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### Editorial Rules – Information for authors

#### Aims and Scope

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) gathers together individuals who have participated or are currently participating, in various roles, in projects funded by the European Commission through the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) programme. The MCAA Newsletter is the main communication channel for and about the MCAA community. The MCAA Newsletter is a publication venue for science communication and public outreach. Its main aim is the dissemination of information about past and current MSCA projects, as well as activities of MCAA Chapters and Working Groups, events, and members' achievements.

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The MCAA Newsletter accepts articles between 650 and 750 words. Submissions outside this length range may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Online submission

All contributions should be submitted through the online form provided at <https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/newsletters>.

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Before preparing a submission, authors are highly recommended to read the MCAA Newsletter Editorial Guidelines, which contains essential information on the journal's style and type of articles. The Editorial Guidelines are available on the MCAA Newsletter website.

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The MCAA Newsletter accepts articles in English. American English or UK English are accepted as long as the article is consistent with only one language style. During the review process, the Editorial Board, the Managing Board or the reviewers may suggest or request

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All submitted texts received will be checked to determine whether they are prepared according to both the MCAA Newsletter's Editorial Guidelines and Editorial Rules. Texts that

do not fit the journal's ethics policy or do not meet the standards of the MCAA Newsletter will be rejected before peer-review. Manuscripts that are not properly prepared will be returned to the authors for revision and resubmission. After these checks, the Managing Editor will consult the Editor-in-Chief to determine whether the manuscript fits the scope of the journal. Reject decisions at this stage will be verified by the Editor-in-Chief.

### **Peer-Review**

All texts that pass the initial checks will undergo peer-review. In order to promote and encourage transparency, the MCAA Newsletter adopts an open peer-review process where the identity of the author and the reviewers is known to all participants during the review process. Peer-review is carried out by at least two reviewers, and they may also include members of the Editorial Board, the Managing Board, the Scientific Board as well as Guest Editors in case of special issues. Authors can refuse to follow and implement any request of change that may be advanced by the MCAA Editorial Board, the Managing Board, and the reviewers. However, the Editorial Board and the Managing Board reserve the right to decline publication at any time. Following peer-review, an article can be: accepted with no revision; accepted after minor revisions; reconsidered after major revisions; rejected.

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