



Marie Curie Alumni Association - MCAA

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BACKGROUND

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- European Commission Marie [Skłodowska] Curie Actions [M(S)CA] have been a key element of EU R&D policy across successive framework programmes
- MSCA Promotes / assists **international mobility** for researchers
- Estimated **100 000+ researchers** have benefitted from M(S)CA
- Need to 'extend' benefits beyond the formal contractual M(S)CA experience by creating an association – the MCAA in 2013



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Marie Skłodowska-Curie (1867-1934)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



ITN Innovative Training Networks

What does it offer?

High-quality research training delivered through international and interdisciplinary networks, industrial doctorates or joint doctorates

Who applies?

International networks of research organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors

Who is funded?

Researchers at doctoral level (less than four years of full-time research experience and no doctoral degree)

Call details:

Opened: 2 September 2014

Closes: 13 January 2015

at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Budget: € 370 million



IF Individual Fellowships

What does it offer?

Opportunities to work on personal research projects by moving between countries and possibly sectors to acquire new skills

Who applies?

Individual researchers together with the host organisation

Who is funded?

Postdoctoral researchers

Call details:

Opens: 12 March 2015

Closes: 10 September 2015

at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Budget: € 215 million



RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange

What does it offer?

The exchange of staff members involved in research and innovation to develop sustainable collaborative projects and the transfer of knowledge

Who applies?

International networks of research organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors

Who is funded?

Researchers, technical, administrative and managerial staff of any nationality and at all career levels

Call details:

Opens: 6 January 2015

Closes: 28 April 2015

at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Budget: € 80 million



COFUND Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes

What does it offer?

Regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development

Who applies?

Organisations funding or managing doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes

Who is funded?

Researchers at doctoral and postdoctoral level

Call details:

Opens: 14 April 2015

Closes: 1 October 2015

at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Budget: € 80 million

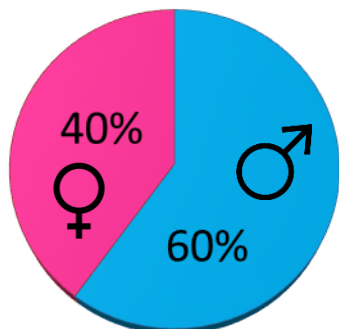


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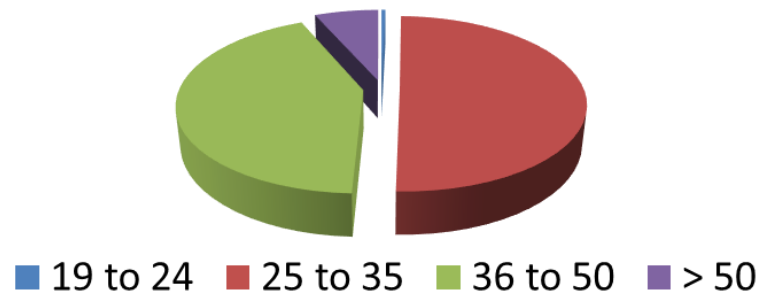
MCAA Membership (over 10,000 members)

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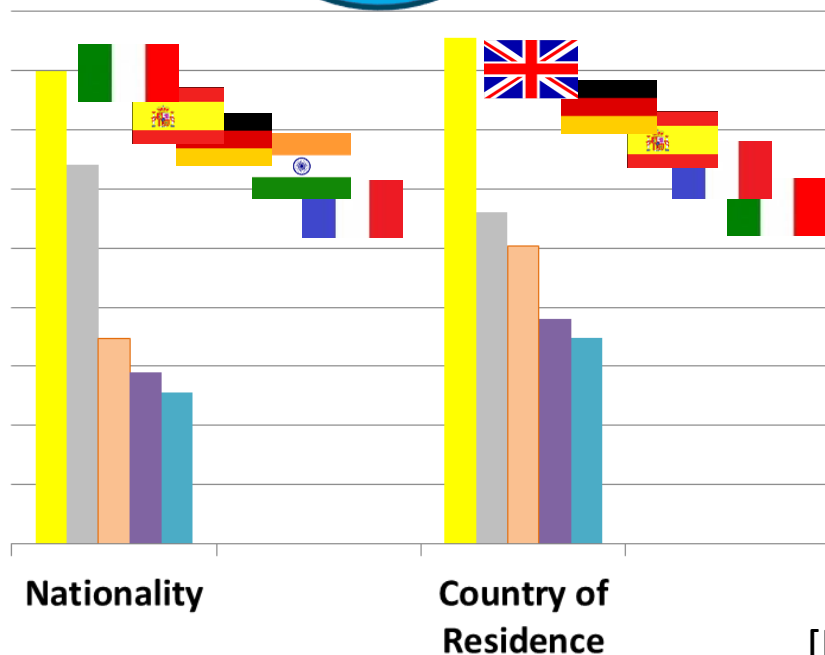
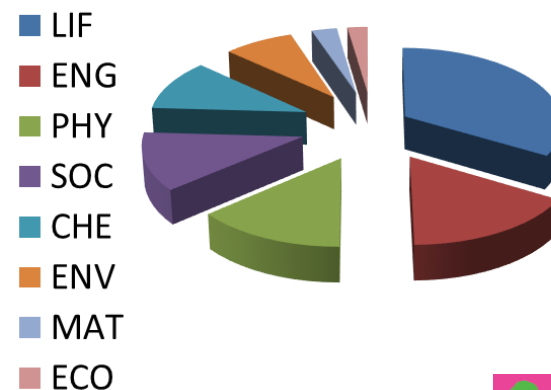
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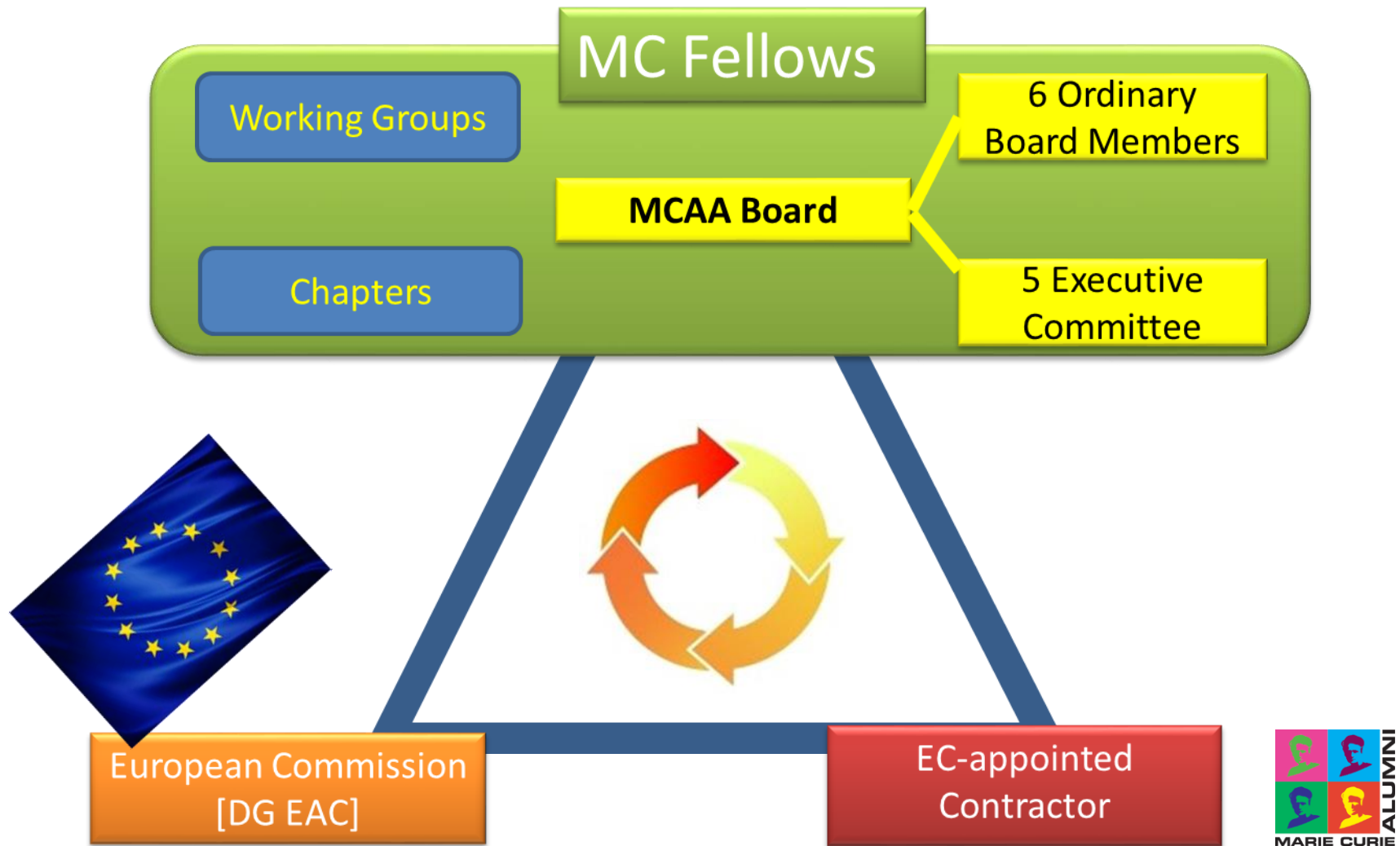
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[<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/charts>]

MCAA Structure

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MCAA Web Site

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<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA). The header is blue with the MCAA logo on the left, which consists of four colored squares (green, red, blue, yellow) each containing a stylized portrait of Marie Curie, and the text 'MARIE CURIE ALUMNI' to the right. The main title 'MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION' is in large white letters. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, ABOUT US, GROUPS, EVENTS, NEWS, and JOBS. On the right of the navigation bar are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and links for 'Sign up' and 'Log in'. The main content area features a large banner image of a hand holding a glowing orange sphere. Overlaid on the banner is a dark box with the title 'Services' and text: 'If you have been, or are currently, involved in a Marie Curie Programme project, you may enjoy the benefits of MCAA membership. The on-line facilities currently offered are just a start, and preparations are in hand for a wider range of useful features, benefits and services for MCAA members.' Below the banner is a yellow box with the text: 'The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) is promoting an active community of researchers benefiting from the European Commission's Marie Curie programme. An Association providing high-quality services to enhance research and professional collaboration. Find out about our activities! Join us!'

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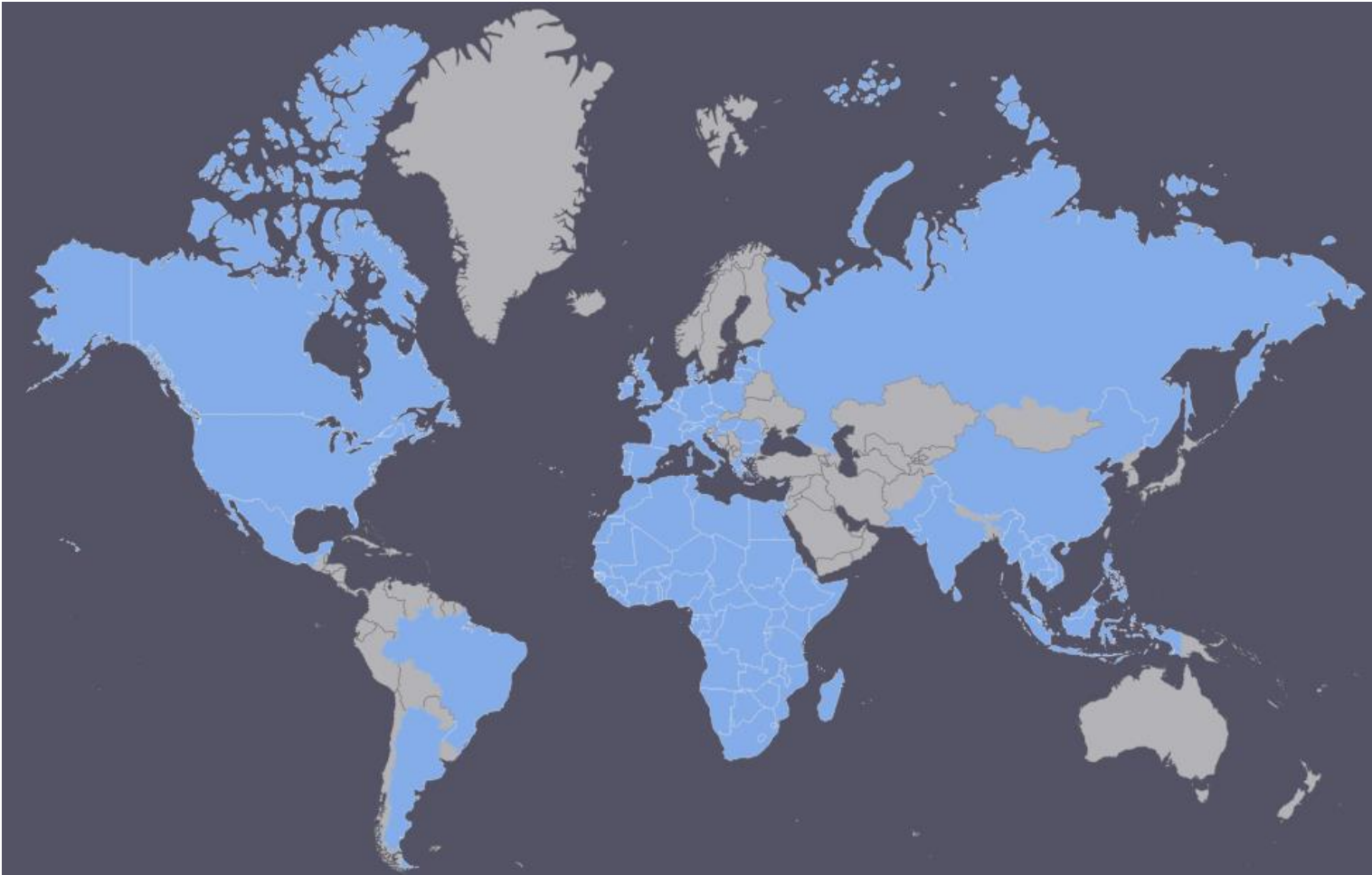
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Western Balkans Group

The Western Balkans Group has been created as a forum for interaction between MCAA members originating from, and/or currently based in, territories in the Western Balkans region [Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo (under UN Security Council Resolution 1244), FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia] where there is no existing MCAA Chapter.

The aim is to cooperate with a view to setting up a formal MCAA Chapter for this region, for which there are already well over 100 members in the MCAA:

Country	Nationality	Resident
Albania	11	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	15	3
FYR Macedonia	11	3
Montenegro	7	1
Serbia	86	20
TOTAL	130	28

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Membership

Contributors



administrator member



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Twitter [@MCAA_WB](#) (MCAA Western Balkans Group)



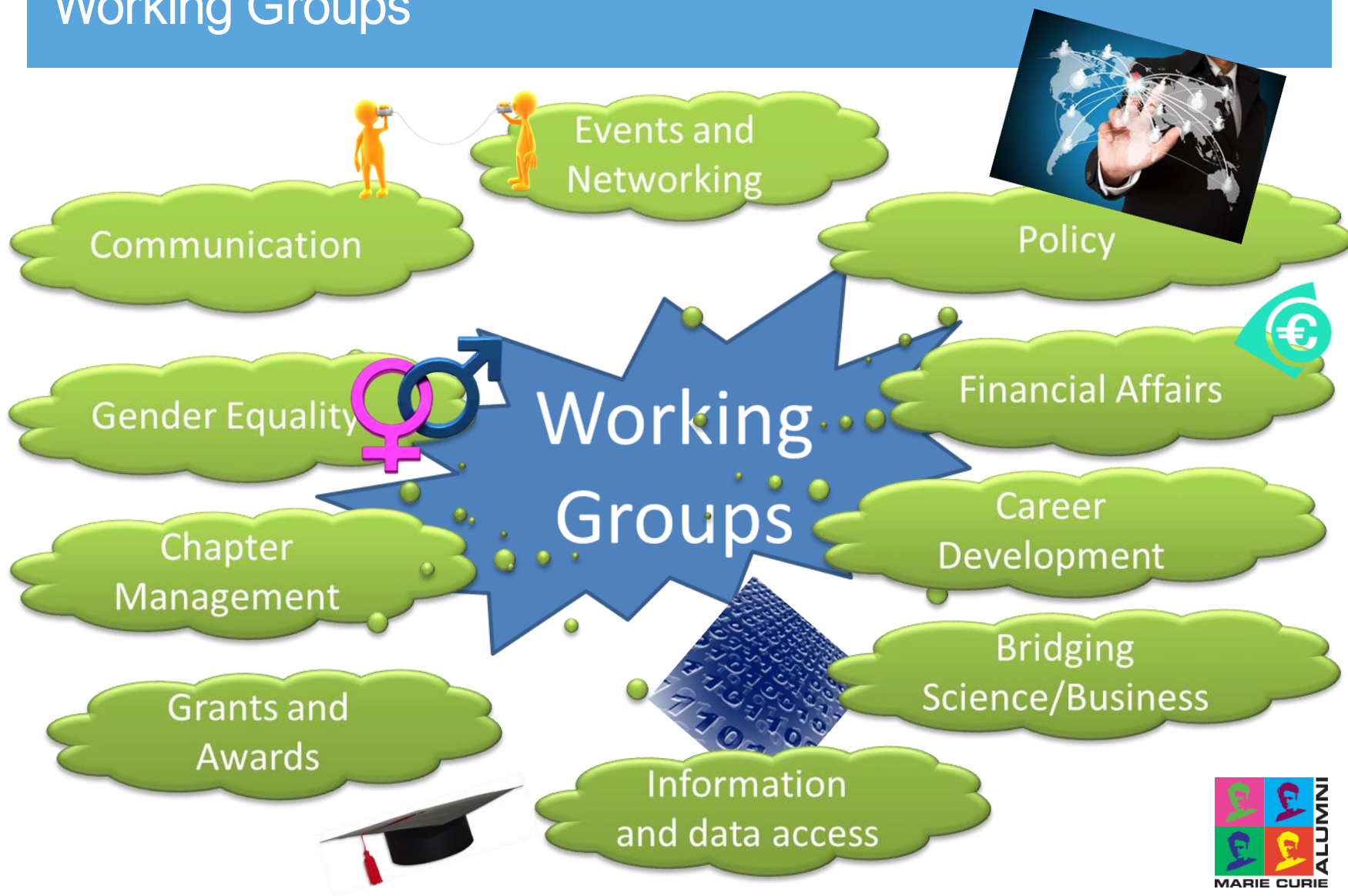
Western Balkans MCAA Group

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- The Western Balkans Group has been created as a as a General Interest Group, which we hope will provide a forum for the **exchange of ideas, experience and best practice** across MCAA alumni from the Western Balkan region.
- The aim is to cooperate with a view to setting up a formal MCAA Chapter for this region, for which there are already well over 100 members in the MCAA.
- A secondary objective is to encourage other Marie Curie beneficiaries from, or based in, the region to join the MCAA, and to become involved in regional and international networking activities.
- We welcome suggestions on real-life issues that relate to both research and researchers working in the Western Balkan region. Through that, we can use our group to better support the key issues which the MCAA is focusing on.
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Working Groups

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ESOF 2018 Toulouse

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MCAA has a very strong presence at the EuroScience Open Forum in Toulouse and lead 8 sessions and contribute to the MSCA Satellite event.

Researcher Career Development

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We support the career development of our members regardless of whether they want to make career in academia, in industry or in some completely different role.



The poster features a stylized illustration of a hot air balloon basket with a person inside, floating over a city skyline that includes the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben. A speech bubble from the person in the basket says "Follow me #acadcd17". The DKFZ logo is in the top right corner, with the text "GERMAN CANCER RESEARCH CENTER IN THE HEINRICH HEIMANN ASSOCIATION" and "Research for a Life without Cancer".

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Career Day Academia

Friday, October 20th, 2017
DKFZ, Communication Center

➔ **Register now: www.dkfz.de/careerday**
Get a copy of exclusive interview with P. Campbell (*Nature*)

WORKSHOPS Die Zeit/academics, DAAD, MCSA & CORBEL

IN COOPERATION WITH
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MCAA

- Runs events
- Runs surveys
- Gives Feedback to the Commission
- Advises Members
- Training
- Builds good relations with MSCA Projects



Science Communication

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Science Slams



University of Warsaw
Biological and Chemical
Research Centre

STANDING UP FOR SCIENCE EU

Media and policy workshop
Friday 10th November, 9am - 4pm,
University of Warsaw

Standing Up For Science Workshops



European Researchers' Night



Training Courses



Learning Solutions **epigeum** | **OXFORD**
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  Teaching
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  Leadership
and Management



Bridging Science/Business

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Innovation and Technology Transfer are a topic that win great interest from our membership and are an important part of our focus.



Sciencepreneurship: Research is done.
What's next?
MCAA Austrian Chapter
TU Wien



Joint Meeting of the MCAA Polish
Chapter and Bridging Science Business
Working Group
Gdańsk

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**DALIBOR
DRLJAČA**

SESSION
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WIDENING PARTICIPATION IN MSCA, SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

Speakers: Dalibor Drljača, Radenka Krsmanović Whiffen, Sandra Vidović, Fernanda Bajanca, Maja Miše (moderator)

Session Description

The interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 has provided insight into striking discrepancies between different participating countries and this gap affects excellent researchers that are still continuing to face intrinsic difficulties in participating in the programme. In the "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" document the Commission has identified these "low R&I performing" or "widening participation" countries and proposed different programs to bridge this gap.

The MCAA supports the process of "widening participation" of all EU countries within current and the next Horizon framework programme. In our panel discussion, with researchers coming from the "widening participation" countries, we will tackle the issues of different programs of "widening participation" and how they are affecting researcher from "widening countries". The aim of the discussion is to propose a set of recommendations to EU policymakers and national governments how to improve the current performance of the "widening countries".



Widening Fellowships

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Consider the **Widening Fellowships** applications to the call for **MSCA-IF**, where the host organisation is located in an eligible widening country, will be automatically resubmitted to this call in case their proposal fails to reach an adequate place in the ranking to be funded in the regular MSCA-IF call.

Widening countries

Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Associated Countries: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, North Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Thank you for your attention

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Without science there's
no knowledge and
without knowledge
there's no democracy!
I invite all scientists
to be vocal about the
importance to invest
in fundamental science.

Carlos Moedas - #ESOF2018 Toulouse

