THE NETWORK
• Will bring a new dimension to the pan-European cooperation in supporting young talented people.
• Will expand the exchange and adaptation of best practices, distribution and application of scientific results, possibilities of mutual visits of young talents, their teachers, mentors, parents and all the experts devoting their life to talent support.

FOR THE FUTURE
• The second round of applications to become a European Talent Centre will be published in March, 2016.
• The European Talent Centres will invite all organizations contributing to talent support in Europe to become European Talent Points by the end of 2016.
• Read more info: on the ECHA website (www.echa.info) and also on the ECHA’s Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/ECHAGroup).

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The 2014 General Assembly of ECHA (2014 September) agreed that ECHA would support, regulate and guide the formation of a European Talent Support Network and elected a Qualification Committee led by Lianne Hoogeveen, Csilla Fuszek as secretary, and Margaret Sutherland, Christian Fischer and Colm O’Reilly, as members.

In March 2015 the Committee invited European talent support organisations to submit their application to become a European Talent Centre.

By the end of April, 29 European Talent Centre applications from 19 countries arrived to the Committee.

In the first round of submissions 14 applications from 13 European countries (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland and Turkey) were qualified by the Committee to become the first European Talent Centres.

29 September 2015: the first 14 European Talent Centres were inaugurated in the Brussels building of the European Parliament.

In November 2015 the centres invited European organisations to become a European Talent Point; the Call was published on the ECHA web-site.

31 January 2016: more than 230 applications to become a European Talent Point from 25 European countries were received by the Centres.