



They choose Europe Leur choix, c'est l'Europe

Monday 7 March 2022

Online conference

The Make Our Planet Great Again program launched in 2018 by French President Macron meant to attract top-level researchers from around the world to France, to perform research of interest at the global scale (earth system sciences, climate change and sustainable development, and energy transition). By gathering international experts in leading European research institutions, this initiative, taken up by the German government, proposed a new framework for international cooperation, promoting the mobility of researchers and strengthening European attractiveness. Through feedbacks from international scientists who chose to settle in Europe and discussions with representatives from research institutions, the European Commission and national research ministries, the event proposes to reflect, beyond the MOPGA initiative, on incentives to attract international talents to Europe and on the looming challenges of researchers mobility to strengthen the European Research Area.

Programme

10.00 – Introduction

Chris BOCKMAN, scientific journalist

10.05 – Attractiveness of Scientific Europe: why (and how)?

Moderator: Chris BOCKMAN

- **Karen MAEX**, University of Amsterdam, Rector Magnificus, and chair of the League of European Research Universities (LERU)
- **Antoine PETIT**, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), chairman and CEO
- **Maria-Cristina RUSSO**, Director of Global Approach & International Partnerships, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- **Martin STRATMANN**, Max Planck Society, President

10.40 – Status of researcher mobility at the European/global scale: cooperation vs competition

Athina KARVOUNARAKI, Common Policy Centre, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

10.45 – MOPGA funding programs in France and Germany: lessons learned

Moderator: Chris BOCKMAN

- **Stéphane BLANC**, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
- **Andreas GOLDTHAU**, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- **Ursula HARDENBICKER**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- **Camille PARMESAN**, Theoretical and Experimental Ecology Station (SETE), French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and University Toulouse-III Paul Sabatier

11.20 – Beyond MOPGA: Attracting world class level scientists to Europe

Moderator: Chris BOCKMAN

- **Can Onur AVCI**, Institute of Materials Science of Barcelona (ICMAB), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
- **Ángeles GÓMEZ-BORREGO**, Vice-President for International Affairs, CSIC
- **Andrey VARLAMOV**, Institute for Superconductors, Oxides and Other Innovative Materials and Devices (SPIN), Italian National Research Council (CNR)
- **Reinhilde VEUGELERS**, Department of Management, Strategy and Innovation, KU Leuven

12.00 – Conclusion

- **Chris BOCKMAN**
- **Apostolia KARAMALI**, Head of Unit R&I Actors & research careers, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission