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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE
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 Chair welcomed the members of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Advisory Group (AG) and thanked them for having come to the meeting.

The agenda was adopted (see Annex I).

POINT 2 – ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft summary record of the 1st meeting of the MSCA AG on 4 October 2013 was sent to the members on 4 December 2013, asking for comments by 10 January 2014. No comments were received.

The summary record of the previous meeting was thus adopted without modifications.

POINT 3 – CURRENT AND FUTURE MSCA WORK PROGRAMMES

The Commission presented the main elements of the MSCA Work Programme 2014-2015 and the time line of the preparation process towards the next Work Programme 2016-2017.

After the presentation, members of the Group entered a discussion on the following topics:

- Evaluation process of proposals received under the MSCA
- Integration of the principles of Innovative Doctoral Training in the MSCA
- Joint doctorates and the time frame needed for implementation within projects
- Clarifications of definitions (academic and non-academic sector, international European interest organisations)

POINT 4 – PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE STUDY "MARIE CURIE RESEARCHERS AND THEIR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT"

The contractor gave a presentation of the main findings from the study "Marie Curie researchers and their long-term career development". The Group acknowledged the usefulness of this study for its upcoming work and specifically discussed a few issues such as the relation between mobility and obtaining permanent positions in research.

The Group also recommended relating this study to other studies, e.g. the one led by Science Europe and Elsevier on "Comparative Benchmarking of European and US Research Collaboration and Researcher Mobility". Moreover, statistics on female Marie Curie fellows could be compared to the ones of female researchers of the control group.

POINT 5 – INPUT ON UPCOMING STUDIES

The Commission presented background information about the upcoming study on research careers, which will be started this year in order to investigate aspects of high relevance for the successful implementation of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

such as dual careers in research, promotion measures of research careers towards potential future researchers and career restart in research.

The Group provided detailed feedback on each of these points, which would be analysed by the Commission and, if possible, taken on board when drafting the Terms of Reference for this study. The Group was invited to provide additional comments and suggestions to the Secretariat by 13 March.

POINT 6 – MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE MSCA AG

The Commission presented the timing for the development of the Work Programme 2016-2017. The Advisory Groups would be involved in the second quarter 2014 for specific input on the strategic directions to be taken. A position paper should be delivered by July 2014. Further input for the preparation of the MSCA Work Programme 2016-2017 would be expected by the end of 2014.

POINT 7 – ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Commission gave an introduction to CIRCABC, the online IT platform that will be used by the Advisory Group for exchanging documents and for facilitating forum discussions.

In order to streamline future discussions, Chair and Vice-Chairs suggested the creation of the following working groups:

- a. Gender Balance / Gender Perspective
- b. Mobility and International cooperation
- c. Multidisciplinarity + Cross-cutting Research and Innovation
- d. Research Career Development / Doctoral Training and Skills
- e. Societal and Economic Impact
- f. SME Participation + Co-Funding

All working groups had a first short meeting in order to discuss working arrangements. The following coordinators were chosen:

- a. GEORGIEVA Lilia
- b. BORCHGREVINK Hans
- c. CAMPO RUIZ Vanessa
- d. IRVING Phil
- e. FEELY Orla
- f. WEGENER Henrik Caspar

POINT 8 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further points were raised.

POINT 9 – DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Chair announced that the 3rd meeting of the MSCA AG would take place on Wednesday 18 June 2014. The Technical University of Denmark had kindly accepted to host this meeting so that it could be organised in conjunction with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie conference, which would take place at the Copenhagen Business School on 19-20 June 2014 and with the ESOF conference on 21-26 June 2014. Tentative dates for the other meetings planned for 2014 would be communicated to the Group later.

Draft AGENDA

**2nd meeting of the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for the
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions**

Brussels – 6 March 2014 (10.30 - 17.00)

Venue: DG Education and Culture, J-70

Address: Rue Joseph II 70, 1000 Brussels

Metro station: MAALBEEK/MAELBEEK

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Adoption of the draft summary record of previous meeting
3. Current and future MSCA Work Programmes
4. Presentation of the final report of the study “Marie Curie Researchers and their long-term career development”

Lunch (Buffet)
5. Input on upcoming studies
6. Milestones and deliverables for the MSCA AG
7. Organisational arrangements (working groups on specific aspects, relationship with other H2020 AGs, available IT tools)
8. Any Other Business
9. Dates of next Meetings

ANNEX II - MEMBERSHIP, PARTICIPATION

| Members | Affiliation | Participation |
|---|--|---------------|
| ANTICIC Tome | RBI - Rudjer Boskovic Institute | Y |
| APPELO Lisette | Philips Research | Resigned |
| BORCHGREVINK Hans - elected V Chair | The Research Council of Norway (RCN) | Y |
| CAMPO RUIZ Vanessa - elected V Chair | 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 | Y |
| FRANITZA Petra | Sächsisches Textilforschungsinstitut e.V | Y |
| GEORGIEVA Lilia | Heriot-Watt University | Y |
| HOLST Elke | DIW German Institute for Economic Research | Apologies |
| HORVAT Manfred | Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien) | Y |
| IRVING Phil | EMBL | Y |
| JERMOL Mitja | Jozef Stefan Institute | Y |
| KHELEF Nadia | Institut Pasteur | Y |
| KULL Björn | Karolinska Institutet | Y |
| LAAKSO Liisa | University of Helsinki | Y |
| METCALFE Janet | Vitae-CRAC | Apologies |
| MYDEL Piotr | University of Bergen | Y |
| RØMER CHRISTENSEN Hilda | University of Copenhagen | Y |
| SAGLAMER Gülsün - elected Chair | Faculty of Architecture, ITU | Y |
| SPHICAS Paris | University of Athens | N |
| SZMOLENSZKY Agnes | Bay Zoltan Nonprofit Applied Research | Y |
| TRINDADE Margarida | Business Research Unit, ISCTE-IUL | Y |
| VAN DER HEIJDEN Beatrice | Radboud University Nijmegen | Apologies |
| 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
 LANGE Martin - DG EAC
 PARTYKA Kamila - DG EAC
 SAINZ Julie – DG EAC

GYSEN Sara, GfK