers are available on the [EUFASA website](#).

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**Publications**

A list of ERD publications can be found on the [EUFASA Research Department website](#).