N4M+: Survey to the Scientific Diaspora

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Net4Mobility+ structure

**TASKS**

- **WP1**
  - Project Management
    - Management and coordination
    - Quality Monitoring
      - Project Meetings
    - Reimbursement
    - Integration of newcomers

- **WP2**
  - Capacity building
    - NCPs benchmarking
    - Training in MSCA issues
    - Twinning
    - Question and Answer Tools
    - ERA-EC-NCP Working group

- **WP3**
  - Enhancing competencies
    - MSCA Evolution Guide
    - MSCA Practical Guide
    - Cross-cutting trainings
    - Transferable NCP skills
    - Effective MSCA promotion

- **WP4**
  - Widening participation
    - MSCA Participation analysis
    - Meet-and-Exchange Workshop
    - Effective MSCA promotion

- **WP5**
  - Promotion and external networking
    - Communication and Dissemination
    - Remote training (webinar)
    - Synergy with EU-funded projects
    - Collaboration with Researchers Networks
Main aim: Establishing a structured dialogue with Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) and the Scientific Diasporas (SD) in order to:

- Reach an increasing number of researchers.
- Disseminate NCPs functions and services.
- Promote MSCA.
- Strengthen NCPs services.

Actions:

- Contacting MCAA: board members and local chapters
- Identifying Scientific Diaspora networks
- Preparing a survey for mobile researchers
N4M+: the survey to the scientific diaspora

- **Who:** any researcher in a period of mobility – away from his/her home-country – or any researcher who has accomplished a period of mobility.

- **Objective:**
  - First contact with mobile researchers,
  - Gather their opinions about NCPs services in order to strengthen them,
  - Collect suggestions for improvement,
  - Learn about how to better promote our activities and MSCA.

- **Final products:**
  - Guidelines for NCPs to better collaborate with researchers networks
  - Inputs for internal discussion
The survey was structured in 5 sections with the support of external collaborators.

1) Classification of respondents

2) Measure respondents’ knowledge about MSCA and NCPs

3) Identification of promotional channels

4) Opinion on our services

5) Suggestions
Dear researcher,

Net4Mobility+ is a Horizon 2020 funded project looking to reinforce and enhance the services offered by Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions’ (MSCA) network of National Contact Points (NCPs).

Our mission as NCPs includes promoting MSCA and giving support to applicants and beneficiaries of these actions.

In order to improve the services we offer to the Scientific Diaspora (meaning any researcher in a period of mobility –away from his/her home-country- or any researchers who has accomplished a period of mobility), we are launching this short survey to learn about your knowledge and opinions about our services, and to gather your suggestions for their improvement.

When fulfilling the survey please keep in mind that activities performed by NCPs may vary according to available task force and technical resources.
Classification of respondents

131 respondents (up to October 2018)

You are (or have been) a mobile researcher...

You are (or you have been) a Skłodowska Curie (MSC) fellow
Measure respondents’ awareness about MSCA, MCAA and NCPs

Familiar with 5 types MSC actions

Adequate of NCP's mission before this survey

Yes 34.35%
No 65.65%
Identification of promotional channels

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What resources do you usually check?

- Destination Europe Conferences: 9.92%
- Career fairs: 8.40%
- Jobs section on LifeScience: 7.63%
- Naturejobs.com: 32.82%
- Find a PhD.com / Find a PostDoc.com: 21.37%
- Net4Mobility+: 6.11%
- European Research Council: 31.30%
- EURAXESS Worldwide: 21.37%
- EURAXESS: 55.73%
- European Commission MSCA: 55.73%
- Other: 18.32%
Opinion on our services

Have you used these services in the past?   How would you rate them?

No 46.67%  Yes 53.33%  Moderate 29.17%  Unsatisfactory 8.33%  Satisfactory 62.50%
Opinion on our services

Which of our most common activities do you find more useful?

- Informative/promotional presentations: 3.74
- Training sessions: 4.31
- Informative/promotional online webinars: 3.88
- Training online webinars: 4.15
- Support through email and telephone: 4.17
- Non-scientific pre-screening of proposals: 3.97
- Publication of handbooks on how to prepare...: 4.07
- Analysis of Evaluation Summary Reports: 4.16
- Analysis of success rates and cut-off marks of...: 4.07
- Publication of Expressions of interest* of...: 3.82
Suggestions

- More flexibility to manage our funding resources
- More funding opportunities to young PIs starting their labs
- I didn’t know if I should contact NCPs, it was not clear what is their role and who they are.
- Training sessions on how to deal with MSCA grants once it is obtained
- Organise meetings to inform about rights/ Duties of MC fellows
- Taxation and inequalities should be widely discussed as it varies among countries.
What and who are MSCA NCPs?

NCP's activities

- Informing & awareness raising
  - Documentation & information and promotional activities
- Advising & assisting activities
  - Supporting beneficiaries through call and project lifecycle
- Networking / partner search activities
  - Search for host institutions and other partners
- Cooperation with European Commission and National Institutions
  - Commission meetings, comments on guides, etc

For further details about NCPs please refer to NCP Minimum standards and Guiding principles (https://bit.ly/2qSiOl0)

NCPs: find us through our Net4Mobility+ website

NCPs are established in Member States and Associated countries and in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").

* Also available at the Participants Portal: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html
How can MSCA NCPs support researchers’ mobility?

- Guiding you through the main H2020 programme for the support of researches’ mobility:

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

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<td><strong>What does it offer?</strong> Opportunities to work on personal research projects by moving between countries and possible sectors to acquire new skills.</td>
<td><strong>What does it offer?</strong> The exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation to develop sustainable collaborative projects and the transfer of knowledge.</td>
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We will be happy to receive your feedback!

Fill in our survey and help us improve our services


Thank you!

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