



# Increasing Researchers' employability in Europe: Marie Curie Actions' Formula for Successful Careers



#### DRAFT AGENDA

Day One: October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

- 14:00 Welcoming speech on CNRS and Marie Curie Actions: CNRS
- 14:20 Marie Curie Action FP6: A comprehensive policy for Researchers' careers: EC official

### Session I

- 14:40 National strategies to best exploit Marie Curie Actions potential
  Representatives of Member States will present their use of Marie Curie Actions to
  increase researchers' employability and how this EU funding scheme influenced their
  national policy
  - Keynote speech: Daniel Funeriu, Ministry of Education, Romania (confirmed)
  - Stephane Aymard , National Contact Point, France (confirmed)
  - Marina Govoroff or Martine Roussel, Representative of "Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche", France (MESR) (confirmed)
  - Connor O'Caroll, Acting Marie Curie National Contact Point, Irish Universities, Ireland (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

16:00 Coffee break

#### Session II

16:15 Synergies between private companies and academic groups: key skills for a job in the private sector

Speakers will present their intersectorial experience and how private sector can benefit from Marie Curie Actions

- o Diarmuid O'Brien, representative of Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN), Dublin, Ireland (confirmed)
- o Carlos Malpica, representative of Biopolis, Madrid, Spain (confirmed)
- Åsa Wheelock, Group Leader Clinical Proteomics, ex-MC fellow at University of California, USA (confirmed)
- Michel Mermet-Guyennet, representative of Alstom, France (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

#### Session III

17:35 Research institutes strategies to best train researchers

Representatives of research institutions will present how MCA were used to improve training of researchers and their working conditions

- Representative of CNRS (tbc)
- Costas Fotakis, FORTH, Director of Institute of Electronic Structure & Laser, Greece (confirmed)
- o Claudia Eggert, Heads of the KoWi Office in Brussels, Belgium (confirmed)
- o Ari Elson, representative of Weizmann Institute (confirmed)
- University of Birmingham (tbc)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

18:45 End of Day 1

# Day Two: October 4th 2011

#### Session IV

9:30 Fostering employability: the example of social scientists in multidisciplinary and multisectorial environments.

Team leaders will show how social scientists and scientists in general can benefit from multidisciplinary and multisectorial collaborations

- Michael Stewart, Anthropology department of UCL, London, United Kingdom (confirmed)
- Marcello Mollica, Marie Curie fellow, Italy (confirmed)
- o Maria Aluas, Marie Curie fellow, Romania (confirmed)
- EC project coordinator (tbc)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

#### 10:50 Coffee break

#### Session V

11:05 Marie Curie Actions: worldwide collaborations

Speakers will present how Marie Curie Actions contribute to attract research talents from outside and foster mutually beneficial research collaborations with non-European researchers

Keynote speech: M'Hammed Sabour, Professor of Sociology – University of Eastern Finland (confirmed)

- Mary Wu, Marie Curie Fellow, USA (confirmed)
- o Gibor Basri, Marie Curie Coordinator, Berkeley, USA (confirmed)
- Elena Romanova, Marie Curie Fellow, Russia (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

#### 12:45 Lunch break

#### Session VI

13:45 European organisations' visions

Speakers will present the strategy of European wide organisations in the field researchers training and employability

- Lidia Borell-Damian, EUA, Association of European institutions of higher education (confirmed)
- o Giovanna Oddo, Member of the European Patent Office Academy (confirmed)
- Esperança Manuel, Secretary General of the Marie Curie Fellowship association (confirmed)
- Laura Marin ESF (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

- 15:00 From best practices to future implementation: FP7 funding opportunities Louise Byrne, Research Executive Agency (REA) (confirmed)
- 15:20 The future of Marie Curie Actions Representative from Marie Curie Actions Policy Unit Directorate General for Education and Culture European Commission
- 15:40 End of the meeting

# **Practical Information:**

# Address of the meeting:

CNRS – Auditorium Marie Curie 3 Rue Michel Ange 75016 Paris

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