

Empowering researchers with new opportunities and skills

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MCAA Background



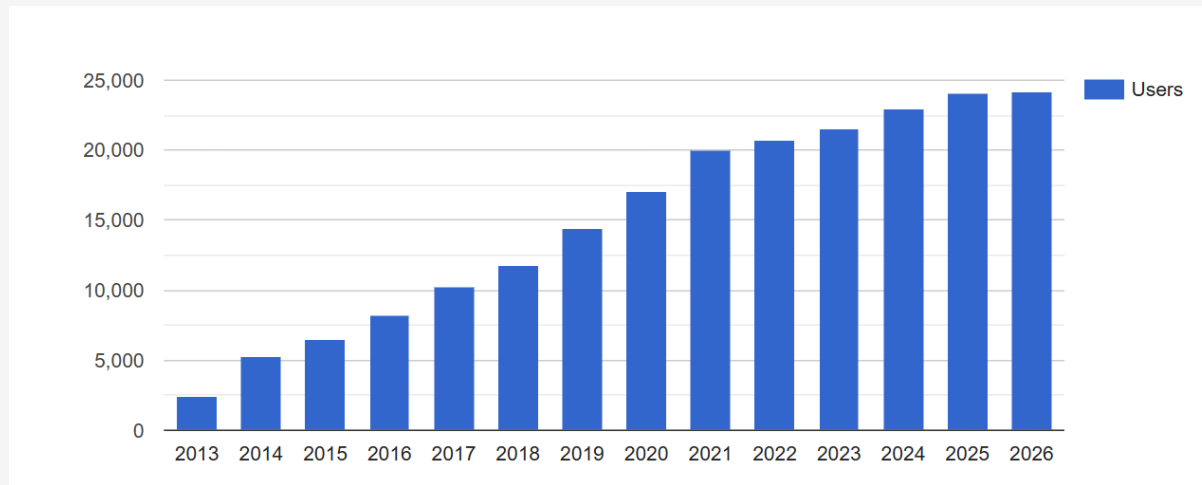
*Marie Skłodowska-Curie
(1867-1934)*

- Founded in 2012 as a restricted-access website, the MCAA today is a dynamic network boasting more than 24000 members.
- Connecting researchers throughout Europe and around the world, the MCAA enables international transdisciplinary collaborations. It encourages networking, cooperation and mutual understanding among members and external stakeholders.
- Membership is free and open to any past or present Marie Curie researcher (beneficiary of funding under any of the past or present schemes proposed as part of the European Commission's Marie Curie programme) who encourages international mobility among researchers.
- Funding and support for the MCAA is provided by the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture.

MCAA Members

1. 24234 **registered** members
2. 165 nationalities.
3. 41 Chapters
4. 8 Working groups
 1. Artificial Intelligence
 2. Bridging Science and Business
 3. Career Development
 4. Communication
 5. Policy
 6. Genders, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – GEDI
 7. Research Management Working Group
 8. Sustainability

MCAA Members



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Nationality

Any

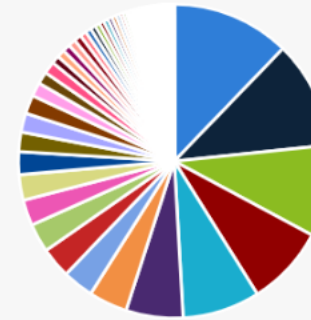


- Italy (3461)
- Spain (2586)
- India (1588)
- Germany (1489)
- France (1233)
- China (1068)
- Greece (987)
- United Kingdom (906)
- Portugal (636)

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Current Country of Residence

Any



- United Kingdom (2554)
- Spain (2307)
- Germany (1967)
- Italy (1720)
- France (1673)
- Netherlands (1232)
- Belgium (832)
- Denmark (669)
- Ireland (656)

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MCAA Members

Scientific Panel

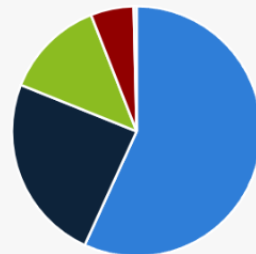
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- LIF - Life sciences (5892)
- ENG - Engineering (5119)
- SOC - Social Sciences and Humanities (3350)
- CHE - Chemistry (3289)
- PHY - Physics (2362)
- ENV - Environmental sciences (1971)
- ECO - Economics (663)
- MAT - Mathematics (506)

Age Group

Any

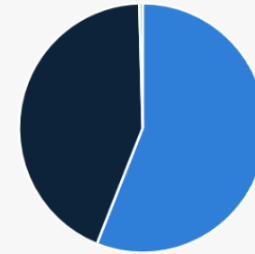


- 36-50 (11903)
- 25-35 (5072)
- >50 (2719)
- N/A (1167)
- ≤18 (74)
- 19-24 (7)

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Gender

Any

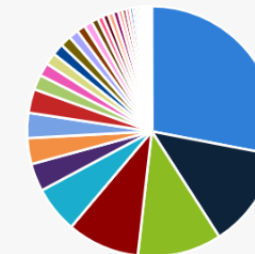


- Male (13588)
- Female (10552)
- Other (105)

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Chart showing participation action

Any



- FP7 - ITN (2326)
- H2020 - IF (Individual Fellowships) (1072)
- FP7 - IEF (905)
- H2020 - ITN (Research Networks) (779)
- FP7 - COFUND (499)
- FP7 - IOF (299)
- FP7 - IAPP (279)
- FP7 - IIF (270)
- FP7 - CIG (256)

MCAA Mission and Vision

Mission:

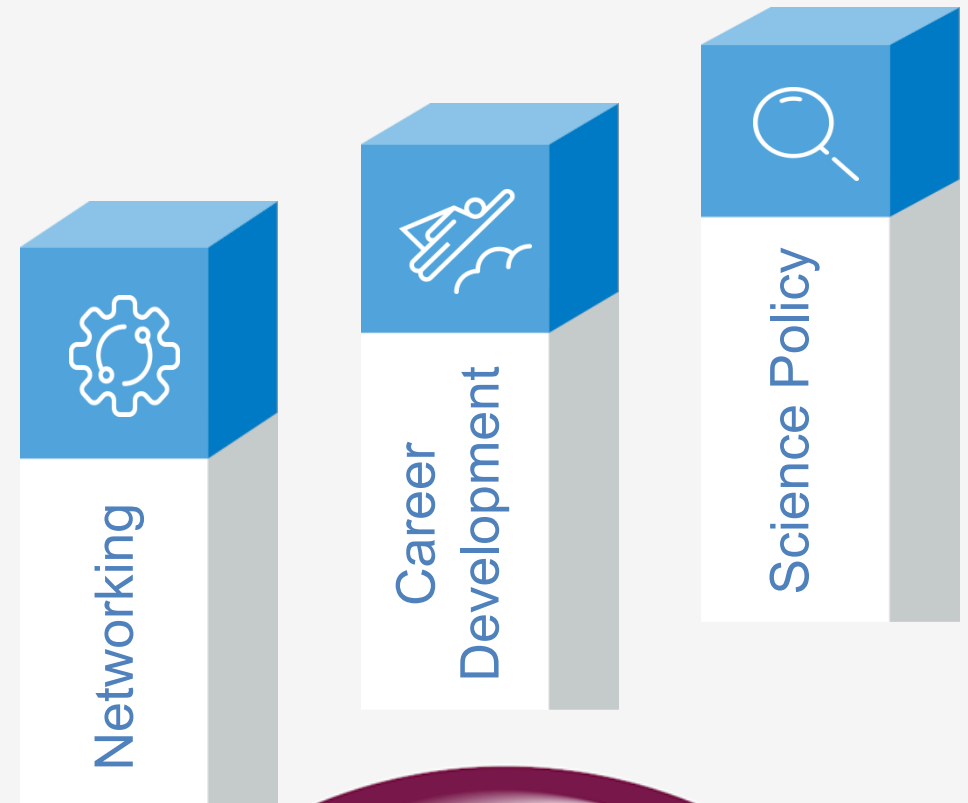
Our mission is to bring together the MSCA community, support the career development of present and past MSCA beneficiaries at all career stages, and be a voice for researchers across regions and disciplines

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 skills development

Industry-relevant skill	MCAA action
Communication	Science communication training courses and webinars.
Project management	Dedicated project management training.
Leadership & mentoring	MCAA Academy mentoring programme connecting researchers with experienced professionals.
Networking	Global alumni network, working groups, chapters, and networking events.
Career planning	Career Development Working Group workshops, webinars, and career guidance sessions.
CV and job-search skills	CV development workshops and professional advancement activities.
Industry awareness	Events involving both academia and industry participants.
Mental resilience	Webinars on work pressure, wellbeing, and work-life balance.
Lifelong learning	Coursera access through the Learning Programme.
Policy and stakeholder engagement	Training in science policy and diversity.

Microgrants



The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) provides financial support to members in the form of **microgrants**, with the aim of contributing to their career development and facilitating their participation in the MCAA activities and the promotion of the MSCA and the MCAA community.

Microgrants are designed to support the costs associated with participating in various events, particularly covering expenses such as travel, accommodation, and registration fees.

MCAA Academy



The **MCAA Academy** is a programme to support the career development of our members, with mentoring at its core.

It provides a continuous and comprehensive learning experience, allowing mentees to **focus on the skills that matter most** at a given time.

PEP-CV, A Platform For Narrative CVs



The **Peer Exchange Platform for Narrative-style CVs (PEP-CV)** is a resource for the research and innovation community to collaboratively create narrative-style CVs. PEP-CV has been developed in partnership between the MCAA, like-minded associations, funding agencies, and researchers.

PEP-CV is a platform for everyone in research and innovation to engage in simple **peer mentoring exchanges** about the diverse range of experiences, achievements, and career paths included in narrative CVs, which foster a holistic view of researchers and their contributions.

At PEP-CV, we support the principles of international initiatives that advance **research evaluation and an inclusive research culture**, such as the [Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#) and the [Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment \(CoARA\)](#). In addition, our platform provides mentoring opportunities to people across geographical boundaries and contributes to increased equity and diversity of who and what is valued in the international research and innovation (R&I) sector.

MCAA Learning Programme



At the MCAA, we value lifelong learning and career development. That's why we offer our members **free three-month access to the online learning platform [Coursera](#)**.

We have worked with Coursera to propose several **learning tracks**. You can also select individual courses from more than **16,000 options** offered by more than 325 leading universities and companies.

The courses are organised into the main categories of data science, business, computer science, information technology, language learning, health, personal development, physical science and engineering, social sciences, arts and humanities, and math and logic.

MCAA Training Programme



Learning new skills shouldn't stop at a university degree. Whether you are in the early stages or further along in your career, the **MCAA Training Programme** will provide you with useful skills to put into practice, no matter which sector you work in.

We offer courses on **transversal topics** relevant to professionals across disciplines, including science communication, project management, science policy, and diversity. The training courses are **open to both MCAA members and non-members** for a fee that depends on various factors such as course duration and format.

Events

MCAA
MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AROUND THE WORLD WEBINAR SERIES

Cultural diplomacy in Southern Europe

12 June 2026
16:00–17:00 CEST



MCAA
MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AROUND THE WORLD WEBINAR SERIES

Boost your research with EOSC EU Node

8 May 2026
16:00–17:00 CEST



MCAA
MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AROUND THE WORLD WEBINAR SERIES

Enhancing research impact through standardisation

20 March 2026
16:00–17:00 CET



MCAA
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A stakeholder dialogue on the MSCA



22-24 APRIL 2026
Brussels Belgium

MCAA Annual Conference

Research careers beyond borders: 30 years of the MSCA



Researchers meet Entrepreneurs: Career paths

6-7 November 2025

Institute for Condensed Matter Chemistry Bordeaux

Researchers meet entrepreneurs



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MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

EUROPEAN DOCTORAL DAY

A stakeholder dialogue on European doctoral programmes



Researchers meet Entrepreneurs: Fund your Start-up

March 16, 2026

Pier 01, Tech City, Barcelona
(Limited travel support also available)

MCAA ACCIO CRG Barcelona RMIT Registration



MCAA
MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sustainability in research practices: The updated MSCA Green Charter

24 February 2026
12:00 CET

Speaker: Robin Gadbled
Policy Officer, European Commission



Projects





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