

# MSCA-GLOPOL Policy Impact Day Summit

## “Bridging Research and Global Policy”

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**Date:** 25 April 2026

**Venue:** Université libre de Bruxelles Solbosch campus, building H, Brussels

**Time:** 09:00–13:00 CEST

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) Annual Conference (22–25 April 2026) is the premier platform for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) alumni to translate their research expertise into impactful policy dialogue, fostering closer ties between the MSCA ecosystem and global stakeholders.

To leverage this expertise for policy development, the MCAA, in the framework of the **MSCA-GLOPOL project** (MSCA Global Cooperation: Policy Enhancement and Strategic Promotion), will host the inaugural **Policy Impact Day** of the project on **Saturday, 25 April 2026**.

MSCA-GLOPOL works to strengthen international cooperation in the MSCA with 20 key partner countries and 6 regions by enhancing policy dialogue and strategic promotion to foster stronger research partnerships. The event, organised in conjunction with the MCAA Annual Conference, brings together representatives from the European Commission, policymakers, private and government organisations, MCAA Chapters, Regional Liaison Officers (RLOs) and National Contact Points (NCPs) from the targeted geographical regions, fostering direct dialogue and influencing policy development.

The objectives of the first MSCA-GLOPOL Policy Impact Day are:

- **Identify policy gaps:** Review the status quo of bilateral and bi-regional research and innovation (R&I) cooperation and identify where current participation lags behind joint priorities from the researchers' perspective.
- **Strengthen synergies:** Align MSCA opportunities with other programmes, such as the European Research Council (ERC), the Erasmus+ Programme, and the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST).
- **Foster dialogue:** Facilitate direct interactions between researchers, policymakers, and industry actors to address participation barriers such as administrative complexity and low awareness.

## Agenda: Policy Impact Day

Moderator: **MOSTAFA MOONIR SHAWRAV, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCAA**

Time	Agenda item	Presenter and notes
09:00-09:30	Welcome note: Objectives of MSCA-GLOPOL and the role of the MCAA in the global policy landscape	<b>GIAN MARIA GRECO, CHAIR, MCAA</b>  <b>JENNY ELMACO, MSCA-GLOPOL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, PRACSIS</b>
09:30-09:45	MSCA-GLOPOL International Collaboration and Synergies	<b>ARMELA DINO, MSCA-GLOPOL PROJECT OFFICER, MCAA</b>
09:45:-11:00	Sectoral synergies: climate action, health innovation, and artificial intelligence. MSCA fellows discuss policy-relevant topics, translating knowledge into policy and industry.	<b>AN OPEN CONVERSATION WITH MSCA FELLOWS AND EVENT PARTICIPANTS - HOT DESK FORMAT - ON STAGE</b>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-13:00	Inter-programme synergies: ERC, COST and ERASMUS+ for seamless research careers  Future opportunities on creating synergies between MSCA, ERASMUS+ and ERC. Aligning priorities and creating synergies in	<b>WIELAND STAESSENS, HEAD OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE</b>  <b>KATALIN ALFOLDI, POLICY ADVISOR, COST ASSOCIATION</b>



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joint international  
collaboration.

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institutional  
strengthening in the  
less-research intensive  
countries.

**SHAHIN ETY, VICE PRESIDENT, ERASMUS  
MUNDUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**SEAN ROWLANDS, SENIOR POLICY  
OFFICER, THE GUILD**

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**13:00**

Closure

**MOSTAFA MOONIR SHAWRAY, EXECUTIVE  
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The event is open to the public. For more information, please contact:  
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