



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Western Balkans

Mobility and circulation of researchers

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are part of Horizon 2020 (H2020), the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020). The **MSCA support researchers in all scientific domains, promote collaboration between the academic, scientific and business communities, boost the careers of scientists at all stages and develop excellent doctoral training in Europe and beyond through international and intersectoral mobility.**



Based on the H2020-related data available at the European Commission's website, there were **104 grants received by Western Balkan recipients** to this date. In particular, 3 grants were awarded to Albanian recipients, 4 grants were awarded to North Macedonian and Montenegrin recipients each, 15 in Bosnia and Herzegovina and 78 to Serbian recipients (one organisation participating in N grants is counted N times). If we scrutinise the unique participants' level (one organisation participating in N grants is counted only once), 3 grants were awarded to Albanian recipients, 4 grants were awarded to recipients from each North Macedonia and Montenegro, 11 in Bosnia and Herzegovina and 45 to Serbian recipients. In total, 67 unique participants in Western Balkans were awarded MSCA grants.

• NEWS

- Posted on April 10, 2020
MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (MCCA) - THE WB CHAPTER
The MCAA has promoted the creation of Chapters in different geographic regions as a way of facilitating communication with its members and engaging them in the development of the Association.
- Posted on April 4, 2020
SNAPSHOT OF THE MARIE CURIE ACTION PROJECTS IN WESTERN BALKANS
There were 17 running projects coordinated by Serbian organisations. Among those, seven projects were funded under Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Evaluations track. These projects are included...
- Posted on March 9, 2020
[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT] BOOST FOR RESEARCH TALENT CIRCULATION WITHIN ERA NEEDED
The leading universities of science and technology united within CESAER express appreciation for the focus on brain circulation of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the first half of...
- **OTHER RECENT ARTICLES**
 - Posted on April 9, 2020
SME STRATEGY LAUNCHED BY EUROPEAN COMMISSION
The EU SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe was announced by Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for Internal Market, on 10 March 2020.
 - Posted on April 1, 2020
EUBCE RESCHEDULED
The European Biomass Conference & Exhibition (EUBCE 2020), which was planned to take place End of April in Marseille, France, was rescheduled to 6-9 July 2020.
 - Posted on April 7, 2020
[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT] STARTUP3 OPEN CALL
STARTUP3 Business and Growth Programme aims to build an ecosystem where cluster SMEs, technology SMEs, market-oriented researchers, deep tech ventures, individual innovators/researchers with innovative...
 - Posted on April 4, 2020
NEW PROJECT: UPDATED REVIEW OF WESTERN BALKAN ECONOMIES REGARDING THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
The European Centre is currently updating the existing reviews on issues relevant to the European Pillar of Social Rights in the Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro...
 - Posted on April 4, 2020
COMMISSION BUDGETS EXTRA RESEARCH FUNDS FOR GREEN DEAL, UNIVERSITY NETWORKS

EU releases new Horizon 2020 funding plans, announces €450M in ERC basic science grants.

- Posted on April 1, 2020
ESOF CONFERENCE POSTPONED
It was recently announced that ESOF 2020 is postponed to 2-6 September 2020.
- Posted on April 1, 2020
[PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT] EUROPEAN PRIMARY CARE AND HOSPITAL NETWORKS
The project has been funded in March 2020 as part of the EU ongoing actions to tackle the current outbreak of the novel coronavirus. This project involves also partner from Western Balkans - Public health...
- Posted on March 30, 2020
DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS FOR ESFRI ROADMAP 2021 EXTENDED TO 9 SEPTEMBER
ESFRI has decided to extend the deadline for the presentation of new Proposals for Research Infrastructure Projects for the ESFRI Roadmap 2021 update to allow more time for the preparation of high quality...
- Posted on March 30, 2020
OPENING OF ACCESSION TALKS WITH ALBANIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA
According to Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi: "Opening of accession talks sends a loud and clear message not only to the two countries, but to the Western Balkans as a whole..."
- Posted on March 16, 2020
REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL'S "WE" CAMPAIGN: DON'T BE AFRAID TO DREAM AND TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!
Marking the 8th of March, International Women's Day, with MARTA, a remarkable woman from Skopje.
- Posted on March 15, 2020
[EVENT REVIEW] WORKSHOP "SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION OF FUTURE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS"
Date: 09/03/2020 - 10/03/2020 On 9/10 March 2020, ERA-LEARN together with the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, organised a workshop that aimed to support the preparation of future...

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● CALLS

- Deadline: April 15, 2020
CALL FOR GRADUATE/POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS, AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES
AISEES announces the availability of 3 fellowships for US graduate students and early postdoctoral scholars in the United States to support research in Southeast Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina...)
- Deadline: April 22, 2020
ICT-49-2020: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON DEMAND PLATFORM
Specific Challenge: The challenge is to fully exploit the potential of AI in the economy and society. Building notably on Europe's Scientific and Technology strengths in the field, the supported activities...
- Deadline: April 24, 2020
DANUBIUS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD 2020
The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the...
- Deadline: April 27, 2020
HAVE YOUR SAY FOR THE NEW LIFE PROGRAMME – CONSULTATION LAUNCHED!

The European Commission has launched an online consultation to seek input on the future content and implementation of the LIFE programme (2021-2027). Market uptake activities currently funded under...

- Deadline: April 28, 2020
INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS
Objective: The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-...
- Deadline: April 28, 2020
H2020-MSCA-RISE-2020: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE
The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa). The...
- Deadline: May 3, 2020
JRC - SECOND CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL PARTNERSHIPS (CDP)
The Joint Research Centre (JRC) has published the second call for expressions of interest for the Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships (CDP).
- Deadline: May 7, 2020
WEBINAR ON CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES. MSCA COFUND
The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, COFUND takes the form of: Doctoral...
- Deadline: May 30, 2020
PARTICIPATE IN THE MORE4 SURVEY ON THE MOBILITY OF RESEARCHERS
Support data collection and analysis concerning mobility patterns and career paths of researchers ! The study has two main strands: mobility within Europe and outside Europe.
- Deadline: August 31, 2020
CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN AND BALKAN PERSPECTIVES
Journal of European and Balkan Perspectives is welcoming researchers, academia members, and PhD Candidates to publish their recent scientific papers in the following areas: European...
- Deadline: September 1, 2020
EIC HORIZON PRIZE FOR 'EARLY WARNING FOR EPIDEMICS'
The challenge is to develop a scalable, reliable and cost-effective early warning system prototype to forecast and monitor vector-borne diseases in order to contribute to the prevention of outbreaks mitigating...
- Deadline: September 29, 2020
CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES
Objective: The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices...
- Deadline: October 1, 2020
CFP: THEMATIC ISSUE OF THE "SOCIOLOGY AND SPACE" JOURNAL
With regard to extremely complex social and economic circumstances that we were confronted with during March 2020, which will obviously last and have far-reaching consequences, the Editorial board of ...
- Deadline: October 15, 2020
CALL FOR UNIVERSITY SESSIONS WORKSHOPS: EU REGION'S WEEK
The EURegionsWeek is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy and attracts up to 10,000 delegates. This free event serves as a platform for discussing and showcasing the development...
- Deadline: October 15, 2020
CALL FOR EVENT PARTNERS: 18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2020
The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy. It has grown to become a unique communication and networking platform, ...

- Deadline: October 15, 2020
#EUDATATHON 2020: INNOVATING FOR EUROPE WITH EU OPEN DATA: 18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2020
EU Datathon is a competition intended to highlight the potential of linking EU data and regional data as well as to promote innovation and digital transformation opportunities by using open data. Participants...
- Deadline: November 1, 2020
ANNOUNCEMENT: SYNCHROTRON RADIATION TRAINING & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS BY ELETTRA
Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste announced is launching PhD fellowship opportunities as well as postdoctoral fellowship opportunities in synchrotron radiation techniques and applications specifically ...
- Deadline: November 30, 2020
CALL FOR PAPERS: CONFERENCE 'INFRASTRUCTURE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE'
8th Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future...
 - FIND MORE CALLS [HERE](#) BUT PLEASE NOTICE THAT SOME CALLS' DEADLINES MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE SUGGEST YOU TO REFER TO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE FOR ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND UPDATE

• EVENTS

- June 17-20, 2020 | Ljubljana, Slovenia
2020 RSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Transformations: Relational Spaces, beyond Urban and Rural The Regional Studies Association's Annual Conference 2020 #RSA20 is being held in partnership with the School of Economics and Business, University...
- June 23-25, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium
POLICY CONFERENCE OF THE EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK
The Policy Conference of the EU Sustainable Energy Week is the biggest European conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe. Sessions organised by the European Commission and...
- June 22-26, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium
EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK
The Policy Conference is the biggest European conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe. Sessions organised by the European Commission and energy stakeholders focus on sustainable...
- June 24-26, 2020 | Groningen, Netherlands
9TH LIVING KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE, 24-26 JUNE 2020
Synergies in Research with and for Communities The 9th Living Knowledge Conference aims to bring together all those involved in doing or supporting research with and for communities. What can we learn...
- June 25-27, 2020 | Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (IOS), Landshuter Str. 4, 93047, Regensburg, Germany
8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (IOS), REGENSBURG
'Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future' Infrastructure has emerged as a key site for understanding such projects and processes as modernization...
- June 22-29, 2020 | Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia
2020 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN COMPARATIVE CONFLICT STUDIES
The Center for Comparative Conflict Studies (CFCCS) at the Faculty of Media and Communications (FMK), Singidunum University is organizing the 11th International Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies...
- August 24-26, 2020 | Novi Sad, Serbia

INISTA 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIONS IN INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS

International Conference on INnovations in Intelligent SysTems and Applications (INISTA) has been organized since 2005. It aims to bring together the researchers from the entire spectrum of the multi-...

- August 30, 2020-September 3, 2020 | Belgrade, Serbia
NEAR SURFACE GEOSCIENCE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2020
For this year's Near Surface Geoscience Conference & Exhibition, the 26th European Meeting of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics will be accompanied by two returning successful conferences, ...
- September 1-5, 2020 | Cologne, Germany
SDEWES2020 COLOGNE - 15TH CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS
The 15th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (SDEWES) is dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge on methods, policies and technologies for...
- September 2-6, 2020 | Trieste, Italy
ESOF 2020 - EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM TRIESTE
The EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is a biennial, pan-European, general science conference dedicated to scientific research and innovation. Each conference aims to deliver stimulating content...
- September 9-10, 2020 | Roma Eventi, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy
ICSD 2020 : 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 8th ICSD 2020 International Conference on Sustainable Development...
- September 10-12, 2020 | Split, Croatia
ENTRENOVA 2020: ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE
ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch InNOVation Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion the economic, management, organizational, marketing...
- September 24-26, 2020 | University of Graz, Austria
10TH INASEA CONGRESS
Visual Cultures in Southeast Europe: globalization, gender, power and resistance
- October 7-11, 2020 | Šibenik, Croatia
IUAES CONGRESS 2020 - COMING OF AGE ON EARTH: LEGACIES AND NEXT GENERATION ANTHROPOLOGY
The IUAES 2020 Congress "Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and next Generation Anthropology" will take place from 7-11 October 2020 in Šibenik, Croatia.
- October 12-15, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium
18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES
The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy. The event has grown to become a unique communication and networking...
- November 11-12, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium
STEPPING UP THE GAME- DRIVING URBAN TRANSITIONS JPI URBAN EUROPE POLICY CONFERENCE
On the backdrop of the EU green deal and the Urban Agenda for the EU, Europe is now working on an ambitious strategy to become the first climate-neutral continent, and ensuring liveability, prosperity...
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• **DOCUMENTS**

- **FFG PRESENTATION: EUROPEAN FUNDING OF RESEARCH STAFF AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER FOR COMPANIES**

The Austrian FFG Academy in January 2020, organised the Webinar: European funding of research staff and knowledge transfer for companies.

- **[MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS \(MSCA\) - WB COUNTRY FACTSHEETS 2019 AVAILABLE](#)**
Factsheets for the Western Balkan Countries are now available on the MSCA Website. They contain facts and figures about Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in the respective countries: key facts and...
- **[MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS FACTS AND FIGURES](#)**
Driving innovation, supporting researchers' mobility and cultivating excellence in doctoral and postdoctoral training : facts & figures.
- **[H2020 WORK PROGRAMME MARIE CURIE ACTIONS](#)**
The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) contribute to excellent research, boosting jobs, growth and investment by equipping researchers with the new knowledge, skills and international and intersectoral...
- **[RESEARCH TALENT CIRCULATION WITHIN THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA \(ERA\)](#)**
The leading universities of science and technology united within CESAER express appreciation for the focus on brain circulation of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the first half of...
- **[2020 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ERASMUS+](#)**
The 2020 Annual work programme for the implementation of Erasmus+ has been published. In 2020, the pilot activity on European Universities will be reinforced. The selected projects aim at increasing the...
- **[A NEW CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION PLAN FOR A CLEANER AND MORE COMPETITIVE EUROPE](#)**
The European Commission adopted a new Circular Economy Action Plan - one of the main building blocks of the European Green Deal, Europe's new agenda for sustainable growth.
- **[EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS PUBLISHES REPORT ON SME INSTRUMENT](#)**
On 22 January 2020, the European Court of Auditors published a new report on the SME Instrument. The SME Instrument was launched as part of Horizon 2020 in 2014 to support innovation in small and...
- **[\[FOCUS ARTICLE\] - A SPOTLIGHT ON THE WESTERN BALKANS IN H2020](#)**
EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, Mariya Gabriel, noted at the Agency for the Promotion of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (BSMEPA) meeting earlier this ...

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• LINKS

- **[ENHANCE YOUR CAREER WITH MCAA JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)**
Positions for lecturer and researchers at different level of career are being advertised here by the MCAA.
- **[MCAA ACADEMY](#)**
MCAA Academy is a new program to support the career development of its members. Mentoring is at the core of the program. The advanced mentoring platform provides a continuous, full-spectrum learning...
- **[NATIONAL ERASMUS+ OFFICES IN WESTERN BALKANS](#)**
National Erasmus+ Offices are responsible for the local management of the international dimension of the higher education aspects of the Erasmus+ Programme in 27 Partner Countries outside the EU. National...

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A spotlight on MCAA's Western Balkans Chapter

Increasing WBs' research capacity

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are providing opportunities for researchers in the Western Balkans region. Researchers gain new knowledge and expertise for a successful career thanks to funding grants under MSCA that also enable research-focused organisations to host talented researchers and to create strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide. To date, researchers from the Western Balkans region have received millions of euros in funding under MSCA.

Radenka Krsmanović Whiffen, Chair of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Alumni (MCAA) Western Balkans Chapter, tells us about how they are promoting these actions, the MCAA, and Responsible Research and Innovation in the region.



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