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### **1. FFG Academy: Proposal Writing for MSCA ITNs: 17-18 October 2017, Vienna**

Save the Date: From 17-18 October 2017, the FFG Academy organizes a 1,5-day training on writing a proposal for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks. The ITN call is expected to open early October 2017, the deadline being in early 2018. Registration to the training is possible from 4 September 2017. The number of participants is limited. The training will take place in German. Further information and the draft agenda can be found under: [https://www.ffg.at/europa/veranstaltungen/ffg-akademie\\_2017-10-17](https://www.ffg.at/europa/veranstaltungen/ffg-akademie_2017-10-17)

### **2. Invitation to join the EC Campaign “Europe in my Region”**

The RTD Communication Unit of the European Commission recently launched the campaign "Europe in my Region", a European Union-wide campaign encouraging citizens to discover European projects near them. In 2017, four different initiatives - project openings, a photo contest, a project hunt and a blogging contest - invite the public to visit projects, share images and experiences via social media. The campaign is running until 28th of August this year. Further information: [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/euinmyregion](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/euinmyregion)

### **3. Crowd funding for the MCAA children’s books series “My Super Science Heroes”**

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) has recently started a crowd funding initiative for the production of the illustrated childrens’ book series “My Super Science Hero” to spark childrens’ love for science and math, depicting science as it really is: an epic adventure complete with heroes, villains, and amazing super powers. The heroine of the first book is featuring two-time Noble Laureate Marie Curie, under the title “Marie Curie and the Power of Persistence”. So far, almost 60% of the needed budget are collected, with Austria being the second top place from where most contributions were made. Further information is available here: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/my-super-science-heroes-marie-curie-series#/>

### **4. Save the Date: “2018, 2019 ... Horizon 2020”, on 28 September 2017, Vienna**

On 28 September 2017, FFG will hold an event to update on important changes in the upcoming Horizon 2020 calls for 2018/2019 and inform about the results of the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020, some of which are already included in the next calls to come. Among the speakers will be Rosalinde Van-der-Flies (Head of unit Evaluation, COMM), Sabine Herlitschka (Infineon Technologies Austria AG) and André Martinuzzi (WU Wien). Experts from FFG will inform about relevant changes in the respective programmes, ie the lump sum approach, the European Innovation Council (EIC), the focus area "Cyber Security", the Innovation hubs, to name some. Venue: Tech Gate Vienna, 10 am – 3 pm. A detailed programme and further information for registration will be provided in due time.

## 5. European Research Council: Newsletter launched

On the occasion of its ten-year anniversary, the European Research Council (ERC) has published the first issue of a new newsletter called "Ideas". The spring 2017 issue deals with the ERC's anniversary activities, as well as an article on the ERC-funded "Europa" telescope, a research spotlight section, and a set of questions to early ERC grantees. Registration to the newsletter is possible at <https://erc.europa.eu/> (bottom of the page).

## 6. Open vacancies and other opportunities

### • Career Accelerator Projects of the LIT Institute for Technology, Austria

The Linz Institute for Technology (Johannes Kepler University) invites advanced early career researchers to submit project proposals for Career Accelerator funding. JKU LIT focuses on excellent, practically-oriented research in all areas of science and technology along the entire innovation chain, with emphasis on High Risk – High Gain projects. JKU LIT encourages collaboration, particularly with a focus on interdisciplinary research. Researchers are available who have already obtained a PhD degree and of any nationality. Funding is provided for the PI and a research startup package; as bonus: a Full Professor Status immediately or after year 1-2 depending on qualifications (§99 according to Austrian University Law). The overall goal of the funding is to provide career opportunities for researchers who already have international exposure with a proven, excellent scientific track-record and demonstrated scientific independence. Further information: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/funding/lit-linz-institute-technology-career-accelerator-projects>

### • Young Career Projects / Linz Institute for Technology

The Linz Institute for Technology (Johannes Kepler University) invites researchers ((PhD obtained within last 5 years) of any nationality to submit project proposals for funding under the JKU LIT program „Young Career“. JKU LIT focuses on excellent, practically-oriented research in all areas of science and technology along the entire innovation chain. The emphasis is on High Risk – High Gain projects. JKU LIT encourages collaboration, particularly with a focus on interdisciplinary research. The goal of this funding is to encourage young researchers to start their own research groups, leading to scientific independence. A Young Career Project may fund the PI and/or 1-2 PhD student/s (30hrs/wk) for up to 2 years. Further information: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/funding/lit-linz-institute-technology-young-career-projects>

### • Fellowships at the Konrad Lorenz Institute, Austria

The KLI supports theoretical research across biological disciplines, as well as philosophical and historical inquiries into the practice and theory of biological investigation. Traditionally, the institute's focus has been on evolutionary developmental biology and evolutionary science, with a sprinkle of cognitive research. Currently, the KLI is expanding the range of topics to conceptually oriented research proposals from all branches of biology. Applications are welcome from advanced doctorate students, postdocs and senior researchers; all nationalities will be considered. Further information on conditions and application processes for the different fellowships are available here: <http://www.kli.ac.at/fellowships/description>

- **Institute of Molecular Pathology (IMP) Fellowships for young scientists, Austria**

The IMP Fellowship programme gives ambitious young scientists with little or no previous postdoctoral experience the opportunity to conduct innovative and original research in a world-class scientific environment. Career stage: post-doc. The fellowship includes a competitive salary, set-up and running costs, travel budget, budget for hiring of one PhD and one graduate student. The duration of the fellowship is 5 years; open to all nationalities. Applications are accepted on an ad hoc basis. For further information see <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/funding/institute-molecular-pathology-fellowships-0>

- **More job offers on EURAXESS**

Many more job offers for experienced and early-stage researchers can be found on the EURAXESS website: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/search/>

- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Expression of Interest (EOI)**

If you are looking for a host institution to carry out an individual fellowship or for a partner institution to set up a MSCA Innovative Training Network or a RISE project, the following site can be of interest: <http://www.net4mobility.eu/eoi.html>

## **7. Good to know... in June: FEMtech database of female experts**

FEMtech is an Austrian initiative to support women in research and technology, promoting equal opportunities in industrial and non-university research, at universities of applied sciences and in focus areas of research and technology. Among its activities, FEMtech provides the FEMtech database including so far almost 2.000 female experts from over 100 fields, from early stage female researchers up to women in leadership positions – thus, being the largest database of its kind in Austria. It also includes a section for job announcements free of charge. Testimonials provide information on ways the database for your HR agenda. More information under [www.FEMtech.at](http://www.FEMtech.at)

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