



European Regional Meeting of the GRC

MADRID AND REMOTE

21–22 OCTOBER 2021

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

The meeting will take place in a hybrid format. 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 to 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)

09.30–13.00 TOPIC 1: Research ethics, integrity and culture in the context of rapid research results

09.30–09.45 Presentation of the GRC discussion paper on the topic, and of the approach chosen by the Europe region

09.45–10.15 Setting the scene and inspiration for the discussion: Keynote speech

Edwin (Ed) Constable, University of Basel

- Quality of research under pressure
- New challenges for research integrity and ethics
- Use (or misuse) of research results

10.15–10.35 Perspectives for the European Research Area

Signe Ratso, European Commission

10.35–10.50 Coffee Break

10.50–11.35 Presentations on “Research ethics, integrity and culture in the context of rapid research results”

Speakers:

- **Lluis Montoliu** (CSIC): Maintaining quality of research in Research Performing Organisations, including in high pressure contexts.
- **Maura Hiney** (HRB): Maintaining quality and integrity 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?

11.35–12.40 Open dialogue with participants in breakout groups

12.40–13.00 Reporting from the breakout groups

13.00–13.30 GRC Vision and Roadmap – Discussion

- **Mike Bright**, GRC Executive Secretariat

13.30–14.30 Lunch

14.30–17.30 **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.

or

- [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 the GRC discussion paper on the topic, and of approach chosen by the Europe region**

09.15–09.45 **Setting the scene and inspiration for the discussion:: Keynote speech**

Jolanta Sinkuniene, Vilnius University and Research Council of Lithuania

- Quality and attractiveness of research careers
- Future of research workforce

09.45–10.30 **Panel discussion on “Science and Technology Workforce”,**

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?

10.30–10.40 **Break**

10.40–11.40 **Open dialogue with participants in breakout groups**

11.40–11.55 **Reporting from the breakout groups**

11.55–12.00 **Break**

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

- **GRC Updates**

- Gender Working group (tbc)
- **Claire Fraser**, UKRI, Co-Chair of the Working Group on Responsible Research Assessment
- **Kristin Danielsen**, RCN, Update on the pilot call on the Sustainable Development Goals

- **Towards the GRC 2022 Annual Meeting**

13.20–13.30 **Closing**