

**Short Bio:**

Dr. Marga Gual Soler is an expert, advisor and educator in science diplomacy. She is the founder of SciDipGLOBAL, an international strategy, advisory, and training platform helping governments, academia, NGOs, and multilateral organizations connect science, technology and innovation with international affairs to strengthen science-policy interfaces and navigate global transformations. She is a member of the European Science Diplomacy Alliance and a former member of the S4D4C consortium.

From 2016-2019 she served on the Research, Innovation, and Science Experts Group (RISE) directly advising European Commissioner Carlos Moedas on EU science diplomacy strategy. As the Senior Project Director of the AAAS Center for Science Diplomacy, she led global education and capacity building in science diplomacy and facilitated scientific partnerships between countries facing diplomatic tensions, notably helping rebuild research ties between the United States and Cuba after the diplomatic normalization of 2015. She helped design the science diplomacy strategies of European and Latin American countries and led pioneer education programs to train thousands of young leaders around the world to connect science with policy to positively impact their countries and communities.

In 2019 Marga was selected to participate in Homeward Bound, the largest all-women expedition to Antarctica to promote women's leadership in science diplomacy and climate action. In 2020 she was named Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum (WEF). She holds a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Queensland in Australia.