

Useful links

Official Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions' website (info portal on all actions, call-deadlines, job offers, participation guidelines, etc.): <https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

MSCA-NET (in-depth information on participation rules for all actions, NCO network, etc.): <https://msca-net.eu/>

Marie Curie Alumni Association (network of previous MSCA beneficiaries worldwide): <http://mariecuriealumni.eu>

EURAXESS Portal (MSCA vacancies and info-events): <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>



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The people behind MSCAdvocacy

The offers are provided by a consortium of five consultancies specialised in strategic policy support, promoting research, education and innovation and bringing together key stakeholders and partners on European and international level.



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Fostering International Cooperation in MSCA

MSCAdvocacy: Fostering international cooperation in MSCA

The European Commission (EC) aims to advance international collaborative research activities under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), the EU flagship programme for researchers' mobility and training. The alignment of policy frameworks and strategic advice on potential research and innovation cooperation of nations and regions are key to achieving this goal.

In June 2022, the EC has launched 'MSCAdvocacy' under the Horizon Europe framework programme, a project that offers a range of services to policy makers, research institutions, individual researchers, innovators and multipliers to help facilitate international collaboration within MSCA.

Why MSCAdvocacy? Advantages for policy makers

MSCAdvocacy assesses cooperation trends, opportunities and challenges to support the design of consistent formal cooperation mechanisms that enable efficient international collaborations. It provides individual and country-specific support to the **policy dialogue process** to ensure that the respective partners optimally benefit from MSCA.

Moreover, MSCAdvocacy strategically promotes cooperation opportunities to bring together international researchers, academic and non-academic institutions and innovators. It **works closely together with local stakeholders and multipliers, e.g. National Contact Points (NCP), National Erasmus+ and Euraxess Offices**, to **develop country-specific or regional MSCA promotion plans**.

Why MSCAdvocacy? Advantages for countries, organisations and researchers involved

For **partner countries and regions**, the alignment promises to strengthen existing international cooperation with academic or non-academic organisations through greater efficiency due to similar policy frameworks. In turn this enables access to worldwide research frameworks.

Organisations benefit from the internationalisation and the capacity of their researchers to conduct research abroad. On the other hand, internationally active institutions are attractive research destinations for talents from abroad. Efficient cross-border collaboration will give researchers access to new tools, research facilities or equipment. It will strengthen scientific networks, and improve the capacity to bid for other research funds.

For researchers, efficient MSCA mechanisms offer better access to the newest research facilities and infrastructures, both in Europe and third countries, with a positive impact on research knowledge, professional skills, as well as access to scientific data samples. Moreover, strong internal networks provide excellent possibilities for joint publications.

