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## PolSCA webinar series on Horizon Europe

- inaugural event –

**Wednesday, 31 march 2021, at 09.30 – 11.30**

### GENERAL REMARKS

The main objective of the activities undertaken as part of the **PolSCA Webinar series** is to strengthen the knowledge of the EU framework programme for research and innovation - [Horizon Europe \(HE\)](#) among representatives of the scientific community of the [Polish Academy of Sciences \(PAS\)](#). The participation in next R&I programme, which will be implemented in the years 2021-2027, will undoubtedly be a great challenge for scientists and research units in Poland, including employees of the PAS Institutes. Yet, Horizon Europe programme, with a budget of EUR 95.5 billion, provides clearly a great opportunity to implement ambitious R&D projects, largely based on multilateral scientific cooperation.

In 2020, [PASIFIC](#) was launched - a scholarship program of the Polish Academy of Sciences, co-financed by H2020 as part of the Maria Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA Cofund). As part of the program, cooperation networks among PAS employees will be introduced, so to allow for an exchange of best practices. The [PolSCA Office](#) is involved in **building and strengthening an informal support network** dedicated to scientists and research managers of PAS institutes in the context of the EU framework program for research and innovation, with an emphasis on Horizon Europe.

The synergy of activities initiated within the PASIFIC programme combined with dissemination and training activities undertaken by the PolSCA Office in accordance with its mission, will contribute to increasing the effective participation of the research institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences in competitions and projects funded under Horizon Europe.

Due to the limitations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the PolSCA Webinar series on Horizon Europe will be implemented only via online meetings. However, along with the intensification of PolSCA activities, the full launch of the HE calls and the further rollout of the PASIFIC project, it will be possible in the future to consider complementary activities, e.g. physical workshop or study visits.

Based on the co-creation exercise run with the PolSCA stakeholders, we have designed the roll-out of the PolSCA Webinar series on Horizon Europe in 2021. This will include, among others, (i) the kick-off meeting with the general introduction to Horizon Europe, (ii) introduction to HE pillar II – Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness, in particular in the area of clusters as well as partnerships and missions, (iii) introduction to competitions in selected thematic areas (i.e. clusters of the HE pillar II) or various instruments (e.g. MSCA or Widening measures).

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## AGENDA

### **9.30 // Tomasz Poprawka, Director of the PolSCA Office in Brussels**

Welcome address. Introducing PolSCA and its webinar series on Horizon Europe.

### **9.40 // Prof. Jerzy Duszyński, President of the Polish Academy of Sciences**

The Polish Academy of Sciences' priorities in the context of Horizon Europe.

### **09.50 // Anna Plater-Zyberk, Director of International Cooperation Department, PAS**

PAS on the Horizon - a look back (H2020 program) and into the future (HE program) as well as activities supporting the participation of PAN in framework programs.

### **10.00 // Ewa Kuśmierczyk, Director of Excellence in Science - GrantUp! Office, PAS**

The PASIFIC program - what it is and how it will contribute to increasing the potential of the Academy, including implementation of the support networks within the Polish Academy of Sciences.

### **10.10 // Mr Stefan Weiers, ERA & Country Intelligence, Directorate General for Research & Innovation, European Commission**

Presentation of the Horizon Europe in the context of the priorities of the EU and the European Research Area. The role and support for research performing organizations from the widening countries in addressing the strategic goals of the HE programme.

### **10.30 // Magdalena Bem-Andrzejewska, Director of NCP Poland at the National Centre for Research & Development**

National support system for the efficient Horizon Europe participation – measures and target goals. National Contact Point - the current offer of the NCP in the new structure of the NCBR.

### **10.50 // Tomasz Poprawka, PolSCA Office**

Introduction to webinar series powered by the PolSCA Team - gain new knowledge and aim at Horizon (for) Europe.

### **11.00 // Q&As session moderated by the PolSCA Team**

### **11.30 // Closing words and invitation to the next webinar**