



Draft Work Program n°5

January - June 2023

Chaired by Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)

Co-Chairs: Mostafa Moonir Shawrav & Fernanda Bajanca

Guiding Theme “Science Diplomacy for Enhancing Global Cooperation”

1. Priority: Providing organizational stability

Since its establishment, the Alliance has been successfully run by the effort of its volunteer members. In order to provide a stable structure, the Co-Chairs will provide their expertise & knowledge on registration as a non-profit organization in Belgium. One of the major objectives of the Alliance is to encourage project collaboration. However, as the Alliance is not a legal entity, it can't take part in any project. By establishing a legal entity, Alliance can take part in relevant Horizon European and National funding calls and foster collaboration among members.

In order to understand the needs of the current members & global networking partners, a survey is planned. Depending on the survey results, the current membership options and the status of the working group will be further evaluated.

What?	Who?	When?
Establish collaboration with Science Europe - an organization of research funding agency	Co-Chairs & Secretary General of Science Europe	January 2023
Organize a survey among members & Global networking partners	Co-Chairs	April 2023
Reevaluate the membership options	Trio-Chairs & Alliance members	May 2023
General Assembly of the Alliance	Chairs + Working Group Leaders	May 2023

Explore the possibility to register as nonprofit association in Belgium	Co-Chairs with the support of trio-Chairs	By June 2023
Investigate the option to establish a secretariat/working team to support the Chairs	Trio-Chairs & interested Alliance members	By June 2023

2. Priority: Enhancing the collaboration among members and global networking partners

In order to find synergy among members, MCAA will organize a satellite event for the alliance members as part of MCAA Annual Conference 2023 in Cordoba, Spain. In addition, the alliance members will be invited to join the hybrid conference on February 24-25, 2023 in Cordoba. The theme of this year's conference is "*Challenges in science diplomacy & Sustainable development*". At least three sessions are focused on science diplomacy. In addition,

Currently, the Alliance has more than 25 organization members. In order to enrich the membership and to establish collaboration with global key stakeholders, MCAA is planning to start dialogue with the international organizations to find synergy and form a new collaboration.

What?	Who?	When?
Satellite event on "The Past, Present & Future of the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance"	MCAA Alliance members are invited to submit abstract by January 20	February 23, 2023 in Cordoba
MCAA Annual Conference sessions on Science Diplomacy	MCAA Alliance members are invited to register for the conference	February 24-25 2023 in Cordoba
Online workshop and discussion with Science Diplomacy Capital for Africa Team	Trio Chairs	April 2023
Online meeting according to Chatham House Rules with key international stakeholders (ISC, AAAS, INGSA, GESDA, Spider network)	All Chairs of the Alliance	May 2023

3. Priority: Contributing to the European Science Diplomacy Agenda & Strategy development

According to the Council Conclusions on the Global Approach to Research & Innovation published in September 28, 2021, the Council calls on the commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to Develop a European Science Diplomacy Agenda (ESDA). The advisory member Jan Marco Mueller (EEAS) already proposed the working structure to develop the ESDA. The Co-Chairs with the alliance members will provide necessary support to realize the ESDA roadmap. In addition, the Co-Chairs will advocate for the establishment of Chief Scientific Advisor Office in the member states. To build the capacity of the next generation of science diplomats, MCAA will further advocate for introducing Science Diplomacy Fellowship for researchers, similar to AAAS, but customized for Europe.

What?	Who?	When?
Support the ESDA roadmap by contributing to the working group and co-creation workshops	Interested Alliance Members	March 2023
Advocacy for science diplomacy fellowship for researchers & establishment of Chief Scientific Advisor office in the Member States	Co-Chairs & the Interested Alliance Members	Throughout
Structured collaboration with the work on Science Diplomacy (in particular DG RTD) & EEAS	Interested Alliance Members	Throughout

Acknowledgement: MCAA Science Diplomacy Task Force Members