

Workshop 1:

Member States perspectives: complementarity and responsibility

The workshop will raise awareness of the importance of the return mobility and reintegration processes to foster the balanced mobility flows of MSCA researchers. Return migration and reintegration processes are focused on the measures of the country of origin to enable outgoing students or researchers to return and continue their research careers at the home, in their country of origin, or establish long-term cooperation between institutions of the country of origin with an outgoing researcher abroad, which can take various forms.

The workshop will be a place where MSCA researchers and stakeholders can exchange, discuss, and further elaborate their experiences, challenges, solutions, and proposals on research return mobility and reintegration processes. Knowing that “brain drain” has its roots in a number of different socio-economic factors at local, regional and national levels, MSCA conference participants will present their experiences, barriers and incentives for different types of reintegration into their country of origin from different perspectives. We would like to raise awareness of the importance of balanced intra-European research mobility patterns, to expose, and promote the successful examples and good practices of return mobility and reintegration processes of MSCA fellows.

In this regard, it is then a necessity to tackle the different perspectives to supporting mobility so to have a clear picture on the needed steps forward. Member State’s role in crucial part of the puzzle with its specific, yet wide, approach.

As noted in the Zagreb Call for Action on Brain Circulation 2020, this, in particular, refers to increasing inclusiveness and participation of all Members States and strengthening complementarity and responsibility on national levels. The responsibility of analysing and targeting challenges to a balanced mobility also lies on the Members States. This includes increasing in investments in R&I, reforming national R&D systems and creating attractive conditions for competitive and excellence science and empowering interactions on a policy level between the European and national levels.

How these are worked towards, having also taken into account Recovery and Resilience plans and the programming period Members States are in the midst of, is a topic that needs to be tackled in the context of MSCA in this case. We expect that workshop would address key issues for better promoting balanced mobility flows of MSCA researchers as well as for removing barriers and reducing research and innovation divide within the EU. We believe that the MSCA instruments at different levels should act as a tool for polycentric development of the EU and development of all available potentials.

The key questions for the discussion will be:

1. What policy measures on the European and national levels can improve the current knowledge gap that then spills over to the mobility patterns in Europe?
2. What are the key variables that contribute to researchers returning to the country of origin? What are the good practices and success stories that promote return migration and reintegration processes of MSCA fellows after the end of projects in your countries?

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