



Destination Europe

Research and Innovation Opportunities in Europe

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EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFORMATION DAY IN SEATTLE

Destination Europe showcases Europe's vibrant and exciting research and innovation ecosystem and the opportunities available to researchers from anywhere in the world. A joint initiative of the European Union and its Member States, Destination Europe 2020 will be hosted by the University of Washington in Seattle and is open to all who are interested in exploring what Europe has to offer to them in all fields of research.

Attendees at Destination Europe will find:

- Experts from European research organizations, funding agencies and European Commission services presenting programs, initiatives, and opportunities to develop their research career in Europe
- Researchers who have had the experience of moving to Europe temporarily or permanently sharing their experience
- Information about the practicalities of moving to Europe (scientific visa, mobility centers, etc.)
- An exhibition space with stands providing additional information

Participation is free but prior registration is essential.



DESTINATION EUROPE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 13 February 2020

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM	Registration and Coffee
09:30 AM - 09:40 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks University of Washington and Delegation of the European Union to the USA
09:40 AM - 09:45 AM	Introduction: Moderator
	 Minna Wilkki, Head of the Communication Unit, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
09:45 AM - 10:10 AM	Keynote Speech
	 Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
10:10 AM - 10:40 AM	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
	• Alessandra Luchetti, Head of Department, Research Executive Agency
	Jillian Helser, Environmental researcher, current MSCA fellow
	• Dr. Steven Quistad, Molecular microbiologist, former MSCA fellow
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM	Coffee Break / Visit Stands
11:10 AM - 11:30 AM	Finland works - Better Together for a Better World
	 Dr. Erja Heikkinen, Director for Science Policy at the Ministry of Education and Culture
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Opportunities in the French Higher Education, Research and Innovation System
	 Dr. Yves Frenot, Director of Research at CNRS, Counselor for Science and Technology, Embassy of France
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	Austria - Surprisingly Ingenious
	 Simone Poetscher, Director of Programs and Operations, Office of Science and Technology Austria - OSTA, Embassy of Austria
12:10 PM - 12:30 PM	Opportunities in Ireland
	 Dr. Aoife Ryan, International Development Lead, Science Foundation Ireland, Mountain View, CA
12:30 PM - 01:30 PM	Lunch / Visit Stands

01:30 PM - 02:00 PM	European Research Council
	Tony Lockett, Head of Communication Unit, European
	Research Council Executive Agency
	• Dr. Liesbet Geris, ERC Grantee
02:00 PM - 02:20 PM	Research in Germany: Funding & Career Opportunities
	 Dietrich Wolf Fenner, Program Manager, German Center for Research and Innovation (DWIH) New York
	 Dr. Cathleen S. Fisher, President, American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
	 Dr. Rainer Gruhlich, Director, German Research Foundation (DFG), North America Office
	 Christian Joergens, Head of Section Science & Technology, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
02:20 PM - 02:40 PM	Opportunities in Sweden
	 Dr. Henric Johnson, Science & Innovation Counselor, Embassy of Sweden
02:40 PM - 03:00 PM	Opportunities in the European Union's Join Research Centre
	 Marton Hajdu, Head of Strategic Communication, Interinstitutional, International Relations & Outreach, Joint Research Centre
03:00 PM - 03:20 PM	Opportunities in Switzerland
	 Anouk De Bast, Head of the Office of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Embassy of Switzerland
03:20 PM - 03:40 PM	Opportunities in Denmark
	 Dr. Jeppe Dørup Olesen, Science Attaché/Consul/Innovation Centre Denmark, Palo Alto
03:40 PM - 04:10 PM	Euraxess
	Jackson Howard, Regional Representative, Euraxess North America
04:10 PM - 04:30 PM	Closing Remarks
04:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Cocktail Reception / visit Stands

Exhibit space with stands featuring information on opportunities in

- Austria
- Croatia
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Poland
- Switzerland
- European Research Council (ERC)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
- Euraxess
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)

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