

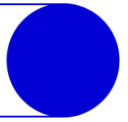
MSCA-NET

WHAT EVERY MSCA NCP NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT OTHER PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

NETWORK OF THE MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

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Introduction

The aim of this document is to guide MSCA NCPs through the various projects and networks that are relevant to MSCA and NCPs daily work. The projects and initiatives have been identified through the synergy task (Task 5.1) of the MSCA-NET project. This document is not a deliverable but a direct outcome of the synergy task.

MSCAdvocacy project

Start date: 1st May 2022
End date: 30th April 2025
GA number: 101059907
Coordinator: DLR, Germany



The MSCAdvocacy project is funded by Horizon Europe with a duration of 36 months as from May 2022 to April 2025. The project aims to contribute to a more strategic promotion of the MSCA in 20 selected international partner countries and six regions. For doing that, the project implements desk research including a qualitative monitoring of the participation in MSCA and interacts with local stakeholders remotely and during fact-finding missions to identify challenges in MSCA participation and to better synchronize with support programmes and initiatives in the target countries. The collected information is conveyed to the European Commission in the form of country/region-specific policy briefs, while MSCA promotion activities are organized on an ad-hoc basis to exploit opportunities.

Did you know?

MSCAdvocacy is assessing the trends in the 20 targeted countries and six regions in relation to their respective participation in MSCA calls, i.e. the increase or decrease in MSCA participation in Horizon Europe calls in comparison to H2020, overall and by type of action. Whenever there is significant difference, a further investigation is done. Factsheets on the 20 countries will be available soon.

Find more about the project [here](#).

Why is it useful for you?

You may be an NCP from one of the 20 countries or your country may wish to cooperate with one of the 20 countries. You will be able to find more information about the trends and participation in MSCA calls.



ERA Talent Project

Start date: 1st March 2023
End date: 28th February 2026
GA number: 101103476
Coordinator: APRE, Italy



The EURAXESS network serves as a connecting platform for researchers, entrepreneurs, universities, and businesses. It offers valuable information regarding mobility, talent development support, and funding opportunities. EURAXESS consists of a network of around 600 centers and contact points in Europe and around the world. The EURAXESS network activities are supported by the European Commission through a project.

The EU-funded ERA TALENT project is dedicated to facilitating the implementation of the new ERA Communication while enhancing the services provided by the existing EURAXESS network. Its primary goal is to boost the career advancement of researchers in Europe, unlocking fresh opportunities in academia, industry, and business sectors. To achieve this, the project will establish five thematic hubs, each delivering tailored support services based on the expertise of various centres. Moreover, it will set up six communities of practice to facilitate the exchange of information and enhance talent management services.

Did you know?

The ERA talent project is preparing a number of podcasts with the cooperation of MSCA-NET. Furthermore, representatives of the ERA Talent project will train MSCA NCPs on the new functionalities of the revamped EURAXESS platform which will be launched in June 2024.

Why is it useful for you?

You will be aware of the new functionalities of the platform and guide your clients accordingly. Furthermore, you may use the podcasts for promotion.

EURAXESS Worldwide

Start date: 1st January 2024
End date: 31st December 2027
Tender: Framework Service Contract FWC- 00147039
"EURAXESS Worldwide - 4th Framework Contract for the animation of the international network"
Coordinator: PRACSIS



EURAXESS Worldwide is the international arm of the EURAXESS Initiative and links the rest of the world to Europe. EURAXESS Worldwide Representatives working in different regions/countries develop, run and animate networks of researchers (members) working outside of Europe. They organise activities, disseminate information and act as a first point of contact for members who wish to connect or stay connected with Europe, and particularly those who are interested in research career or cooperation opportunities in Europe. The overall aim of the project is to raise awareness around the world about the attractiveness of Europe as a research destination: the excellent researcher mobility and career opportunities in Europe as well as the international research and innovation collaboration opportunities it offers, especially through Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe and the EURAXESS services available to assist researchers interesting in coming to Europe.

Did you know?

Currently EURAXESS Worldwide has a total of 13 dedicated representatives for 9 regions/countries: ASEAN (based in Singapore and Indonesia), Latin America and Caribbean States (based in Brazil and Colombia), China (based in Beijing), India (based in Delhi), Japan (based in Tokyo), South Korea (based in Seoul), Australia/New Zealand (based in Sydney), Africa (based in Ethiopia and Tunisia) and North America (based in Washington) covering US and Canada.

Find out more from [here](#).

Why is it useful for you?

You may use this synergy to co-organise events if you are based in a third country or you may promote your host offers (For PF) and job positions (for DN and COFUND) through their channels.

MCAA

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) is a dynamic international non-profit organisation, supported by the European Commission but driven mainly by volunteer members who benefit or have benefitted from MSCA funding. Beyond a researchers' association with more than 20k members, MCAA promotes a bottom-up approach, is active in providing policy feedback, and embraces the diverse career paths of its members as a catalyst for positive societal impact.



Did you know?

Through lifelong career development support, networking opportunities, and advocacy efforts, MCAA extends to all members the benefits of MSCA funding throughout their entire career.

MCAA, with its extensive and wide network of current and past fellows, actively participates in European funded projects and effectively promotes MSCA calls and MSCA-NET tools. Additionally, its annual conference, attended by more than 400 people, serves as a significant collaborative and exchange platform.

Find out more from [here](#).

Why is it useful for you?

You may engage with the local/regional/national chapter or in the working group and co-organise events. You may recommend the network to your successful applicant and if you have been part of an MSCA yourself (such as MSCA-NET) you can also become a member.

NCP_WIDERA.NET project



Start date: 1st April 2022

End date: 31st March 2025

GA number: 101055286

Coordinator: National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland

The NCP_WIDERA.NET Project is a 3-year project with the aim to empower the network of National Contact Points (NCP) for Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area under the Horizon Europe Framework Programme.

As in MSCA-NET, one of the work packages – WP4 ‘Widening stakeholders and synergies’ is dedicated to the aim of reaching out to stakeholders relevant to ensuring the synergies between the Widening and other Programmes and initiatives. The target audience here are the programme owners and managing authorities / NCPs of other programmes such as ESIF, EEN, COST, EIT etc.

Did you know?

NCP_WIDERA.NET project offers the applicants from Widening countries free-of-charge pre-screening of project proposals carried out by external experts registered in wideraexperts.eu portal.



The wideraexperts.eu is a portal that facilitates the matchmaking of experts with applicants from Widening countries preparing proposals within the Widening, ERA, Pillar II clusters and EIC Pathfinder schemes under the Horizon Europe programme. The goal of this platform is to ensure the quality of proposals thanks to the feedback that the applicants receive from the experts.

As NCP from an eligible country you can use wideraexperts.eu, in cooperation with a relevant WIDERA NCP, to facilitate the matchmaking process between the applicant and the expert. Your role is to verify, select and match the expert candidate with the applicant based on the information provided during the registration process.

The project also offers travel grants and study visits for stakeholders and researchers.

Find out more from [here](#).

Why is it useful for you?

If you are NCP from a widening country, you may suggest the free pre-screening service and travel grants to your clients.



COST

What is COST?

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding organisation for research and innovation networks. Our Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and beyond and enable researchers and innovators to grow their ideas in any science and technology field by sharing them with their peers. Through our activities we aim to strengthen Europe's scientific and research capacity to address scientific, technological and societal challenges.

What are COST Actions?

A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic of their choice for 4 years. COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions and other relevant organisations or interested parties.

Open to all science and technology fields, including new and emerging fields, COST Actions offer an inclusive, pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers.

Did you know?



COST Actions are open to join after the proposal was awarded funding. This openness is a unique feature of the COST philosophy.

COST Actions act as a pre-portal to other funding instruments. Follow-up proposals from COST Actions have a 37% success rate, which leads to 5.8 million spin-off funding per Action.

Find out more about COST from [here](#).

Why is it useful for you?

You may check the funded actions and find funded actions with stakeholders/applicants from your country. Most of the COST actions may be easily followed by Doctoral Networks or Staff Exchanges proposals.

EEN

The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) is an initiative that supports small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with international ambitions. It helps businesses innovate and grow on an international scale.



The Network brings together experts from member organisations that are renowned for their excellence in business support.

EEN provides the following assistance to SMEs:

- **Innovation and Growth:** The EEN helps businesses innovate and grow on an international scale.
- **Market Intelligence:** It provides crucial market intelligence and regulatory information for companies venturing into fast-growing markets in Asia, Africa, and the Americas.
- **Business Partnerships:** The network facilitates business partnerships and promotes new technologies globally.
- **Sustainability:** EEN guides companies in transitioning to more sustainable business models.
- **Digitalization:** Tailoring digital solutions to business needs is another key focus.



- Access to Finance: Identifying sources of finance and ensuring businesses are investor-ready.
- EU Funding Opportunities: EEN assists in identifying EU funding opportunities that suit specific business needs.

Did you know?

For tailored advice, support, and opportunities for international partnerships, businesses can connect with their local EEN contact point. Whether it's tax considerations for operating in the United States or navigating EU legislations, the EEN is there to assist!

Find out more about EEN from [here](#).

Why is it useful for you?

You can suggest non-academic partners for Non-Academic Placements (NAPs) and secondments available in MSCA, as well as brokerage events to your clients.

RICH Europe project

Start date: 1st June 2022

End date: 31st May 2029

GA number: 101058398

Coordinator: APRE, Italy

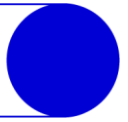


RICH Europe is a 84 month Coordination and Support Action built on the past experience and achievements of the Research Infrastructures Networks funded under H2020 (RICH and RICH-2). The overall aim of the project is to improve and support the professionalisation and harmonisation of Research Infrastructures National Contact Points (NCPs) services across Europe and to contribute to the consolidation of the European research infrastructure ecosystem. RICH Europe provides also services for stakeholders, as such as webinars for the promotion of Transnational and Virtual Access.

Did you know?

Research Infrastructures (RI) offer various opportunities that might be of interest to MSCA researchers and scientist from all research field, including transnational or virtual access to research infrastructures. The RI funded projects publish the opportunities on their respective project websites. RICH Europe has gathered the opportunities on their website.





For more info visit [TAVA - Rich Europe \(rich-europe.eu\)](https://rich-europe.eu)

Why is it useful for you?

MSCA NCPs can offer the opportunities to make use of labs and available infrastructure to their respective clients.

PATTERN project

Start date: 1st January 2023
End date: 31st July 2026
GA number: 101094416
Coordinator: APRE, Italy

PATTERN.

Empowering Open and Responsible
Research and Innovation

PATTERN is a 42-months Coordination and Support Action whose general aim is to promote the practice of Open and Responsible Research and Innovation (Open RRI) by developing and piloting training activities for researchers at all stages of their careers. Besides trainings, main results include: catalogue of world-wide existing training resources on Open RRI for researchers; policy podcasts; booklets on thematic learning opportunities, and much more!

Did you know?

PATTERN training will be co-designed and fine-tuned within PATTERN Consortium to perfectly respond to the needs of end-users across 2 learning cycles, each 12 months long, covering 8 identified transferable skills in the context Open RRI:

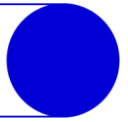
- Open Access
- Research Integrity
- Management and Leadership
- FAIR data management
- Science Communication
- Dissemination and Exploitation of results
- Citizen Science
- Gender, non-discrimination and inclusion in research

All the above will be designed with the innovative Project Based Learning (PBL) methodology at their core, and most of them can be crucial for improving MSCA applications too.

Why is it useful for you?

MSCA NCPs can follow and promote the courses to their respective clients. Although not all courses will be delivered publicly in a synchronous way, all the materials of the courses will be openly available on the PATTERN platform for self-paced asynchronous training.





PATTERN will keep developing an official [glossary](#) of Open RRI-related keyword, and a [KNOWLEDGE HUB](#), which might be useful for MSCA NCPs clients as well to have a comprehensive resource on Open RRI in general, and the 8 abovementioned topics in particular.

[PATTERN - Research and Innovation \(pattern-openresearch.eu\)](https://pattern-openresearch.eu)

[PATTERN Platform registration and login](#)

Joint Research Center (JRC)

The JRC provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies to positively impact society.

JRC plays a key role at multiple stages of the EU policy cycle. It contributes to the overall objective of [Horizon Europe](#).

JRC works closely with research and policy organisations in the Member States, with the European institutions and agencies, and with scientific partners in Europe and internationally, including within the United Nations system.

In addition, JRC offers scientific expertise and competences from a very wide range of disciplines in support of almost all EU policy areas.

Did you know?

MSCA and JRC are co-organising annual science policy matchmaking events. The events are part of the Science-Policy initiative to bring researchers and policymakers closer for stronger evidence-based policymaking.

Why is it useful for you?

MSCA NCPs should be informed that JRC can take part as an Associated Partner in Doctoral Networks and host secondments.

Furthermore, MSCA NCPs may promote to doctoral network coordinators and/or MSCA postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to contact jrc-msca@ec.europa.eu to find out about the possibility to train in the JRC's unique laboratories.

