

### MCAA Mission & Vision

#### Mission:

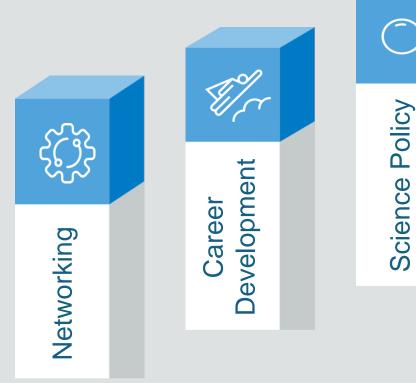
Our mission is to bring together the MSCA community, support the career development of present and past MSCA beneficiaries at all career stages, and be a voice for researchers across regions and disciplines

#### Vision:

Our vision is an inclusive and sustainable research environment that enables knowledge to benefit society

#### Goals:

- 1. Connecting the MSCA community
- 2. Career development for MCAA members
- 3. Advocacy for researchers



## MCAA Activities



Conference

MCAA 10 YEARS: PAS PRESENT, & FUTURE

# EU's Global approach to Research & Innovation (R&I) – Guiding Principles

commitment to openness and values in research and innovation

- Council Conclusions on Values and Principles
- Marseilles Declaration on International Cooperation in R&I
- Multilateral dialogue with non-EU countries and in international settings.

Pursuit of a **level**playing field and

reciprocity

- International Partners
- Toolkit to mitigate foreign interference

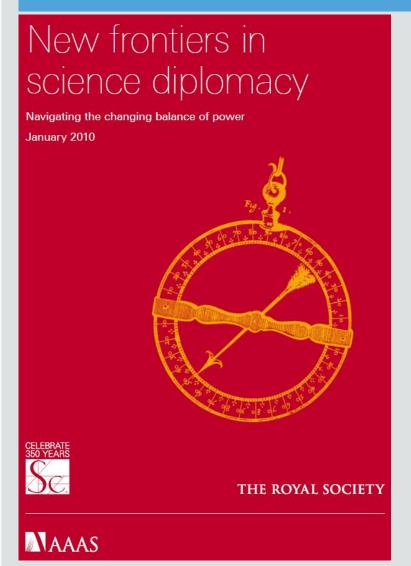
Pooling of global efforts to tackle global challenges

- EU Missions
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Science Diplomacy

Modulated **cooperation** with non-EU countries

- Association to Horizon Europe: EFTA countries, Western Balkans, Turkey, European Neighborhood
- Bilateral Cooperation & Regional Cooperation ASEAN, Africa, Mediterranean, Latin America & Other

# What is Science Diplomacy?





- Diplomacy for Science: Facilitating international science cooperation
- Science for Diplomacy: Using science cooperation to improve international relations between countries
- Science in Diplomacy: Informing foreign policy objectives with scientific advice

# Science Diplomacy

#### **Europe: Strategic Goals**



Safeguard and promote European principles and values of research



Deploy scientific cooperation in 'the European neighborhood',



Mobilize science and diplomacy for the global commons

#### **Science Diplomacy Tools**

- Strategic Tools
  - Government Communication that set out policies for Science Diplomacy
  - Policy documents to set directions for stakeholders
  - Strategic documents from semi government, projects and networks
- Orientation Tools
  - Bilateral & multilateral S&T cooperation agreements
  - S&T advisory board/international Offices
  - ST& advisors in embassies
  - Funding schemes
- Support Tools
  - Capacity building training
  - Awareness building
  - Dialogue & consultation platforms

# Upcoming priorities in Science Diplomacy in Europe

# Priority 1 - To strengthen science diplomacy in Europe

- Launch a Coordination and Support Action for science diplomacy
- Create a European Science Diplomacy Platform
- Build capacity for science diplomacy studies in both European Higher Education Institutions and diplomatic bodies, and train the practitioners
- Create a Horizon Europe work programme on Science Diplomacy Studies and Practices

# Priority 2 - To foster EU regional science diplomacy

- Foster regional studies in science diplomacy
- Enhance EU neighborhood studies
- Establish linkages between science diplomacy and other forms of hybrid diplomacy



#### POLICY BRIEF

# STRENGTHENING SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN AND FOR EUROPE THROUGH HORIZON EUROPE

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# How can Erasmus+ & MSCA Alumni support the Global Approach?

- Global Network: Erasmus+ has created a vast network of alumni spanning over 100 countries.
- Over 15 million participation since its inception
- 53% of participants report developing significant intercultural communication skills, which help in international collaborations
- Erasmus+ Students & Alumni Alliance
- Role of regional network attracting talents to Europe

- Over 150,000 beneficiaries in last 25+ years
- 30% of all the MSCA researchers in H2020 were non-EU nationals, contribute to knowledge exchange and cooperation
- MSCA Global Fellowship allows researchers to work outside Europe
- More than 50% of MSCA alumni maintain collaborative relationships with European research institutions after their fellowship
- The role of geographical chapter in promoting R&I





# Strategies for Institutions and Researchers

Facilitate	Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Collaboration
Leverage	Leverage Alumni Networks for International Partnerships
Support	Support Alumni-Led Initiatives
Build	Build capacity and develop mentoring opportunities
Foster	Foster mobility and strengthen research networks

# Summary



Erasmus+ and MSCA alumni represent a valuable asset for institutions and researchers.



Leveraging their expertise and networks can drive innovation and address global challenges.



Institutions and researchers should actively engage with these alumni networks and support their initiatives.



Explore new frontiers for cross-collaboration and innovation, such as joint research projects on global challenges or collaborative online platforms for knowledge sharing.