

Scientific Symposium on Careers Beyond Academia and Transferable Skills for PhDs

Date: Monday, 14 April 2024 – 09:30-17:00

Venue: Hotel International Tirana, (Online link to follow)

Agenda

09:30-10:15	Registration of participants
10:15-10:30	Opening remarks, <i>Mrs. Mirela Muca, General Director, NASRI</i>
10:30-11:00	Entrepreneurship as a Way of Life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of entrepreneurship for PhDs and opportunities in establishing a career outside academia. <i>Presentation by: Isser Peer, BHO IL, EURAXESS Service Centre</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:00	EURAXESS Support for Young Researchers' Career Paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insights into career options for young researchers, focusing on Horizon Europe, MSCA, ERC, and related funding opportunities. Overview of the EURAXESS podcast and its episodes on various career paths. Researcher Mobility, MSCA & ERA Fellowships <i>Presentation by: Darja Aksjonova, BHO Latvia, Latvian Council of Science</i>
12:00-12:30	Career Opportunities Beyond Academia for PhDs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration of career paths for PhDs outside academia, with focus on industry roles, entrepreneurship, and policy sectors. Insights into how transferable skills gained through PhD training apply to various sectors beyond academia. <i>Presentation by: Lucia Salto, Project Coordinator, University of Turin, Italy</i>



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12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:00	MSCA from the perspective of PhD candidates <i>Presentation by Marta Avesani, PhD candidate, University of Groningen</i>
14:00-14:30	MSCA (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions) Funding Opportunities and Career Support for PhDs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of MSCA funding and how it facilitates the professional growth and career transitions of PhDs. <i>Presenation by Eltjana Shkreli, GO2Albania, MSCA winner</i>
14:30-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-15:45	Horizon Europe and Its Impact on Research Careers and Employability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the Horizon Europe program and how it supports career growth and employability of researchers, especially PhDs. • Other impact and opportunities through multilateral projects <i>Presentation by: Robert Dumi, NASRI, Albania; Imirjon Peza, NASRI</i>
15:45-16:45	Open Discussion & Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants share experiences and ask questions • Explore further career opportunities for PhDs • Discuss how to improve the support system for PhD students transitioning into non-academic careers
16:45-17:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key takeaways from the session • Final thoughts on fostering career development for PhDs • Information on available resources and upcoming events for career support