

Regional Awareness Raising Event

MSCA Staff Exchanges: Opportunities for Researchers from the Western Balkans

Date: 6 November 2023

Time: 14.00-15.30 CET (90 minutes max.)

Format: online event using webex:

<https://zsigmbh.my.webex.com/zsigmbh.my/j.php?MTID=m8a49cc734eaf8b467df31f887a1901f2>

Registration: <https://survey3.zsi.at/index.php/589754?lang=en>

Concept: The event is a cooperation between the POLICY ANSWERS project and MSCAdvocacy. It is embedded in a POLICY ANSWERS focus theme covering researcher mobility, see www.westernbalkans-infohub.eu. A representative of the Research Executive Agency will provide an outline of what the MSCA Staff Exchange Scheme is, followed by an introduction of various services to use for the preparation of a proposal such as the National Contact Points. We will also hear a success story and recommendations from an experienced project coordinator highlighting good practices from the region. The event allows for Q&A in the chat which will be addressed at the end of the event.

Target group: Representatives of interested organisations and stakeholders from the Western Balkans, e.g. Higher Education and Research Performing Organisations but we particularly encourage also non-academic stakeholders to participate in the Staff Exchange scheme and this information event.

Background: Staff Exchange (SE) is an excellent opportunity for Western Balkans organisations and individuals because the mobility supported through this scheme has a strong capacity-building element, which is appreciated and needed. Although the SE scheme is already used by some stakeholders, there is a lot of potential for this particular scheme in the Western Balkans, as it allows for short-term mobility and includes different staff categories. The call is opening 5 October 2023 and closing 28 February 2024.

Speakers:

Moderation	Elke Dall, MSCAdvocacy and POLICY ANSWERS
Keynote	Amir Spahic, Research Executive Agency (confirmed)
MSCA-Net support	Veronique Sordet, Euresearch (confirmed)
Services of NCPs and recommendations	Aleksandra Martinovska-Stojcheska (North Macedonia), Gentrit Berisha (Kosovo), Martina Lakic (Montenegro), Robert Dumi (Albania), Huriya Dzudzevic Cancar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Gordana Vlahovic (Serbia)
Success story	Goran Stojanovic, University of Novi Sad, successful coordinator and partner in various MSCA SE projects, e.g. SALSETH and GaitREHub (confirmed)
Evaluator's perspective	Daniel Hofman, University of Zagreb (confirmed)

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