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Your Research and Innovation Opportunities

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08:00 – 08:45 REGISTRATION

08:45 – 09:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Moderator:

- **Dr. Mary Kavanagh**, *European Commission, Directorate General for Research and Innovation*.
Introductory remarks on Destination Europe Initiative and Horizon 2020
- **Dan André**, *Chair of the European Strategic Forum for International Cooperation*.
- **Yves Berthelot**, *Vice-Provost for International Initiatives*.

09:00 – 09:45 MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

This presentation will introduce the opportunities that the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions offer to researchers encouraging them to come to Europe. It will guide the audience through the three ways of participating: (i) by applying directly for a vacancy in a project, (ii) by applying for an individual fellowship or (iii) by joining with a consortium of European Researchers to exchange staff between Europe and the US. The levels of funding and support available will be explained.

- **Louise Byrne**, *Research Programme Officer, Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions*
- **Bodo Richter**, *Deputy Head of Unit – Research careers; Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions*

09:45 – 10:30 OPPORTUNITIES IN FRANCE: LAND OF INNOVATION AND SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

France offers opportunities for both young and experienced researchers to work or lead teams in laboratories, universities and national research institutions and enjoy the French “art de vivre.” The landscape for innovation and technology transfer has been transformed in recent years thanks to a National Investment Plan to increase the visibility and efficiency of these fields. The situation in France is particularly favourable for scientists and entrepreneurs looking to establish themselves within strong national, European and international networks.

- **Minh-Hà Pham**, *Counsellor for Science and Technology, Embassy of France in the US*
- **Mireille Guyader**, *Director of the National Institute for Health and Medical Research (Inserm) Office in the US*
- **Philippe Hazane**, *Attaché for Space, Delegate for the National Center for Space Studies (CNES)*
- **Sarah Mondet**, *Associate Director of the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) Office in NAFTA*
- **Manon Dirand**, *Deputy Nuclear Counsellor, Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) Representative*

10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:15 OPPORTUNITIES IN DENMARK

You will hear testimonials from top researchers from the USA including a Nobel Laureate. They will explain why Europe is an excellent place to conduct research with a focus on the Life Sciences as well as providing insight into living conditions in Denmark.

- **Mikkel Skovborg**, *Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education*
- **Vera Ehrenstein**, *Aarhus University*
- **Video message from Dale T Mortensen**, *Nobel Laureate in Economics, Professor in Economics*

11:15 – 11:45 OPPORTUNITIES IN IRELAND: A DESTINATION TO PURSUE EXCELLENT AND IMPACTFUL RESEARCH

Over the past decade Ireland has become recognised internationally for both its approach to investment in science and for the scientific excellence that it has produced. Nature magazine has named Ireland as a top 5 country for up-and-coming high level research based on the quality and quantity of scientific research being carried out in its research institutes. This session will provide information on the Irish funding programmes available to researchers wishing to join the ranks of researchers responsible for Ireland’s impressive ratings. You will also hear about open positions at Science Foundation Ireland’s large scale Research Centres which are actively recruiting.

- **Roisin Cheshire**, *Scientific Programme Manager at Science Foundation Ireland*
- **Eric Vogel**, *Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology*

11:45 – 12:30 EURAXESS

EURAXESS provides access to a complete range of information and support services for Europeans and non-Europeans wishing to pursue research careers in Europe. It provides a single access point for information, including a network of walk-in centres offering personalised assistance to researchers moving from other countries. EURAXESS combines four major initiatives: Jobs, Services, Rights and Links.

- **Viktoria Bodnarova**, *EURAXESS Links North America Regional Representative*

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 14:45 OPPORTUNITIES IN GERMANY

Germany has many career opportunities to offer to researchers from around the world. Presentations will offer an overview of research policy and framework conditions in Germany and of funding programmes for international researchers, at all career levels. We welcome your questions!

- **Karsten Hess**, *German Embassy in Washington D.C.*
- **Stefan Altevogt**, *German Research Foundation (DFG), Office North America, New York*
- **Solveig Berkman**, *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Office New York*
- **Sonja Ochsenfeld-Repp**, *European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KOWI), Office Bonn, Germany*
- **Christopher Frieling**, *Fraunhofer Gesellschaft*

14:45 – 15:15 OPPORTUNITIES IN BELGIUM

This session will present the various programmes established by Belgian universities, allowing US researchers to join and conduct their own research projects. Amongst other attractive opportunities, particular emphasis will be given to the BEWARE FELLOWSHIPS, co-funded by the European Commission and the Walloon Ministry of Research.

- **Maxime Van Cauter**, *Scientific Liaison Officer, Wallonia-Brussels International*
- **Geneviève Verbeek**, *General Consul of Belgium in Atlanta*
- **Ralf Lucas**, *Associate Professor Pharmacology and Toxicology, Georgia Regents University*

15:15 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 16:00 OPPORTUNITIES IN SWEDEN

Sweden is one of the world’s innovation leaders. This session will give you information about research and innovation in Sweden and the possibilities open for researchers. Concrete examples will be given.

- **Dan André**, *Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA)*

16:00 – 16:45 EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

This session will present European Research Council (ERC) funding opportunities available for both early career researchers and senior research leaders. The ERC operates according to a «bottom-up», approach, allowing researchers to identify new opportunities in any field of research. It encourages competition for funding between the very best, creative researchers of any nationality and age.

- **Luis Fariña Busto**, *Scientific Officer, Physical Sciences and Engineering Unit, European Research Council Executive Agency*

16:45 – 17:00 HORIZON 2020: OPEN TO THE WORLD

This session will present Horizon 2020 which is the world’s largest multinational programme supporting research and innovation. It is the European Union’s flagship research funding programme and is fully open to researchers from public and private organisations from across the world.

- **Errol Levy**, *Research and Innovation Attaché at the EU Delegation to the USA*

17:00 – 17:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS AND CLOSE OF EVENT

17:15 COCKTAIL RECEPTION

DESTINATION EUROPE Your Research and Innovation Opportunities

Europe has a vibrant and exciting science and technology culture and offers many excellent and generous career funding opportunities for researchers and innovators, no matter where they come from in the world. Destination Europe conferences showcase these opportunities.

Presentations by speakers representing some of the major funding organizations in Europe are illustrated by testimonials from researchers who have taken advantage of the opportunities offered to develop their careers.

Destination Europe is a joint initiative of the European Union and its Member States.

We encourage you to participate fully in the conference – ask questions, network and take this unique opportunity to speak with experts from funding bodies as well as with people who have chosen to work in Europe and to learn from their experience.

Europe's success depends on its ability to attract leading talent to complement and catalyse the talent we already have.

Enjoy the Conference. We look forward to seeing you in Europe!

HORIZON 2020



Máire GEORHEGAN-QUINN
European Commissioner for Research,
Innovation and Science

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Together we can:

- Extend the frontiers of scientific knowledge
- Tackle challenges that affect us all - wherever we are - such as infectious diseases, energy security, food safety and climate change
- Make industry, and notably SMEs, more competitive by linking research firmly to innovation, leading to better products and services for us all

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