



Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)

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MCAA Background



*Marie Skłodowska-Curie
(1867-1934)*

- Officially founded in 2014, the MCAA has grown to a dynamic network boasting **more than 22.000 members**.
- Membership is free and open to any past or present beneficiaries of the European Commission's MSCA programme.
- Funding and support for the MCAA is provided mainly by the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture, while increasingly diversifying funding sources.

The MCAA provides **lifelong development opportunities**: continuous support regardless of career path, stage, location, research field, and beyond the tenure of the MSCA fellowship

MCAA Mission & Vision



Mission:

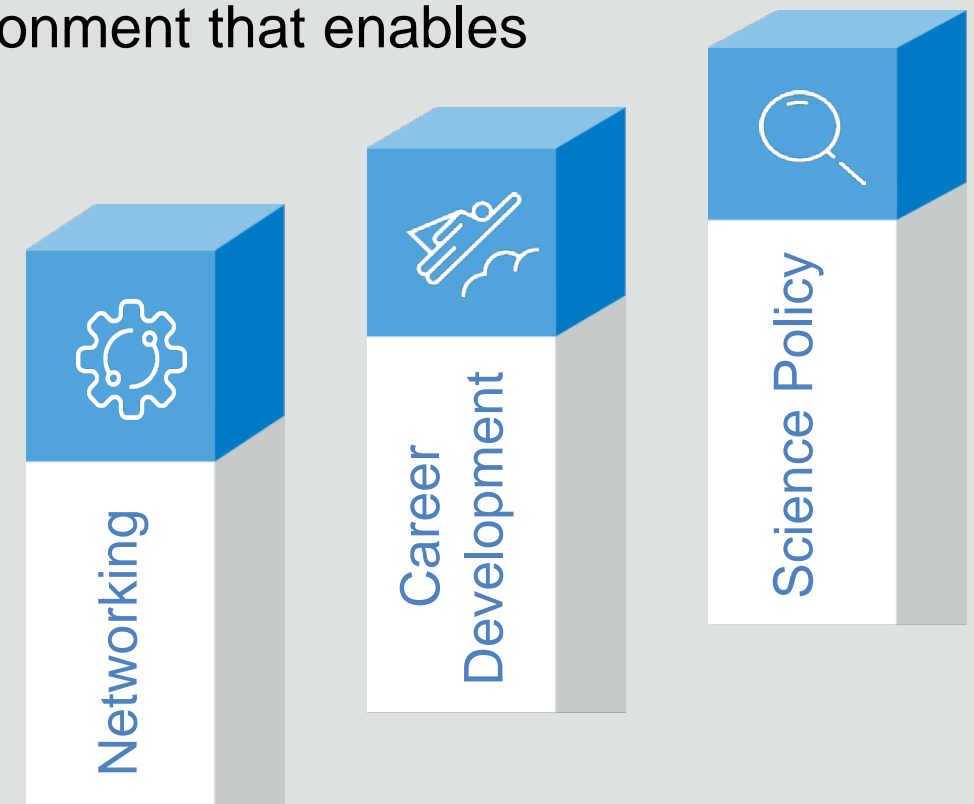
Our mission is to bring together the MSCA community, support the career development of present and past MSCA beneficiaries at all career stages, and be a voice for researchers across regions and disciplines

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 Services



Awards Micro-grants



Recognition
of efforts
& achievements



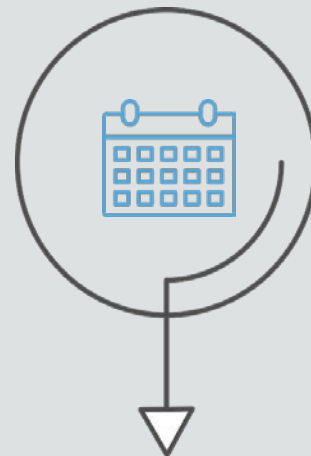
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Support & Training



MCAA Academy
Coursera
Whistleblowing
PEP-CV
MCAA Training

Events



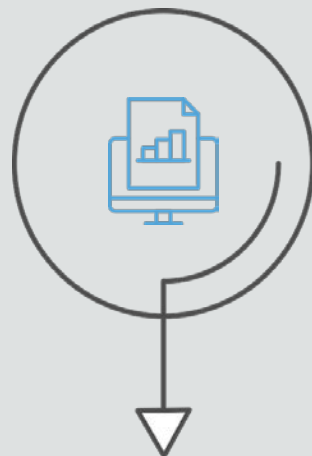
Chapters
& Working
Groups

Surveys



Report
Analysis
Recommendations

Member Directory

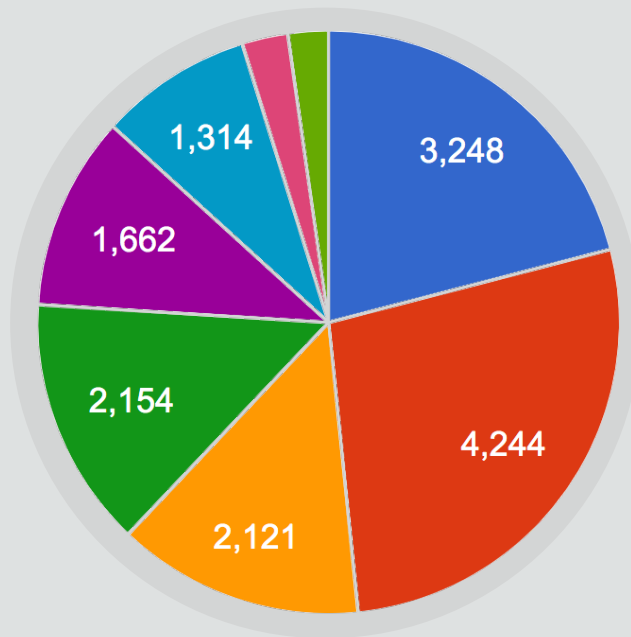


Contacts
Networking
Social

MCAA Members (>22k)

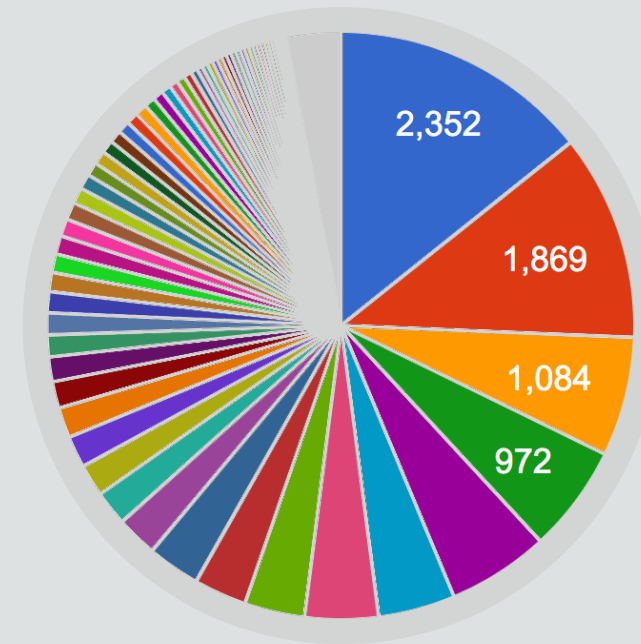


Scientific Panel



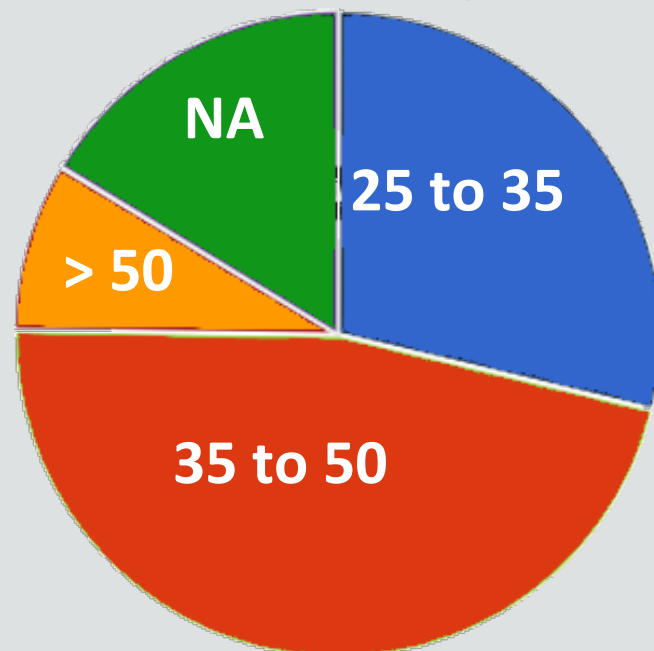
- **ENG** Engineering
- **LIF** Life sciences
- **SOC** Social Sciences
- **CHE** Chemistry
- **PHY** Physics
- **ENV** Environmental Sciences
- **ECO** Economics
- **MAT** Mathematics

Nationality

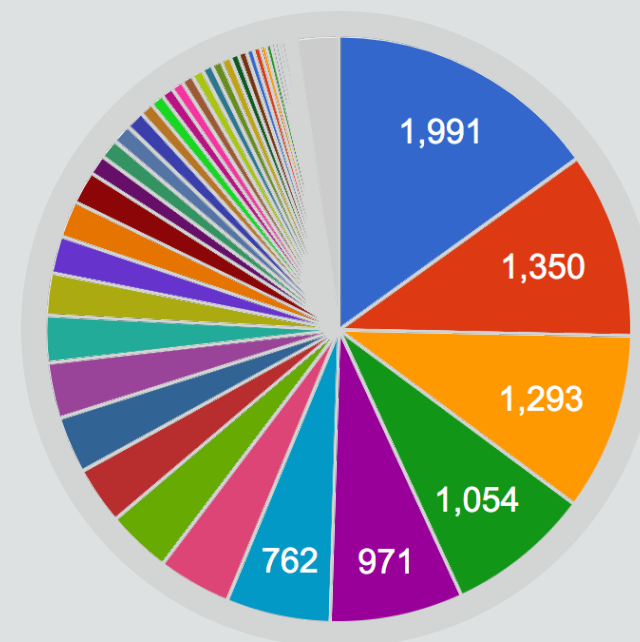


- Italy
- Spain
- Germany
- India
- France
- Greece
- United Kingdom
- China
- Poland
- Portugal
- Netherlands
- United States

Members age



Country of Residence



- United Kingdom
- Spain
- Germany
- France
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Belgium
- Switzerland
- Ireland
- Denmark
- United States
- Sweden

MCAA Structure



MCAA General Assembly (all members)

MCAA Board

11 Board members

- Executive Committee (5)
- Ordinary Members (6)

Ex-officio (only legal Board meetings)

- European Commission
- Chapter Chairs
- Working Group Chairs

MCAA Chapters (37)

Africa

Asia

Europe

North America

South America

Expressions of intention:

Australia & New Zealand

MCAA Working Groups (10)

Bridging Science and Business

Career Development

(Science) Communication

Genders, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Information & Data Access

Management

Policy

Research Funding

Research Management

Survey

MCAA Secretariat

A plethora of activities, wide impact



The MCAA Learning Program

AROUND THE WORLD WEBINAR SERIES

CAREERS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR RESEARCHERS

SAVE THE DATE: OCT 13, 2023

TIME: 16:00 CEST

REGISTER NOW

Wired but Weary: Artificial Intelligence to Rescue Work-Life Balance in a Digitised Academia?

Giving a voice to researchers: the MCAA Whistleblowing Channel

The new MCAA mentoring initiative

MCAA Around the World Webinar Series

How to make the best of citizen science for your research

Register by the 8th Nov!

10th Nov 2023 13:00 CET

MARIE CURIE AND THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

ALAN TURING AND THE POWER OF CURIOSITY

Steering Success in MSCA Projects

A World Café Workshop on the Evolving Role of Project Managers

15 November TOLEDO

PEP-CV

Shifting what and who is **visible** and **valued** in research and innovation

STAIRCASE Survey: Improving working conditions in Academia

10th ANNIVERSARY 2014-2024

Celebrate with us our 10th Anniversary

MCAA Sustainability Interest Group

Join our new General Interest Group

Call for Micro Grants

10 Years of MCAA Past, Present & Future

MCAA MILAN, ITALY ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Upcoming MCAA Conference

10 Years of MCAA Past, Present & Future

2023 MCAA Latam Conference

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA

October 26-27-28

UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DE BOLIVAR SEDE MANGA

MCAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MILAN

MCAA 10 YEARS: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

Marie Curie Alumni Association

MSCA SATELLITE EVENT REFLECTIONS ON SUPERVISION IN MSCA

MARCH 14, 2024, 10:00 - 12:00 IN-PERSON EVENT

REGISTER BY MARCH 1, 2024

SHARE YOUR INSPIRING SUPERVISION STORIES

Join today!

Our 2024 in pictures



Examples of Chapter and Working Group activities



- Two-day conference
- 77 onsite participants
- 18 researchers of MCAA LatAm Chapters
- 20+ internationalisation and research managers

- A community to share experiences and good practices; to promote joint activities across networks and disciplines; to strengthen European Project Managers' roles and recognition
- 100+ active research/project managers
- Currently finalizing "Insights & recommendations on the role of Project Managers in collaborative MSCA projects"

Examples of chapter and working group activities (2)



General Interest Group on Sustainability

Aims:

- to collect, develop, integrate, and apply sustainable practices in research, education, and training activities linked to both science, in general, and to individual behaviour, in particular, to reduce the human impact/harm on the environment
- to help the European community with the implementation of the MSCA Green Charter and sustainable development.

General Interest Group on Artificial Intelligence

Aims:

- to work with all actors in the science ecosystem, such as researchers, research institutions, body funders, graduate schools, and policymakers
- to identify systemic needs, collaboratively work on solutions and assist the European community and beyond in implementing AI in science and research practices.

United Kingdom Chapter



Objectives and Missions

1. Encouraging Local Networking
2. Initiating Value-Added Activities
4. Supporting MCAA's Mission
5. Interacting with External Stakeholders
6. Organizing Events
7. Participating in Funding Proposals



UNITED KINGDOM
CHAPTER



2023/2024 Chapter Goals

Reach & Engage

our 774 members and Chapter's Friends

2023/2024 UK Chapter activities

Collaboration

- UKRO (NCP, etc.)
- UKRI (Guarantee Funded Fellows, etc.)
- EURAXESS UK

Newsletter

8 issues published

105 registered members

City Ambassador program

7 ambassadors covering 6 cities

Regular meeting in Glasgow

ECR Summer Day 2024

Day networking and training for young researchers

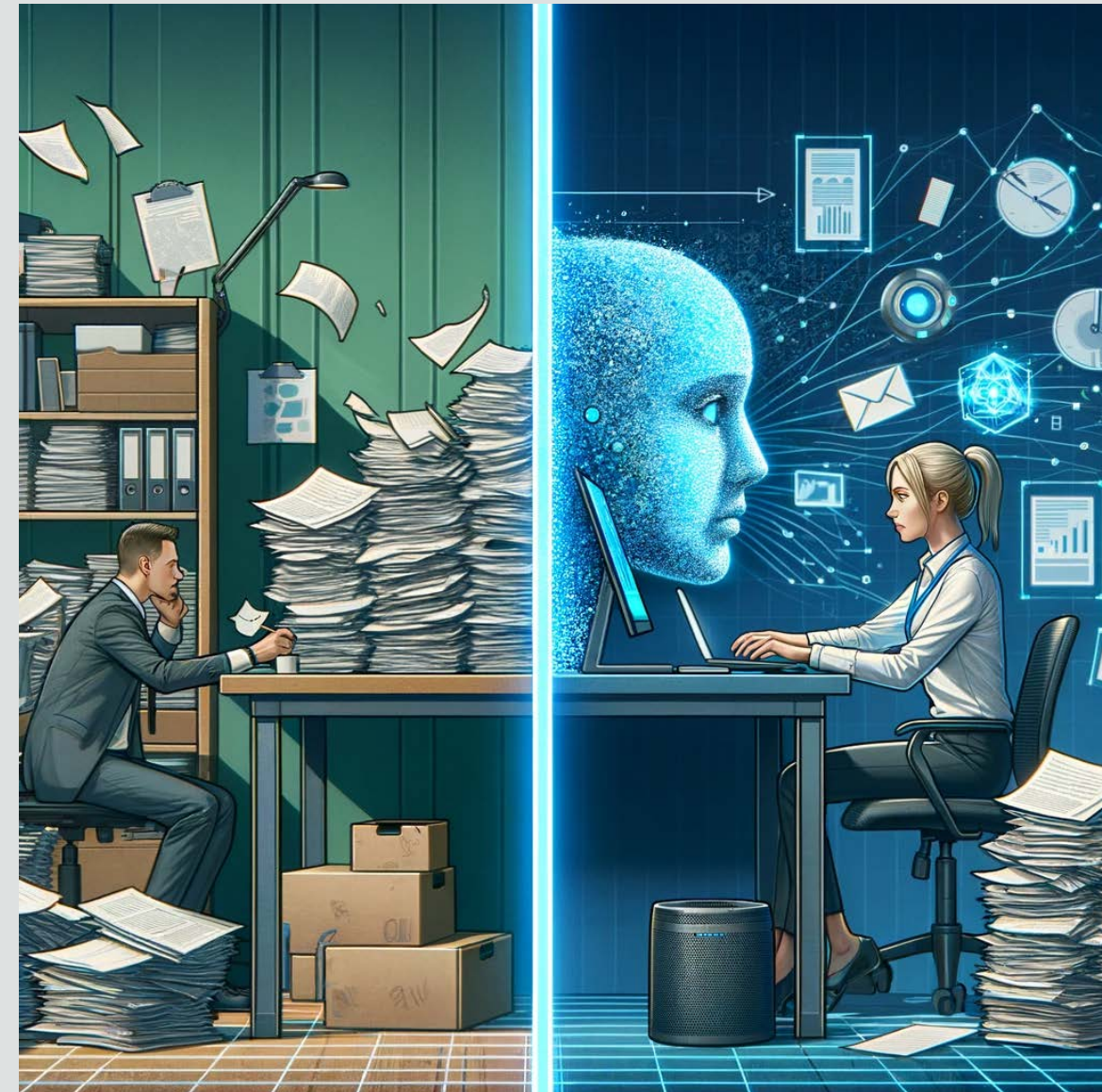
Practical and innovative approaches



Experience of MCAA

As an MSCA fellow within a Doctoral Network

- Social meeting
- Freedom
- Career development
 - Networking
 - Diversity of research ecosystem
 - Learning
- Innovation (e.g., Artificial Intelligence for Science)





Thank you for your attention

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