HOST AND CO-HOST
Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), the National Science Centre Poland (NCN), Science Europe.

DATE AND TIME
Thursday 21 October 2021 (whole day) and Friday 22 October (morning).

TARGETED AUDIENCE
Representatives of GRC participating organisations: Head of Research Councils (HORCs), programme and international affairs managers.

THEMES
As announced in the 2021 GRC Annual Meeting, the topics for the 2022 GRC Annual Meeting are:

- Research ethics, integrity and culture in the context of rapid research results.
- Science and technology workforce.

FORMAT
A hybrid meeting is proposed. Participants are warmly invited to join the meeting in Madrid but remote participation will also be accommodated.

The meeting will be composed of two main sessions featuring keynotes, short statements from a panel, and discussion with the physical and virtual floor. The seminar will include a discussion on the GRC Vision and Roadmap and update on other GRC activities.

Participants attending the meeting physically will also be invited for additional activities, which may include an institutional visit and a dinner.
Draft Programme

21 OCTOBER – DAY 1

09.00–09.30  Opening and Welcome
Opening and setting the scene by the hosts.
- Introduction to the GRC Annual Meeting and Regional Meetings
- Objectives of the meeting and desired output

Speakers:
- Rosa Menendez (CSIC)
- Zbigniew Błocki (NCN)
- Marc Schiltz (SE)

09.30–12.30  TOPIC 1: Research ethics, integrity and culture in the context of rapid research results
09.30–09.45  Presentation of the GRC paper on the topic, and of the approach chosen by the Europe region
09.45–10.15  Setting the scene: Keynote speech
Edwin (Ed) Constable, University of Basel
- Quality of research under pressure
- Use (or misuse) of research results in political decision-making bodies
- Public trust in science

10.15-10.45  Perspectives for the European Research Area
Signe Ratso, European Commission

10.45–11.00  Coffee Break

11.00–12.30  Panel discussion on “Research ethics, integrity and culture in the context of rapid research results”, followed by an open dialogue with participants (In plenary or breakout groups – tbd)
Speakers:
- Lluis Montoliu (CSIC): Maintaining quality of research in Research Performing Organisations in high pressure contexts.
- Maura Hiney (HRB): Maintaining quality of research, and reacting to pressure, from the point of view of Research Funding Organisations.
- Agnieszka Jelewska (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań): Social responsibility of researchers, public trust in science and impact on research activities
- Ingrid Petersson (Formas): How to prepare for future crises?

12.30–13.00  GRC Vision and Roadmap - Discussion

13.00–14.30  Lunch
Afternoon Programme for participants attending physically

A visit to one of the hereunder CSIC research centres will be organized.

- **National Centre for Biotechnology (CNB-CSIC):**
  The CNB is distinguished by its versatile interdisciplinary research that combines molecular biology methods with the latest technology in the fields of functional and structural biology. Over the visit, two projects for vaccine development SARS-CoV-2 will be shown.

- **National Museum of Natural Sciences (MNCN-CSIC):**
  The Museum houses scientific collections, and permanent as well as temporary art exhibitions. The mission of the Museum is to convey to society the knowledge generated by research in areas ranging from paleobiology and geology to ecology and climate change including environmental biology and biodiversity.

20.00–22.00  
Dinner

Dinner at the **Royal Botanic Garden**

### 22 OCTOBER – DAY 2

09.00–12.00  
**TOPIC 2: Science and Technology Workforce**

09.00–09.15  
Presentation of GRC paper on the topic, and of approach chosen by the Europe region

09.15–09.45  
**Setting the scene:** Keynote speech

  Jolanta Sinkuniene, Vilnius University and Research Council of Lithuania

  Setting the scene and inspiration for the discussion:
  - Quality and attractiveness of research careers
  - Future of research workforce

09.45–11.55  
**Panel discussion on “Science and Technology Workforce”,** followed by an open dialogue with participants

  (In plenary or breakout groups – tbd)

  Including 10 min coffee break at the discretion of the session moderator.

  Speakers:
  - **Mostafa Moonir Shawrav** (Marie Curie Alumni Association): Science and Technology workforce for the future
  - **Véronique Halloin** (F.R.S.–FNRS): The role of funders in fostering career development
  - **Carolina Cañibano** (CSIC): Understanding flexibility in researchers’ careers paths
  - **TBC**: How to plan for the future?

11.55–12.00  
Break

12.00–12.30  
Consolidation of European key messages to feed into GRC 2022 development

12.30–13.20  
- **GRC Updates**
  - **Towards the GRC 2022 Annual Meeting**

13.20–13.30  
Closing