

MSCA Best Practise Sharing and Matchmaking Session with MSCA Coordinators

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MSCA-GLOPOL ASEAN Webinar

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13 May 2026, 10:30 – 11:30 CET

The MSCA-GLOPOL ASEAN team warmly invites representatives from universities, research institutes, start-ups and businesses to join the upcoming webinar on “MSCA Best Practice Sharing and Matchmaking Session with MSCA Coordinators” on Wednesday, 13 May 2026.

The session will bring together experienced MSCA project coordinators to share practical, first-hand insights on building strong international consortia. Discussions will focus on how coordinators identify and select partners, manage collaboration across institutions, and what they look for in potential partners from Southeast Asia. Through real project experiences, the speakers will offer concrete advice and recommendations for organisations seeking to join future consortia, helping participants better position themselves for successful collaboration.

The webinar is designed for researchers, universities, and organisations in Southeast Asia interested in connecting with European partners and strengthening their role in MSCA projects.

Date: Wednesday, 13 May 2026

Time: 10:30 – 11:30am CET, 15:30-16:30 Jakarta, 16:30-17:30 Singapore time

Format: Zoom Webinar

[Registration Link](#)

Why should you join?

- Gain practical insights into how experienced coordinators build strong, balanced consortia, from identifying the right partners to making selection decisions that strengthen the project

- Understand what European coordinators expect from partners in Southeast Asia, and how your organisation can position itself as a valuable and credible collaborator
- Learn how partnerships are effectively managed across institutions and sectors, including communication, roles, and long-term engagement
- Benefit from first-hand experiences, including common challenges, lessons learned, and approaches that have worked in successful projects
- Strengthen your readiness to engage in future collaborations by aligning your expertise, networks, and institutional priorities with consortium needs

Background

The [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#) are the European Union's flagship programme for developing global research talent. Since 1996, MSCA has supported over 150.000 researchers across all career stages – 23 of them received a Nobel Prize - by promoting international mobility, interdisciplinary collaboration, and skills development. With participation spanning over 160 nationalities and 139 countries, the programme funds excellent, bottom-up research across all disciplines while fostering long-term global partnerships. 2026 marks a key milestone with the 30th anniversary of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

[MSCA-GLOPOL \(Global Policy and Promotion\)](#) supports this mission by strengthening international cooperation and expanding global participation in MSCA. Through targeted outreach, policy dialogue, and capacity-building activities, the initiative helps stakeholders outside Europe better understand funding opportunities, participation rules, and the strategic benefits of engaging in MSCA programmes.

Programme (Brussels time/CET)

10:30-10:35	Welcome Remarks Dr Tatas Brotosudarmo, MSCA-GLOPOL Regional Liaison Officer
10:35-10:40	Opening Remarks – 30 Years of MSCA: Curiosity that changes the world Robin Gadbled, Policy Officer, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission
10:40-11:10	Experience Sharing and Fireside Chat with MSCA Project Coordinators from Europe Dr Radu Ionescu, Senior Researcher and Principal Investigator, Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU), Estonia

	<i>Project Coordinator:</i> <i>VOLATEVS - Analysis of the volatile organic compounds emitted by extracellular vesicles for disease diagnosis</i> <i>ARTVOC - Volatolomic approaches for improving success rates in assisted reproductive technology</i> Dr Sergio Moya Group Leader, Center for Cooperative Research in Biomaterials - CIC biomaGUNE, Spain <i>Project Coordinator:</i> <i>OXIGENATED - Hemoglobin based Protein Nanocarriers for Tumour Oxygenation and a more effective Photodynamic Therapy</i> <i>SUPROGEN - Supramolecular Polyamine Gene Vectors for Cancer Therapy</i>
11:10-11:25	Q&A Round and Discussion Moderated by MSCA-GLOPOL Regional Liaison Officer
11:25 - 11:30	Closing Remarks Leonie Nagarajan, MSCA-GLOPOL Regional Liaison Officer

Speakers

MSCA Expert and Testimonial Speakers



Robin Gadbled

Policy Officer, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

Robin Gadbled is a Policy Officer in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Unit of the European Commission. Among his files, he oversees for the European Commission the participation of ASEAN researchers and organisations in the MSCA programme, liaising with colleagues notably from MSCA-GLOPOL and EURAXESS ASEAN. Before joining the Commission, Robin worked as an academic (European University Institute, Florence; Sciences Po, Paris; KU Leuven; The Europeum, Oxford) and represented a network of European universities as a Policy Officer.

His current policy and academic interests cover EU research and higher education policies.



Dr Radu Ionescu

Senior Researcher and Principal Investigator, Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU)

Dr. Radu Ionescu received his degree in Electrical Power Engineering from Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Romania, in 1998, and his Ph.D. degree in Electronics Engineering from Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain, in 2003. Currently he is senior researcher at Estonian University of Life Sciences. Previously he was researcher at Uppsala University, Sweden; project director at the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry Petru Poni from Iasi, Romania; research director at Rovira i Virgili University, Spain; experienced researcher at Mediterranean

University of Reggio Calabria, Italy; EC Senior Researcher at Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. He has 70 peer-reviewed scientific publications, and 34 H-index. Dr. Ionescu coordinated the H2020 projects TROPSENSE and bTB-Test, and currently he is coordinating the Horizon Europe projects VOLATEVS and ARTVOC. His research interests comprise volatolomics, volatile biomarkers, electronic nose, chemical gas sensors, nanomaterials and GC-MS analysis.



Dr Sergio Moya

Group Leader, Center for Cooperative Research in Biomaterials - CIC biomaGUNE, Spain

Sergio Moya graduated in Chemistry from the National University of the South, Argentina, and obtained his PhD in Physical Chemistry while working at the Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces in Germany. Following postdoctoral appointments at the Collège de France and the University of Cambridge, in France and the UK respectively, he worked as an independent scientist at CIQA in Mexico. Since 2007, he has been a group leader at Center for Cooperative Research in Biomaterials - CIC biomaGUNE in Spain. His research interests lie at the interface

between Materials Science and Biomedical Sciences. He has coordinated several European and international projects, including two IRSES projects, three RISE projects under Horizon 2020, and currently an MSCA Staff Exchanges project under Horizon Europe.

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Dr Tatas Brotosudarmo

MSCA-GLOPOL Regional Liaison Officer
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Tatas Brotosudarmo is a biochemist at Petra Christian University with over a decade of expertise in strategic planning and management roles, focusing on promoting research, enhancing research capacity, building a community of researchers, and establishing and developing partnerships. He earned several prestigious awards, including the Toray Science & Technology Award 2017, the Study UK Alumni Award 2017, and the Georg Foster Research Fellowship 2019. Notable positions he served include the Director of a National CoE in Photosynthesis Research, Vice President of the Indonesian Young Academy of Sciences for Science and Policy Affairs, and the President of the Indonesian

Chemical Society. As the founding chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) Southeast Asia Chapter, he has been pivotal in nurturing EU-ASEAN research networks. Tatas obtained his Master's Degree from the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich and his Doctoral Degree from the University of Glasgow through the Marie Curie Research Training Network. Tatas is also the EURAXESS Worldwide Representative for ASEAN, with the focus countries being Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar.



Leonie Nagarajan
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Leonie Nagarajan is an education and sustainability expert. As the former Director of the Education Department at the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), she led large scale programmes on education policies, higher education cooperation, teacher professionalisation, lifelong learning as well as youth leadership across 51 countries in Asia and Europe. Next to her career in international education and education diplomacy, she is the Co-founder of a social enterprise in Singapore that drives circularity in education and focuses on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and waste generated in the education system. She received her Masters' Degree in Communication Sciences with minors in Political and Cultural Sciences from the Free University and Humboldt University in Berlin. Leonie is also the EURAXESS Worldwide Representative for ASEAN, with the focus countries being Brunei, Cambodia, Singapore, Philippines, and Vietnam.

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