

Dear All,

We are pleased to enclose the first issue of newsletter of the Polish Science Contact Agency of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Brussels (PolSCA). We list and describe the most important events in which we participated actively or which we organized in 2018, as well as those planned for 2019. In addition, we have prepared a set of information on the Horizon 2020 Framework Program and news related to the next EU program for research and innovation called Horizon Europe (FP9). At the end, we would like to extend our warmest Christmas and New Year greetings. Enjoy your reading!

On behalf of the Polish Science Contact Agency – **director Małgorzata Molęda-Zdziech**

**The Polish Science Contact Agency – PolSCA Office activities in 2018**

In 2018, the PolSCA Office team actively participated in over 70 seminars, conferences and study visits. It is worth mentioning few of them: the organization of a seminar devoted to Polish business representations in Brussels, the conference "Women in Science, Past and Present", training on EU framework programs for international project administrators from Polish research institutions, as well as a seminar on Horizon Europe within Informal Group of RTD Liaison Offices (IGLO). It should be mentioned that in 2018 a series of meetings for representatives of Polish regional and economic offices in Brussels was initiated, as well as a very fruitful cooperation with the Polish Academy of Sciences Office in Paris was established, under which two study visits, a presentation of both stations in the European Parliament and a debate on scientific diplomacy during the Science Festival in Jabłonna took place.

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Events 2018**V4 Training for managers of European research projects**

Two editions of V4 training, co-organized by the PolSCA Office in Brussels, took place in April and December 2018. The three-day meetings so over 70 attendees - employees of universities and research institutes - from Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, as well as Lithuania, Belgium, Cyprus and Malta.

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**Conference "Women in Science, Past and Present"**

On June 7, 2018, the Solvay Library hosted a conference entitled "Women in Science, Past and Present", organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Brussels in cooperation with the PolSCA Office. The event was attended by, among others, Kurt Vandenberghe from the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, Anna Szotucha from the Polish Institute for Advanced Studies, as well as prof. Elżbieta Frąckowiak, deputy president of the Polish Academy of Sciences in 2015-2018. The conference was accompanied by a photo exhibition illustrating the life and achievements of Maria Skłodowska-Curie.

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**Discussion about the journalism of Leopold Unger**

On December 7, 2018, in the House of Eastern Poland in Brussels, there was a discussion devoted to the journalism of Leopold Unger, considered one of the most important representatives of serious journalism. The opportunity to take up this topic was the appearance of a French translation of the book "Eagle and the rest".

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Plans for 2019

- ✚ Meetings with experts for representatives of Polish regional offices and business organizations in Brussels
- ✚ Cooperation with scientific centers of the Polish Academy of Sciences, including the Polish Academy of Sciences Office in Paris
- ✚ Study visits in Brussels for the Polish scientific community
- ✚ Events aiming at popularization of the achievements of Polish scientists



Horizon Europe – the next EU framework program for research & innovation

In June 2018, the European Commission published detailed information on the proposals for the next framework programme for research and innovation – [Horizon Europe \(HEU\)](#). Since then, a very intensive work on HEU regulations has been going on. The PolSCA Office has been active in this regard, for instance via joining the public call for the feedback concerning [missions](#), i.e. a new instrument proposed by the EC in cooperation with prof. M. Mazzucato. The PolSCA Office initiated a consultation process within the network of PAS institutes, as a result of which by March 2018 Polish researchers presented their ambitious ideas for EU-wide missions in the field of research and innovation ([link](#)). At the same time, PolSCA published a [position paper](#) on the future framework program (FP9) and the [joint position statement](#) by the V4 Academies of Sciences, whose appearance was recorded by the [Science|Business](#) portal. Furthermore, in June this year PolSCA organized in the framework of the IGLO a [seminar](#) on the Horizon Europe. Currently, the PolSCA team is closely monitoring the opinions and positions of other organizations regarding HEU negotiations, e.g. [ALLEA](#) with regard to SSH integration, [LERU](#) with proposals for the next negotiation steps or [Science Europe](#) regarding the reduction of the so-called research development & innovation (RDI) gap, an issue of particular importance to Poland and other EU13. Above all, however, PolSCA monitors the progress of legislative work in the EU Council and the European Parliament, among others through participation in a public hearing on Horizon Europe organized by the [ITRE Committee](#), chaired by MEP Jerzy Buzek, with a participation of [Janusz Bujnicki](#) (International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw), a member of the High-Level Group within the Scientific Advice Mechanism at the European Commission.

Horizon 2020 – calls, deadlines & additional information

European Research Council ([ERC](#))

[Proof of Concept](#) | ERC-2019-PoC | **22/01, 25/04 & 19/09/2019**
[Consolidator Grants](#) | ERC-2019-CoG | **7/02 2019**



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions ([MSCA](#))

[MSCA-RISE-2019](#) | 4/12/2018 >> **2/04/2019**
[MSCA-COFUND-2019](#) | 4/04/2019 >> **26/09 2019**

EU Prize for Woman Innovators 2019

[SWFS-Prize-2019](#): 6/11/2018 >> **16/01/2019**
 More information on the EC website ([link](#))

Industrial Leadership ([Pillar II](#))

[SME-1 and SME-2 instruments](#) | multiple cut-off dates
[LC-SAPACE](#) | Earth observation technologies | **12/03/2019**

Societal Challenges ([Pillar III](#))

Europe in a changing world – SC No.6 ([link](#))
[MIGRATION-01-2019](#) | 6/11/2018 >> **14/03/2019**

An expert support for those interested in participating in the ERC competitions is offered by the PAS' [Excellence in Science Office – Grant-Up!](#) More information on all competitions within Horizon2020, open calls, information days or brokerage meetings can be found on websites of the [National Contact Point \(KPK\)](#). We encourage you to seek for an advice and support!



**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**

