

Thinking, Debating, and Shaping Science Diplomacy

A seminar organised by the UNTRAD Presidency of the European Union Science Diplomacy Alliance, in association with the European Commission, EUTOPIA, and the Norway-EU Science Diplomacy Network

When: Wednesday, 25 January 2023, 10:00 – 1700 CEST

Where: Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) of the European Commission

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What: The general idea of this seminar is to assess the present state of the art of science diplomacy in Europe from three perspectives. The first perspective, labelled ***Thinking Science Diplomacy***, is that of the status of science diplomacy as an academic endeavor. Questions to be tackled are: how are established scientific disciplines (international relations theory, diplomacy, science & society studies, etc.) coping with the concept and practice of science diplomacy? Is there an academic field or an epistemological community in the making? Is there a theory of science diplomacy in the making? How can science diplomacy practices be evaluated? What role should universities and research organizations play?

The second perspective, ***Debating Science Diplomacy***, deals with how science diplomacy is affected by societal challenges such as the geopolitical situation, the shifting nature of diplomacy, the place of science in preserving the global commons, and the role of missions and SDGs in research policy. Also, the question will be addressed if there is a need for science to engage in diplomacy for science that defends scientific values towards fake news and complot thinking.

The third perspective, ***Shaping Science Diplomacy***, is that of how to shape a future for science diplomacy in Europe. Questions to be addressed here include: what is happening at the level of the European institutions? What should academia's input be? And also: what needs to be done at the level of MFAs and diplomatic missions of the EEAS and Member States? And what about other actors, such as sub-national (regional) level and supra-national (multilateral) level?

Participants will be members of the Alliance, EU institutions and Member State governments, and other stakeholders. The seminar will be organized under Chatham House Rules and participants will speak in a personal capacity.

The main **output** will be a policy paper of Alliance that can serve as an input to ongoing efforts to formulate a future agenda for science diplomacy in Europe.

Format: The format of the seminar is to have panel interventions followed by an open discussion amongst participants. Each panel will have a moderator that guides the discussion and a rapporteur that provides a synthesis of the debate. The final session will consist of the rapporteurs amalgamating the syntheses of the discussions.

Language of the event: English

Preliminary Agenda

Time	Theme
09:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:30	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luk Van Langenhove, <i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i> • Jan-Marco Mueller, <i>European Commission (DG RTD)</i> • Eric Piaget, <i>United Nations University (CRIS)</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Panel Discussion: Thinking Science Diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Flink (online), <i>Humboldt University</i> • Pierre-Bruno Ruffini, <i>University of Le Havre</i> • Emilian Cioc, <i>Agence universitaire de la Francophonie</i> • Marga Gual Soler, <i>Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator, SciDipGLOBAL</i> (tbc) • <u>Moderator</u>: Rasmus Bertelsen, <i>UiT The Arctic University of Norway</i> • <u>Rapporteur</u>: Diana Shendrikova, <i>Politecnico di Milano</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Open Discussion: Thinking Science Diplomacy
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Panel Discussion: Debating Science Diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alessandro Lombardo, <i>Central European Initiative</i> • Luc Soete, <i>Brussels School of Governance, VUB</i> • Rasmus Bertelsen, <i>UiT The Arctic University of Norway</i> • Alexis Roig, <i>SciTech Diplohub</i> • <u>Moderator</u>: Christina Hainzl, <i>Donau University</i> • <u>Rapporteur</u>: Eric Piaget, <i>United Nations University (CRIS)</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Open Discussion: Debating Science Diplomacy
14:30 – 14:40	Break
14:40 – 15:40	Panel Discussion: Shaping Science Diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostafa Shawrav, <i>Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA), current Chair of the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance</i> • Elke Dall, <i>Zentrum für Soziale Innovation</i> • Ana Elorza Moreno, <i>Fundación Española para la Ciencia y la Tecnología</i> • David Itier, <i>Permanent Representation of France to the EU</i> • Katalin Alfoldi, <i>COST</i> • <u>Moderator</u>: Jan-Marco Mueller • <u>Rapporteur</u>: Luciana Radut-Gaghi, <i>CY Cergy Paris University</i>
15:40 – 16:10	Open Discussion: Shaping Science Diplomacy
16:10 – 17:00	Rapporteur Discussion: Synthesizing the Debates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Shendrikova, <i>Politecnico di Milano</i> • Eric Piaget, <i>United Nations University (CRIS)</i> • Luciana Radut-Gaghi, <i>CY Cergy Paris University</i>

17:00 – 17:15	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="544 237 842 271">• Luk Van Langenhove<li data-bbox="544 277 823 311">• Jan-Marco Mueller
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