# Marie Curie Alumni Association Greece Chapter FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Date: May 28, 2021 Venue: Online

**Time:** 18.00pm – 20.30pm (Athens time)



# Online Greece Chapter Summer Meeting on May 28, 2021

*May 28, 2021* – The MCAA Greece Chapter will be holding **online** its **Chapter Summer Meeting** on May 28, 2021. This meeting is organized with the cooperation of Hellenic Mediterranean University (<u>HMU</u>) and the support of MCAA Communication Working Group.

All past and present beneficiaries of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are eligible to join the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA), and subsequently the Greece Chapter, and are welcome to participate. Requests for MCAA and Greece Chapter membership can be completed free of cost through the MCAA homepage. All MCAA members are warmly welcome, especially those who would like to get actively involved with the Greece Chapter.

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In the contemporary rapidly-changing work environment, "just science" doesn't seem to be enough to get hired. Instead, it seems that particular skills are also needed and requested. In this meeting we will try to bridge the gap between "Science" and "Business" and to bring researchers closer to the "Market".

In particular, we will focus on the **Communication** and **Soft skills** needed in order to achieve **high employability**.

In the first part of the event a **communication workshop** will take place. A **communication expert** from Israel will help us realize how communicating our ideas properly can help us gain a competitive advantage in the workplace.

In the second part, our speakers from Greece will share their **personal stories and experiences** regarding their transition from Academia to the Market and the soft skills that were necessary for it. Through their inspiring examples, we will hear about the different alternatives that exist after a Master degree, a PhD program or a PostDoc, signaling that Academia is not a one-way road.

**Round table discussion** with all attendees will take place at the end of the meeting.

Please, beware that **use of video** is strongly recommended in order to have an interactive and successful meeting.

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The registration for this event is free of cost, but it is **necessary**. Please register as soon as possible at https://forms.gle/smz5KZmB1d3m7nQ89

The **Zoom link** will be sent to all registrants on May 27th.

Last Date of Registration: May 27, 2021, 18.00pm (Athens time)

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#### **AGENDA**

**18.00** Welcome Introduction

**18.10** Opening & Update from the Chapter Chair

#### **18.15** Communication Workshop

Mr. Hillel Cappon, Authentic Communication and Public Speaking Trainer

19.00 Q&A

5' Break

#### 19.10 A leap from Science to Business

<u>Dr. Maria Kartalou</u>, Planning Manager, Thenamaris (Ships Management) Inc.

#### 19.30 How a researcher can become an Entrepreneur within an Academic ecosystem

<u>Dr. Emmanuel Stratakis</u>, Research Director, Institute of Electronic Structure and Lasers, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas and Department of Physics, University of Crete

#### 19.50 The story of my transition from Academia to Industry: an unexpectedly good decision

Dr. George Themelis, Advanced Technology Manager, Leica Microsystems

**20.15** Q&A

Round table discussion

#### 20.30 End of the meeting

