

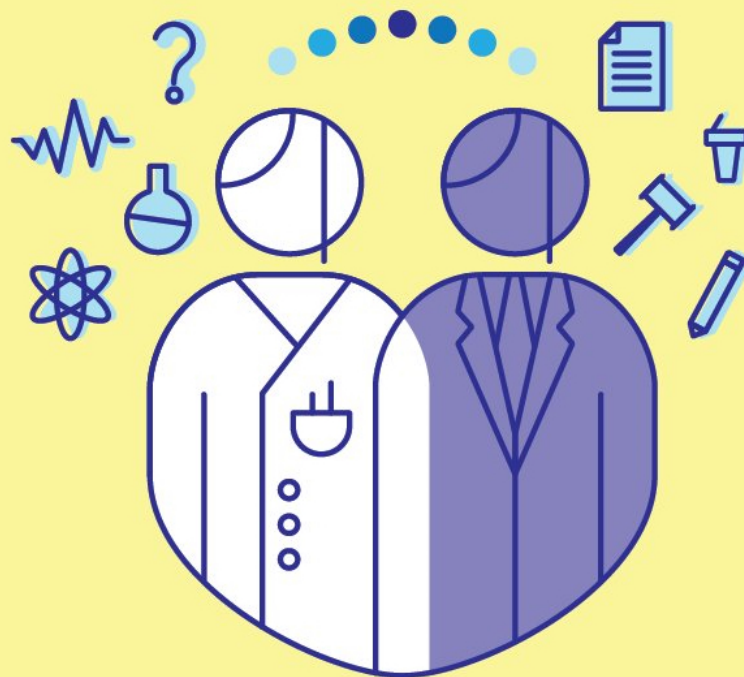


Agenda

# Science and policy matchmaking event

**Linking researchers and policymakers  
for MSCA non-academic placement opportunities**

31<sup>st</sup> May 2022



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Online event, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, 09:30-13:00 (CEST)

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) are organising a "Science and policy matchmaking event" to bring together researchers and potential policy-related host institutions.

09:30 **OFFICIAL WELCOME**

09:35 **WHY FOSTERING INTER-SECTORAL MOBILITY FOR BETTER SCIENCE FOR POLICY? AN EAC-JRC COLLABORATION**

**Claire Morel**, Head of Unit, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, DG EAC

**David Mair**, Head of Unit, Knowledge for Policy: Concepts and Methods, JRC

09:45 **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SCHEMES AND OPPORTUNITIES UNDER MSCA**

**Lorenzo Melchor**, Policy Analyst, Knowledge for Policy: Concepts and Methods, JRC

**Anouk Lafortune**, Policy Officer, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, DG EAC

10:10 **DISCUSSION PANEL: People bringing science and policy closer**

Moderated by **Marija Mitic**, Policy Analyst, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, DG EAC

- *Panellists to be confirmed*

11:00 **SHORT BREAK**

11:15 **MATCHMAKING SESSION 1: Scientific discipline groups**

Break-out groups will be moderated by MSCA National Contact Points, and attendees will be allocated according to their interests into different scientific disciplines based on MSCA scientific panels (following their selected choice during registration).

12:00 **MATCHMAKING SESSION 2: Policy organisation types**

Break-out groups will be moderated by MSCA National Contact Points, and attendees will be allocated according to their interests into different policy fields/ types of policy organisations (following their selected choice during registration).

12:45 **WRAP-UP PLENARY SESSION**

General feedback and next steps will be provided by **Marija Mitic**, **Anouk Lafortune**, and **Lorenzo Melchor**.

13:00 **END**

# General information

- *Are you a researcher interested in being exposed to policy environments for a short time? Would you like to have a better understanding of how policymaking works and the role of scientific evidence in it? Would you like to grow your network of policy professionals?*
- *Do you belong to a policy institution interested in hosting researchers at your organisation for a short time? Would you like to have scientific support in improving your evidence-informed processes? Would you like to have better access to scientific knowledge and academic networks?*

If you have answered 'yes', you will be interested in this science and policy matchmaking event organised by **the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)** and **the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)**, held online next 31st May from 09:30-13:00 (CEST).

## Background

The European Commission is currently evaluating their policy frameworks, instruments and mechanisms available to promote **science for policy and evidence-informed policymaking processes** across all Commission services and Member States' governance levels, as part of the writing of a SWD on the topic ([see participatory workshop](#)).

Among these, **the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)** offer researchers the opportunity to join public administrations, establish links with policymakers and engage in policymaking processes through their research work.

Although the range and formats of such opportunities spans across almost all programme actions (Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships, Staff Exchanges, etc.), this first event will focus on **the placement opportunity under MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)**.

**Placements** are a new feature in PF and their goal is to create stronger inter-sectoral links through a 6-month placement in a non-academic organisation at the end of the fellowship. Next MSCA PF call is opening in May 2022 (closing mid-September 2022).

As PF applicants must state their host organisation for any placement experience at the time of the application, this event seeks to foster networking and help both parties—researchers and policy institutions—find their right matches based on their scientific discipline and/or policy field.

Therefore, **the main aim of this matchmaking event** is to link policymakers interested to host researchers with researchers preparing their PF application and looking for suitable hosts for the 6-month non-academic placement at the end of the fellowship.

## Call for researchers

This is an event dedicated to **researchers with an interest in applying for MSCA postdoctoral fellowships**. In addition, they should have one or more of the following interests:

- Researchers with an interest in learning about policymaking,
- Researchers interested in providing science advice to governments and/or parliaments, and/or
- Researchers with an interest in exploring career options in policymaking.

## Call for policy organisations

We kindly invite representatives from the following organisations and with the interest of potentially hosting researchers for a short time to register to the event:

- Science, technology and innovation policy organisations such as research and education ministries, regional governments, public foundations, etc.
- Science and policy boundary organisations providing science advice to governments and/or parliaments such as public agencies, science advisory councils, strategic and foresight government offices, science and technology parliamentary offices, research parliamentary libraries, etc.
- Science diplomacy organisations such as Ministries of Foreign Affairs, embassies, consulates, international bodies, national/regional networks of science and innovation delegates, etc.
- Any public administration body (ministry, regional government, local council, parliament, agency...) interested in having access to scientific knowledge.

Importantly, public organisations qualifying as Research Organisation or Higher Education Institution are **NOT** eligible to be a non-academic placement host.

For organisations that have registered in the [Participant register](#) of the EC and have a PIC number, you can check what category your organisation falls under.

If your organisation has not yet registered, it will need to do so to participate in the call.

