

## Skills 4: Preparing for the Labour Market

Organised by University of Alicante.

**20-21 January 2020**

Monday 20 January 9h00 am- 16h30 pm

Tuesday 21 January 9 am-12h30 pm

### Venue

Room 1.010; Tapijnkazerne 23, BuildingX (TAPX), 6211 ME Maastricht.

### Objective of the Training

The training is divided into two parts. The first part focusses on research grants. The objectives of this session are:

- to raise awareness on EU and international funding opportunities.
- to become autonomous on finding funding opportunities for research and education projects.
- to identify relevant tools to increase EU personal visibility and other steps to be taken after PhD acquisition.

The second part of the training will address different career opportunities from an eminently practical perspective. This session is structured in short talks with professionals from different backgrounds who will share their own experience and answer the questions of the ESRs.

### Part I: Research Grants

#### MONDAY JANUARY 20

HOUR	TOPIC
9h00-9h30	<b>Intro of all participants and expectations</b> <i>All participants</i>
9h30-10h00	<b>How to successfully write MSCA-IF proposals</b> <i>Femke Buijer, Maastricht University</i>
10h00-10h20	Coffee break
10h20-10h50	<b>Insights on MC proposals</b> <i>Dr. Bram Akkermans, Maastricht University</i>
10h50-11h20	<b>Insights from successful MSCA-IF grantee</b> <i>Dr. Lilian Tsourdin, Maastricht University</i>
11h20-12h00	<b>Q&amp;A session</b> <i>all participants</i>
12h00-13h00	Lunch Break

## MONDAY JANUARY 20

HOOR	TOPIC
13h00-14h30	<p><b>WORKSHOP (I) Initiation to EU funds: first steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to increase my international visibility</li> <li>- H2020 basics. How to post partner search offer profiles.</li> <li>- Practical exercise.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ana Martínez , University of Alicante</i></p>
14h30-15h00	Coffee Break
15h00-16h30	<p><b>WORKSHOP (II) Initiation to EU funds: first steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other EC opportunities: COST, infrastructures, etc.</li> <li>- How to become Expert Evaluator.</li> <li>- Practical exercise (II)</li> </ul> <p><i>Ana Martínez , University of Alicante</i></p>

### Pre workshop Reading and websites first approach:

- Please have a look at the attached Report “*Funding Postdoc Opportunities (2016)*”.
  - In addition and with views on looking for specific funding opportunities, as well as understanding the differences between the different calls, please access and explore the following websites:
    - <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>
    - <https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/>
    - <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- and note down your main challenges to access such information.

## Part II: Career perspectives

### TUESDAY JANUARY 21

HOOR	TOPIC	DELIVERED BY
9h00-9h30	Preliminary remarks and introduction	Manuel Desantes Professor University of Alicante
9h30-10h30	Building a career in Academia after your PhD	Marc Mimler (Bournemouth University, UK)
10h30-11h30	Starting your own Legal Firm	Dick Van Engelen (IP Lawyer Ventoux)
11h30-12h30	Working as in-house counsel for a Tech Company	Koenraad Wuyts (Chief Intellectual Property Officer - KPN)