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HORIZON 2020 MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS' ADVISORY GROUP ON SKILLS,
TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

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**Frequently used abbreviations in connection with the
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon 2020 (and FP7)**

AC Associated Countries
AG Advisory Group
C&C European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers
CIG Career Integration Grants
COFUND Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes
DG Directorate General
EAC Education & Culture
EC European Commission
EID European Industrial Doctorate (in ITN)
EIT European Institute of Innovation & Technology
EM II Erasmus Mundus II
EPR European Partnership for Researchers
ERA European Research Area
ERAMORE European Research Area & Mobility of Researchers in Europe
ERC European Research Council
ERCEA ERC Executive Agency
ESOF EuroScience Open Forum
EURAXESS Portal = Jobs Services Rights (Charter & Code)
FPn Framework Programme “n” for R&D
H2020 Horizon 2020 – framework programme for research and innovation 2014-2020
HR Human Resources
GA Grant Agreement
IAPP Industry-academia pathways and partnerships
ICPC International Cooperation Partner Countries
IDP Innovative Doctoral programme (in ITN)
IEF Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development
IIF International Incoming Fellowships
IOF International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development
IPR Intellectual Property Rights
IRSES International Research Staff Exchange Scheme
ITN Initial training Networks (in Horizon 2020 Innovative Training Networks)
IF (in Horizon 2020 Individual Fellowships)
IxF The collective abbreviation for the IEF, IIF and IOF schemes
KIC Knowledge Innovation Community
LERU League of European Research Universities
MCA Marie Curie Actions
MCAA Marie Curie Alumni Association
MCFA Marie Curie Fellowship Association
MSCA Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (in Horizon 2020)
MFF Multiannual Financial Framework
MS Member States
NIGHT Researchers' Night Action
PAG People Advisory Group
REA Research Executive Agency
RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
RRI Responsible Research and Innovation
RTD DG Research
SG Steering Group
SGHRM Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility
SME Small and Medium Enterprises
URF Unique Registration Facility
WP Work Programme
xRG The collective abbreviation for the RG (Reintegration Grants) schemes IRG and ERG
YoM Youth on the Move

POINT 1 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Commission welcomed the members of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Advisory Group, thanked them for having come to the meeting and reminded that the AG will be a very important forum to collect input from experts on several aspects of the MSCA.

The agenda was adopted (see Annex I).

POINT 2 –INTRODUCTION AND TOUR DE TABLE

In a tour de table all members of the Group shortly introduced themselves and their particular interests (see list of members of the Advisory Group in Annex II). The Commission was delighted to have such a distinguished group of experts around the table and stressed that this group exceeded the target for female representation in Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups by far.

POINT 3 - PRESENTATION OF THE MANDATE

The Commission presented the mandate of the Group (see slides in Annex III).

POINT 4 - ELECTION OF BUREAU (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, RAPPORTEUR)

The Advisory Group accepted an offer from the Commission to provide the Rapporteur for the Group.

The Group elected Prof. Dr. Gülsün Saglamer as Chair, Dr. Vanessa Campo-Ruiz and Dr. Hans Borchgrevink as Vice Chairs.

POINT 5 - REVIEW OF THE MCA AND POLICY ACTIONS IN FP7

As a scene setter for the future work of the Group, the Commission presented the wider policy context of the MSCA, which included an overview of the state-of-play of the European Research Area and main findings from two recent studies: the Researchers' Report and MORE2 study (see slides in Annex III).

The Group discussed some specific aspects of this study in detail, in particular that a survey seems to suggest that, next to several positive impacts of mobility on researchers' careers, there might also be a few negative ones such as a slower progression in financial conditions and reduced job options.

After that, the Commission presented detailed statistics of all FP7 Marie Curie Actions (see slides in Annex III). This was followed by a discussion on the decreasing success rates and options to improve the situation.

POINT 6 - UPDATE ON HORIZON 2020

The Commission presented a general overview and introduced the MSCA in Horizon 2020: Innovative Training Networks (ITN), Individual Fellowships (IF), Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) and Co-funding of regional, national and international

programmes (COFUND), as well as the support action European Researchers' Night (see slides in Annex III).

The presentation was followed by a first round of questions, clarifications and discussions on the following aspects:

- flexibility of the mobility rules;
- academic and non-academic exchanges and definition of the two sectors;
- funding of senior researchers and their importance as trainers and supervisors;
- part-time positions;
- training and mobility aspects in specific thematic research areas;
- the workload of individual fellows due to outreach activities, training in transversal skills and intersectoral secondments;
- mobility concepts for the long-term future;
- synergies with other EU Programmes, including the European Structural and Investment Funds;
- financial support of seconded researchers and flexibility of transfers between cost categories.

POINT 7 - PRESENTATION OF MSCA POLICY OBJECTIVES

This point on the agenda was covered under Point 6.

POINT 8 - DISCUSSION ON MODE OF OPERATION, AREAS OF CONCERN

The Chair presented a document that summarised the achievements of the F7 People Advisory Group (see Annex III) and asked the Commission to provide a list of all acronyms¹, which might be helpful for the upcoming work of the Group.

For the future meetings, the Group agreed to have more structure in the discussions and to consider establishing working groups on specific topics. These topics might be proposed by the Advisory Group, but also by the Commission. In that respect the Commission mentioned the possibility that the MSCA Advisory Group would be involved in future studies on certain aspects of the MSCA.

POINT 9 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Group agreed that the 2nd meeting of the MSCA Advisory Group would be organised on 6 March 2014. Further meetings could be organised taking into account the timing of required output of the Group, as well as MSCA events such as Presidency conferences. Meetings of the Advisory Group could be organised back-to-back with these events, which would allow the members of the Group to get in contact with Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellows.

¹ See list of acronyms on p.2 of the Summary Record

Draft AGENDA

1st meeting of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Advisory Group

Brussels – 4 October 2013 (10.30 - 17.00)

Venue: BER WHALL 1st floor – The Berlaymont building

(Allow 5min extra for Security)

Address: Rue de la Loi 100, 1040 Brussels

Metro station: SCHUMAN

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Introduction - Tour de table (Members, EC)
3. Presentation of the Mandate
4. Election of Bureau (Chair, Vice Chair, Rapporteur)
5. Review of the MCA and policy actions in FP7
- Lunch (Buffet)
6. Update on Horizon 2020
7. Presentation of MSCA Policy Objectives
8. Discussion on AG mode of operation, priorities
9. Any Other Business

ANNEX II - MEMBERSHIP, PARTICIPATION

Members	Affiliation	Participation
ANTICIC Tome	RBI - Rudjer Boskovic Institute	Y
APPELO Lisette	Philips Research	Y
BORCHGREVINK Hans - <i>elected V Chair</i>	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)	Y
CAMPO RUIZ Vanessa - <i>elected V Chair</i>	European Science Foundation (ESF)	Y
DARŠKUVIENÉ Valdoné	Vytautas Magnus University	Y
DELAURÉ Stijn	LERU	Y
FEELY Orla	Irish Research Council	Y
FLOREA Silvia	Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu	Apologies
FRANITZA Petra	Sächsisches Textilforschungsinstitut e.V	Y
GEORGIEVA Lilia	Heriot-Watt University	Y
HOLST Elke	DIW German Institute for Economic Research	Y
HORVAT Manfred	Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien)	Y
IRVING Phil	EMBL	Y
JERMOL Mitja	Jozef Stefan Institute	Y
KHELEF Nadia	Institut Pasteur	Apologies
KULL Björn	Karolinska Institutet	Y
LAAKSO Liisa	University of Helsinki	Y
METCALFE Janet	Vitae-CRAC	Y
MYDEL Piotr	University of Bergen	Y
RØMER CHRISTENSEN Hilda	University of Copenhagen	Y
SAGLAMER Gülsün - <i>elected Chair</i>	Faculty of Architecture, ITU	Y
SPHICAS Paris	University of Athens	Y
SZMOLENSZKY Agnes	Bay Zoltan Nonprofit Applied Research	Y
TRINDADE Margarida	Business Research Unit, ISCTE-IUL	Y
VAN DER HEIJDEN Beatrice	Radboud University Nijmegen	Y
VON BÜLOW Isolde	Graduate Center LMU	Y
WEGENER Henrik Caspar	The Technical University of Denmark	Y
WRÓBEL Anna	Polish Agency for Enterprise Development	Y

Participation by Commission/REA staff:

CURELL Jordi - DG EAC

LUCHETTI Alessandra - DG EAC

RICHTER Bodo - DG EAC

ROGERS Mike - DG EAC

LANGE Martin - DG EAC

PARTYKA Kamila - DG EAC

ROCCARO Mario - DG EAC

SOUSA LOURENCO Joana – DG EAC

ANNEX III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING

- Presentation of the Mandate – presentation by M. Lange Agenda point 3
- Review of the MCA and policy actions in FP7 – Agenda point 5
two presentations by M. Rogers
- Update on Horizon 2020 – presentation by K. Partyka Agenda point 6
- Discussion on AG mode of operations, priorities – Review Agenda point 8
of the FP7 People Advisory Group