

# Pan-European Network of Project Managers of Innovative Training Networks / Doctoral Networks

## Research Management Working Group Marie Curie Alumni Association

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*Tuesday, 7 March 2023*



# Agenda

- Virtual Coffee in breakout rooms
- Updates from the coordination team
- Call for volunteers
- Discussion in breakout rooms
- Closure and next meeting



# Updates

## MCAA Annual Conference 2023 in Córdoba



CHALLENGES IN  
SCIENCE DIPLOMACY  
& SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT

**MCAA  
ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
& GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

**CÓRDOBA,  
SPAIN  
FEBRUARY  
24-25, 2023**  
HYBRID EVENT

#MCAACONF2023



# Updates

## Panelists:

Zlata Novotná, CEITEC - Masaryk University  
Head of Strategic Partnerships & International Relations, Alliance4Life  
Coordinator



Nik Claesen, Managing Director at EARMA, coordinator of RM Roadmap  
project



Irène Arrata, European Project Manager at University of Strasbourg



Hakim and Eitan from the working group coordination team



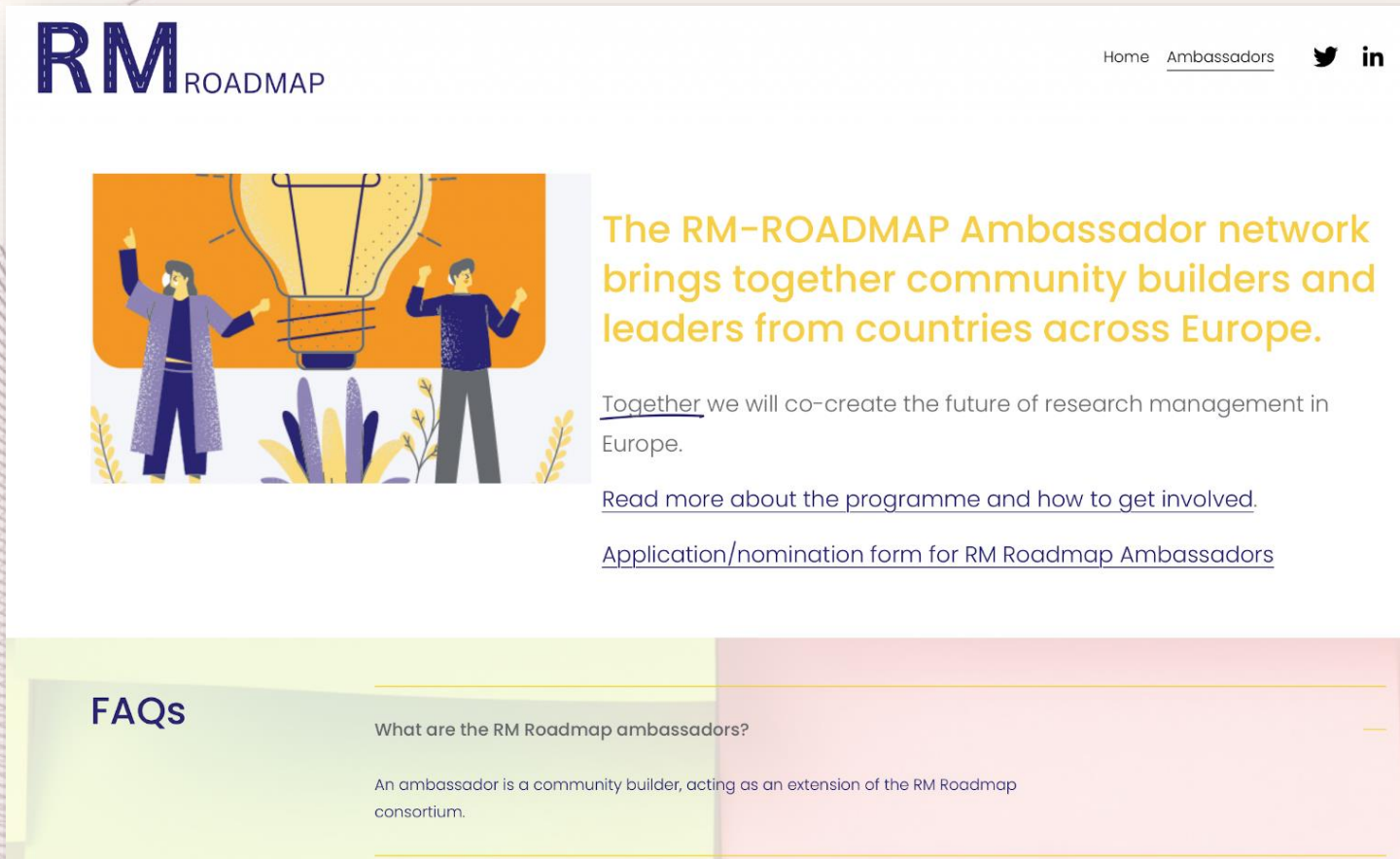


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## RM Roadmap project: call for ambassadors



The screenshot shows the RM Roadmap website page for the call for ambassadors. The page features the RM Roadmap logo, navigation links for Home and Ambassadors, and social media icons for Twitter and LinkedIn. The main content area includes an illustration of two people standing next to a large lightbulb, with the text: "The RM-ROADMAP Ambassador network brings together community builders and leaders from countries across Europe." Below this, there is a paragraph stating: "Together we will co-create the future of research management in Europe." and two links: "Read more about the programme and how to get involved." and "Application/nomination form for RM Roadmap Ambassadors". At the bottom, there is a section titled "FAQs" with the question "What are the RM Roadmap ambassadors?" and the answer: "An ambassador is a community builder, acting as an extension of the RM Roadmap consortium."

[www.rmroadmap.eu/faqs](http://www.rmroadmap.eu/faqs)

Extended Deadline:  
10<sup>th</sup> of March





# Updates

## MSCA "Science is Wonderful" event, Brussels



## MSCA Open Day in Ireland

SETU's OTRG and ORBITAL Present  
**MSCA OPEN DAY**

Learn from current fellows and expert evaluators on what makes a successful European Project at this hybrid, free event (registration required to get meeting link)  
**Wednesday, March 15, 9:30am - 5:30pm**  
WORKLAB, in the IDA Business Park, Waterford, Ireland or online

Register to attend online or in-person, and receive the full agenda, here: <https://tinyurl.com/ya6xk2dj>

Next up:  
**SETU MSCA Post Doctoral Fellow: Dr Rebecca Power**



*Figuring out the next step after your PhD can be a challenge. Learn from Dr Rebecca Power, as she discusses her journey to a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at SETU, thanks to EU Funding, and see if this option could be a path for you!*



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# Updates

## Other meetings of interest for our WG:

Bestprac (28-29 March 2023 in Cyprus)

<https://bestprac.eu/events/bestprac-thematic-group-meeting-march-2023/>

EARMA (24-26 April 2023 in Prague)

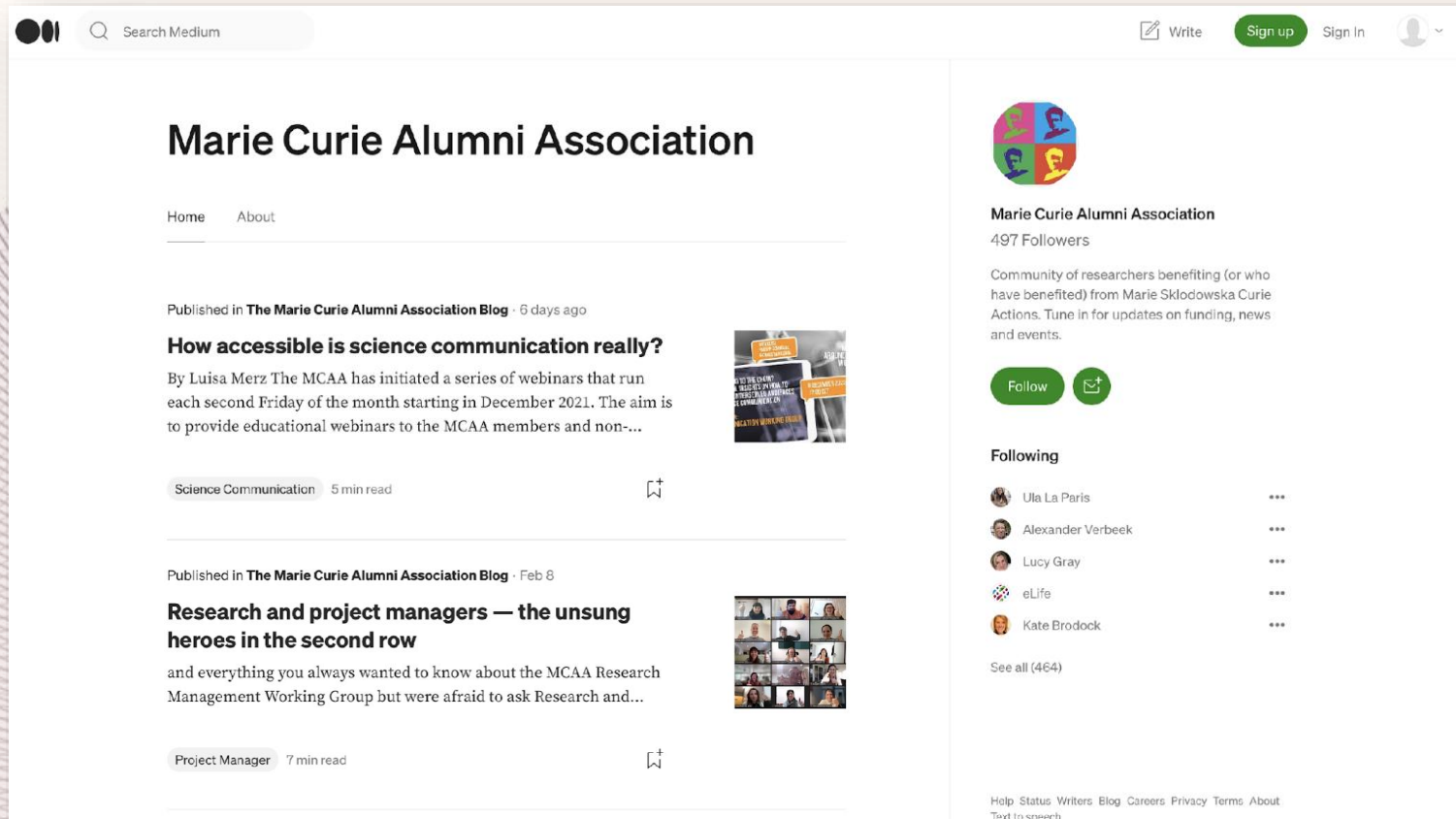
<https://earma.org/conferences/earma-conference-prague-2023/>





# Updates

## Blog post about our WG in MCAA medium channel



The screenshot shows a Medium profile page for the Marie Curie Alumni Association. The page header includes a search bar, 'Write', 'Sign up', and 'Sign in' buttons. The profile name is 'Marie Curie Alumni Association' with 497 followers. The bio states: 'Community of researchers benefiting (or who have benefited) from Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions. Tune in for updates on funding, news and events.' There are 'Follow' and 'Message' buttons. A 'Following' list includes Ula La Paris, Alexander Verbeek, Lucy Gray, eLife, and Kate Brodock. Two blog posts are visible: 'How accessible is science communication really?' (5 min read) and 'Research and project managers — the unsung heroes in the second row' (7 min read).

Marie Curie Alumni Association

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Published in **The Marie Curie Alumni Association Blog** · 6 days ago

### How accessible is science communication really?

By Luisa Merz The MCAA has initiated a series of webinars that run each second Friday of the month starting in December 2021. The aim is to provide educational webinars to the MCAA members and non-...

Science Communication · 5 min read

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### Research and project managers — the unsung heroes in the second row

and everything you always wanted to know about the MCAA Research Management Working Group but were afraid to ask Research and...

Project Manager · 7 min read

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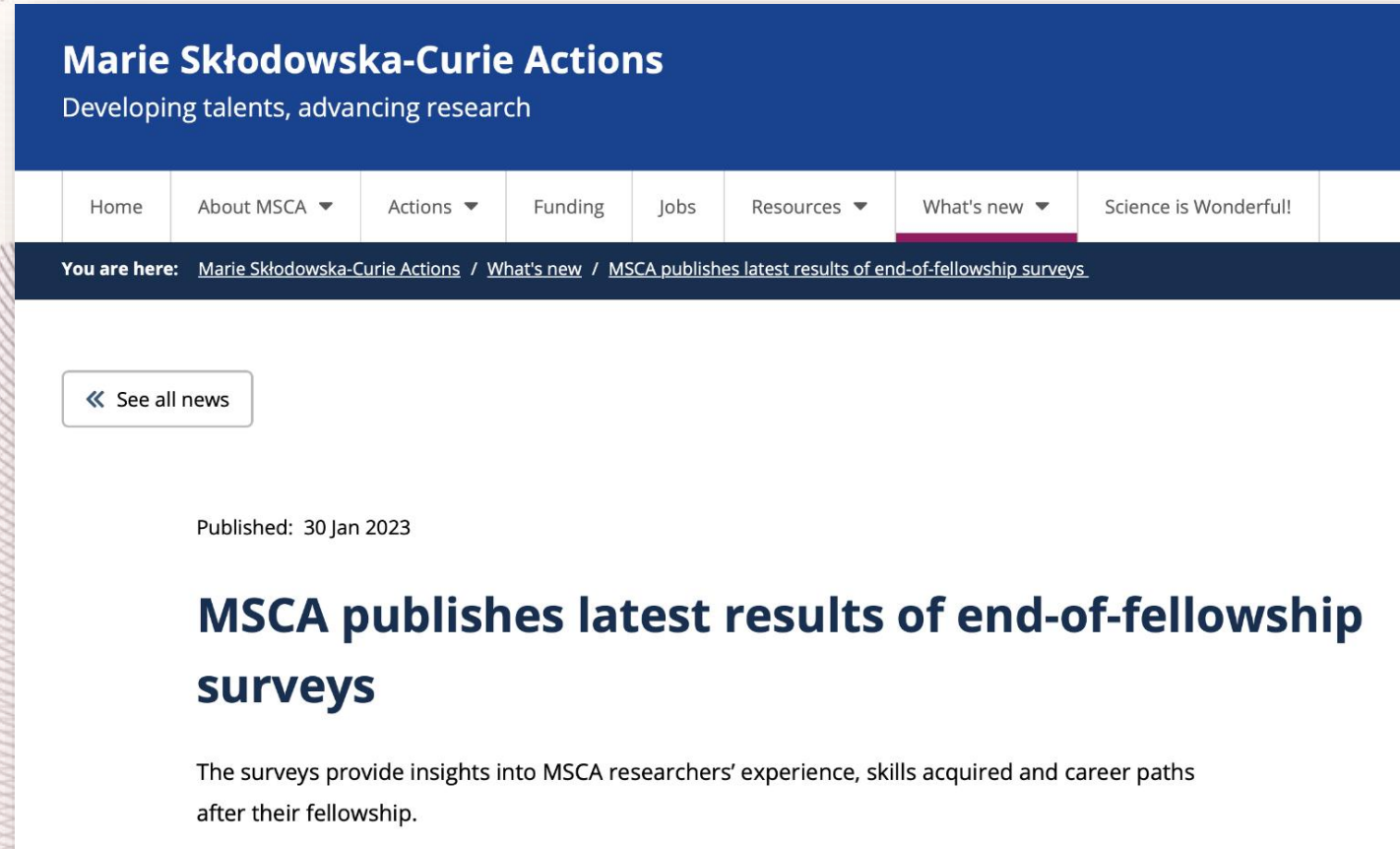
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<https://medium.com/marie-curie-alumni/research-and-project-managers-the-unsung-heroes-in-the-second-row-f0d4972f43c>



# Updates

## End-of-fellowship survey



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Published: 30 Jan 2023

### MSCA publishes latest results of end-of-fellowship surveys

The surveys provide insights into MSCA researchers' experience, skills acquired and career paths after their fellowship.

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/msca-publishes-latest-results-of-end-of-fellowship-surveys>





# Updates

Manifesto launched by ISE (initiative for science) and Ciência Viva to support early research careers

Please endorse!

<https://initiative-se.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/MANIFESTO-def.pdf>



## A MANIFESTO

### Europe supports early research careers and stimulating research workplaces

#### Europe needs more scientists!

There is a wide consensus throughout Europe about the need to further attract and retain the best talent for research. Indeed, research is the basis upon which present and future generations will be able to conduct the major transitions our societies are embarked on. This requires increasing the recognition of the research activity and fostering diversified research careers at a European level, across the public and the private sectors, including NGOs and the third sector. By "career" environment we mean the way researchers are recruited, their work assessed, rewarded and eventually disseminated, which employment conditions they are offered and how they, as well as society, can profit from mobility across sectors and countries.

The lasting COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation army and its economic consequences, is bringing unprecedented challenges for the research communities in all EU Member States. It deeply affects researchers, particularly those early in their career. Its negative impact has been widespread and is lasting, denting productivity and career prospects for researchers. While we discuss long-term goals, **research organisations must put an immediate priority on the mitigation of the effects of the pandemic and other emerging uncertainties affecting early research careers.**

The stress arising from the present crises does not occur in an otherwise serene environment. As the recent **REMO Cost Action** on "Research Mental Health Observatory" has shown, researchers, especially early career ones, often work in unfavorable psychological conditions. REMO has promoted the discussion about workplace well-being in order to develop tailored, effective and efficient prevention and action programmes.

A big part of the hardship is a consequence of insufficient levels of public and private investment in R&D throughout all European regions. An increase of that investment is necessary, part of which needs to be dedicated to improving young researchers' careers in Europe. This has been explicitly acknowledged in the September 2020 EC communication, in the Council conclusions on the European Research Area (ERA) of December 2020 and of May 2021 on research careers. **More recently, the "Pact for Research and Innovation", as agreed in November 2021, emphasizes the need for better research careers** and it is crucial that all Member States embrace the Pact to ensure that Europe has enough qualified researchers in these very uncertain pandemic and post-pandemic times.

We further argue that European, national, and local investments should be put in place to ensure mechanisms to attract younger students to research careers. These should start with outreach actions for school-aged students developed throughout Europe by a variety of actors: Universities and Research Organisations, Science Centres, non-governmental organisations, laboratories, student associations, including the Junior Enterprise Movement. These actions should promote awareness of research and innovation by sharing engaging experiences while encouraging an economic and social entrepreneurial mindset. Career development paths for advanced students, doctoral candidates and post-doctoral fellows must also be implemented. The goal is to improve access to healthy research careers across the entire ERA, thereby ensuring a more **multi-directional** and **balanced** brain circulation.

To reach these goals, it is crucial to mobilise all stakeholders, including national funding agencies, private foundations and, more generally, the private sector, in cooperation with the European Commission. We also stress that the **European Research Council**, which has built a unique consensus across the research community in Europe, should continue to be consolidated and

# Call for WG volunteers (“task force” leader)

## Support in the organization of

- Internal training courses (in addition to monthly meetings)
- In-person WG meeting
- Dissemination activities (newsletter, blog posts, podcasts) -> with Communication WG
- Internal Surveys -> with Surveys WG
- ...







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Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 10am CET

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