

“The two sides of brain circulation” – international & intersectoral mobility

Vienna, February 5th 2015

09.00 – 10.00 Registration and ***Get together***

10.00 Welcome Speeches

- Jordi Curell, European Commission
- Barbara Weitgruber, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy

10.30 Keynote Speech –input on the topic of the conference

- Mario Cervantes, OECD

11.00 How the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) can help to achieve international and intersectoral brain circulation

- Bodo Richter, European Commission

11.30 Panel Discussion – causes for brain gain/drain and how to benefit from brain circulation

Moderation: Martin Haidinger, (“Die Presse”)

- Ulrike Unterer, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy
- UNIKO (tbc)
- Andreas Breinbauer, Rektor der FH des bfi Wien (tbc)
- Rainer Münz, Erste Group (tbc)
- Fernando Galindo-Rueda, OECD
- Annalee Saxenian, University Berkeley (Example: Silicon Valley) (tbc)
- Angela Parenti, IMT Lucca, Research collaborator in the MCA project *EXODUS*

*****01.00 – 02.00 pm Lunch break*****

Afternoon-Breakout sessions (in parallel) 14.00 – 16.00

Working Group 1: The International dimension of *brain circulation* - how the MSCA have the potential to turn the tide and how the reform of EU immigration rules for third-country national researchers can support this

Working Group 1 focuses on the international dimension of brain circulation and gives speakers and participants the possibility to debate aspects of brain gain/brain drain and related policies and programmes. In particular, the potential of the MSCA grants as a means for attracting international research talent will be discussed, a MSCA-researcher will present her research project and experiences, and structural policy measures, such as the ongoing reform of EU immigration rules for third-country national researchers, will be presented.

Participants:

- Andrea Höglinger, FFG, Division European and International programmes
- Andreas Breinbauer, FH Rektor bfi Wien (tbc)
- Gordana Tomislava Popović, ERCEA (tbc)
- Cristina Tealdi (IMT Lucca, MCA project EXODUS) – via Skype
- Angela Parenti (IMT Lucca, Research collaborator in the MCA project EXODUS)
- Bodo Richter, European Commission
- Sebastian Stetter, European Commission

Working Group 2: Bridging Science and Economy - the intersectoral dimension of brain circulation

The aim of Working Group 2 is to illustrate the realisation of successful collaborations between academia and non-academia and underpin it with concrete examples. In addition, the possibilities for intersectoral research cooperation in the MSCA will be presented.

Participants:

- Mario Cervantes, OECD
- Judith Fritz, Director Postgraduate Center, University of Vienna
- Herman van der Auweraer, Global RTD Director at LMS (Leuven University) (tbc)
- Roxana Liliana Ciurean, MCA Fellow (tbc)
- Ulrike Unterer, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy
- Daniel Göhring, European Commission

Working Group 3: "Supporting Measures for researchers"

Institutions which facilitate a researcher's life, with special focus on Charter & Code, *Euraxess* and *Resaver*.

Within Working Group 3, a focus will be put on the Charter & Code and why it is important. Furthermore, the advantages of *Euraxess* and the possibilities to support researchers before as well as during their stay abroad and to start their successful research careers will be discussed. Another aspect with regard to *Euraxess* will be the time after returning back home and how researchers can be supported properly during this phase.

The third part of this working group is dedicated to *RESAVER* (Retirement Savings Vehicle for European Research Institutions), which will be explained further in detail and discussed by the participants.

Participants:

- Kitty Fehringer, European Commission (DG Research & Innovation)
- Maria Unger, ÖAD
- Peter Jankowitsch, TU Wien (tbc)

16.00 – 16.15 – Coffee break

16.15 – 17.00 - Plenary Session – Summary of the Working Groups and Concluding Remarks

17.00 - Reception