

## ERA Mobility and Career Day

### Trainers and speakers



**Gábor ZUPKÓ** has been the Head of the European Commission Representation in Hungary since 1 December 2015. Before his appointment to Budapest he was working as Director of Resources at the European Commission's

Directorate-General for Communication. Previously he held various posts – inter alia Mayor, Deputy State Secretary, Ambassador – in the public sector at local, national as well as European levels. The Head of Representation holds a PhD degree in Management and Business Administration of the Corvinus University of Budapest.

**"European Research Area" information session, 9.07 – 9.30, Auditorium B**



**Ádám Molnár**, MA, Head of Area at the Knowledge Management Centre of Bay Zoltan Nonprofit Ltd., has worked as project manager since 2005. He has been actively involved in the activities

of EURAXESS since 2008. He contributed to the set-up of the Hungarian EURAXESS network, consisting of 14 institutions. Currently he is the coordinator of the Horizon 2020 project EURAXESS TOP III, and is actively involved in EURAXIND. Previously, he was project manager/work package leader of the FP7 projects E\*Care, EURAXESS TOP, EURAXESS TOPII and REFLEX. In E\*Care, he prepared the country report on the barriers mobile researchers face when entering or leaving Hungary. Since 2008 he has regularly represented Hungary on the European level, in EURAXESS BHO meetings and working groups.

**"EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion", 9.30 – 9.50, Auditorium B**



**Emanuela Bellan** is Head of Unit for Inter-institutional, International Relations and Outreach at the Joint Research Centre, the European Commission's Science and Knowledge service. Emanuela Bellan joined the European

Commission in 1994 after her degree in Political Science.

**"Introduction of the Joint Research Center (JRC)", 9.50 -10.10, Auditorium B**



**Zsuzsa Gábor**, Director of the Academic Cooperation and Research Support Office (ACRO), Central European University

Zsuzsa Gabor is founding Director of the Academic Cooperation and Research Support Office (ACRO). She oversees the management of strategic academic partnerships, activities, such as the Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus schemes, and the CEU Global Teaching Fellowship Program. Her office is responsible for obtaining and managing external research funding, which includes at present eleven European Research Council Grants and more than fifty research projects funded by the European Commission, US Government, international organizations and various private foundations. Previously she was Senior Program Manager at CEU's Center for Policy Studies. Prior to taking up employment with CEU, she worked as an art historian for the Hungarian National Gallery.

**"Workshop: How to fund the start of your research career and what makes a good funding application?", 10.10–11.10, Auditorium B**



**Sara Svensson** is Research Fellow at the Center for Policy Studies. At the Center for Policy Studies she conducts research on

civil society and public administration intersections in Hungary for two Horizon 2020 projects. She has taught courses and supervised BA theses at four Swedish universities: Örebro University, Karlstad University, Halmstad University, and University West. She occasionally contributes to broadcast and print media in Sweden, and has worked at different locations as a news journalist for the public service broadcasting company Sveriges Radio. Her academic research focuses on policy formation and governance structures in European cross-border regions, and she has published on that topic in Eurasian Geography

and Economy, Journal of European Integration, Regional & Federal Studies, Regions & Cohesion and Journal of Borderlands Studies. She holds a PhD in public policy/political science from CEU, an MA in political science from CEU (1999) and a BA in journalism from Stockholm University (1997). Based on her own experience, Sara will discuss the opportunities and pitfalls in conducting research before, during and after a PhD, with specific attention to collaborative research and the intersection between practical considerations and strategic thinking.

**"Careers in research – panel discussion", 11.30 – 12.30, Auditorium B**



**Judit Hegedüs**, Project Manager with EIT Health InnoStars based in Budapest, works with all Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) to increase their joint effectiveness

in promoting innovation. She started her career working as a consultant at the Boston Consulting Group in Central Europe, then went on to work at the consultancy Booz Allen Hamilton in New York City, supporting primarily clients in the non-profit sector in the areas of strategy and implementation. Judit also served as an internal management consultant for the United Nations, specializing in change management projects. Prior to joining EIT Health InnoSTARS as a Project Manager, she spent a decade working in international education, focusing on global student mobility promoting the transition from secondary school to university. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in international policy studies from Stanford University, and later received her MBA from Columbia University.

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**Daniel Varga**

Graduated at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, BSc. and MSc. degree as a chemical engineer. I have started to focus on academia related research during my Bachelor studies that

I continued during the whole Master. I have spent one semester in Spain (University of Valladolid)

supported by the ERASMUS program. Right after graduation I got a PhD. position in Graz, Austria, where I could pursue my investigations, staying at the very same field of chemistry. Within this period of three years I was supported by a Marie Curie (MC) scholarship as an early stage researcher (ESR). This program was indeed more than performing single experiments in a lab; I was cooperating with eleven other ESRs and all of us received an elaborated training. Within the frame of this fellowship we received education on tools for literature and patent survey, presentation and scientific paper writing skills, time management and on many more. In addition, internships were organized to spend some time (two to six months) at our industrial partners to get a deeper insight of industry related research. Participation of international scientific conferences was also a part of this training. Currently I am working in the plastic industry. My role is to coordinate running projects and creating developments on production. Besides, I also take part in R&D, where we develop novel plastics for the automotive industry.

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**József Mihalkó** - University of Szeged, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Food Engineering  
As my primary area of research, I study multivariable process

control as well as the potential applicability of this system in the food industry. I also participate in other research projects and pedagogical programs, and my general aim is to devise an appropriate background, in terms of technology and information technology, for facilitating research in food security.



**Emil Novák** - Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Mechatronics,

Optics and Mechanical Engineering Informatics  
My aim is to try to make the engineering sciences more popular among young people. I am a founding member of the Hungarian Robot Builders Association

and I love robots. I hope that my presentation will help to instill this interest in others as well.



**Péter István Turai** - Semmelweis University, Faculty of General Medicine

As a representative of the healthcare services of the Budapest

Medical Students' Association, I am mainly responsible for first aid and pedagogical matters, and I would like to see pedagogical changes in my university become more widely implemented. I am especially dedicated to practice-based teaching among medical students and to preparing them to use it among high school students as well.

**"Science Slam – winners of "SCIndikator" science communication competition ", 13.30 – 14.30, Room 101 (Quantum)**



**Nicole Cumia**, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft e.V.

I studied Economics with a focus on marketing in Freiburg, Germany, after which I worked as a consultant for HR Marketing in an agency. For more than four years now, I have been working in the department of HR Marketing at the Fraunhofer Headquarters.

In my presentation, I will first give a short overview of the whole German research landscape in general, and in more detail of Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. After this, I will elaborate more on career opportunities in applied research through the example of Fraunhofer. And last but not least, the participants will get a brief insight into some current examples of research.

**"Career opportunities in applied research", 14.00 - 14.30, Room 101 (Quantum)**



**Nóra Jeney** – MSCA National Contact Point, Deputy Head of Department for International Affairs, National Research, Development and Innovation Office.

Ms. Jeney has been involved in EU RDI activities since 2002, especially in EU Framework Programmes related fields. She is Programme Committee member of the ERC-FET-MSCA configuration and National

Contact Point for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions as well as Programme Committee Member and National Contact Point for the Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective societies programme under Horizon 2020. She was also acting as a Programme Committee Member and an NCP for the Mobility/People programme under FP6 and FP7 and national delegate to the Steering Group for Human Resources and Mobility.

She graduated as an Economist in Human Resource Management, has an MA in English and a postgraduate degree in International Finance Management.

**"Fellowship possibilities with Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions of H2020 ", 13.30 – 14.00, Auditorium B**



**Edit Székely** – associate professor, vice dean (education) Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Faculty of Chemical Technology and Bioechnology, Department of Chemical and Environmental Process Engineering (KKFT), Budapest, Hungary.

Referee of seven international journals in field of separation and purification processes, especially in preparative enantioseparations. Member of: the International Society for Advancement on Supercritical Fluids, Hungarian Chemistry Association, European Federation of Chemical Engineering High Pressure and Education Working Parties, organizing committee of the LLL course 2010: Supercritical Fluids - Green Solvents in Chemical Engineering, organizing committee of the National Conference on the Applications of Supercritical Fluids (2008 and 2012), scientific committee of the 6th International Symposium on High Pressure Processes Technology (Belgrade, Serbia, 2013), scientific committee of the European Meeting on Supercritical Fluids 2016, Essen, Germany.

**"Introduction of Marie Curie Alumni Association", 14.00 – 14.30, Auditorium B**



**Mónika Réti** has experience in horizontal issues through collaborating in 17 multi-stakeholder international projects (two involving RRI). Besides, she participated in various expert boards and groups (amongst others for European Schoolnet, European

Commission, UNESCO, OECD and ENSI) focusing on innovative learning environments, STEM/STEAM education, women's learning, transversal skills and sustainability.

After working as a Biology and Chemistry teacher for 10 years in two secondary schools in Hungary, she joined the Hungarian Institute for Educational Research and Development as a research and analyst fellow. In 2012 she participated in the expert group of a Delphi research conducted by Fraunhofer ISI on establishing the European framework of responsible research and development for FP7 actions. She also worked as a trainer and external expert for RRI Tools project. Her interest is focused on how participatory research can improve educational development policies and actions, with special regards on involving women and female students, creating parity and equal chances in sustainability learning and STEM /STEAM learning. She is a charter member and vice-president of the Hungarian Research Teachers' Association, where she improves her direct experiences with public science activities. She is devoted to enriching her toolbox of qualitative research, which she enjoys experimenting with. She communicates in English and French. Her most recent pastime is to raise her one-year-old son, although she is currently collaborating in three international and two Hungarian projects as an independent expert too.

Mónika Réti's workshop aims to provide an insight to how horizontal issues (especially RRI) can be integrated in a research proposal and process. The workshop will highlight the horizontal priority and RRI framework, and participants will be challenged to analyze a case study and their own research activities.

**"Workshop: How to include horizontal issues in research?", 14.30 – 16.30, Room 101 (Quantum)**



**Carsten Wendt** is a Brussels-based keynote speaker, trainer and a lecturer at communication schools. He helps corporations, organizations and people to make their message stick. He also coaches speakers to give the talk of their lives. Meet him at [www.carstenwendt.com](http://www.carstenwendt.com)

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**"Workshop: TED-talk your research topic ", 14.30 – 16.30, N15 room 103**

### **Chairs of the event:**



**Georgiana Turculeț** - PhD Candidate in Political Theory, Central European University

Within the field of Political Science, I specialize in the sub-field of Political Theory. I am especially interested in exploring issues concerning migration and the rights of migrants from a normative perspective. My research interest attempts to bridge the gap between the realm of philosophers with those of migration scholars and policy makers. I focus on migration, citizenship, and democracy, particularly the moral and political issues raised by the movement of people across state borders. While a PhD candidate at the Central European University in Budapest, I have been awarded a Marie Curie Fellowship, and an H2020 project. Prior to my arrival at Central European University I gained professional experience working as a journalist and in the communication and press departments of the European Commission in London and the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) in East Jerusalem.



**Zsófia Göde** - PhD student, Central European University

I am currently a fourth-year doctoral student at CEU's Department of Philosophy and my primary research interest is early modern philosophy. I am writing my dissertation on Benedictus de Spinoza's biblical hermeneutics and various issues surrounding his writings on religion, with a focus on allegorical interpretation of religious narratives in his work.