



Dear friends of the Alliance!

Although 2024 is still young, it starts off with a brand-new policy brief and more publications, news, reports and activities. Our newsletter from February 2024 includes both updates from within the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance as well as from the broader community. Happy reading!

EU Science Diplomacy Alliance Publications:

1. Policy Brief on Strengthening EU Science Diplomacy through Horizon Europe

The European Science Diplomacy Alliance just released its most recent policy brief titled "[Strengthening Science Diplomacy in and for Europe through Horizon Europe](#)" as a contribution to the ongoing discussion on future research requirements in the final work programme of Horizon Europe 2025-2027. Read the policy brief, authored by Luk Van Langenhove, Diana Shendrikova, and Claire Mays, with the support from many Alliance colleagues [here](#).

2. Policy Brief on Open Science Diplomacy for an Ethical and Trustworthy Global AI

This policy brief, authored by Katja Mayer, is prepared for science diplomats, science and innovation policymakers, and AI experts, drawing upon insights from the 2023 UN Science Summit event on Science Diplomacy in Times of Global Crises, held at the Austrian Cultural Forum on September 15, 2023 in collaboration with the EU SD Alliance and UWK. It advocates for the application of science diplomacy as a means to establish a robust, independent, diverse, and inclusive scientific base for AI globally. Read it [here](#).

3. Article on the Journey of the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance

We are very proud to announce this new publication "From Vision to Impact: Unveiling the Journey of the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance" exploring the journey of the of the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance and its impact on [EU Science Diplomacy](#) written by Eric Piaget with the support by Alliance colleagues, published in the Science Diplomacy Digest issued by CSIR NIScPR. Read the article [here](#).

News from within and outside the Alliance:

4. Looking back on the First European Science Diplomacy Conference in Madrid

Invited by the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission, representatives of a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, international organisations, academia, NGOs, and the private sector, gathered in Madrid on 18-19 December 2023 to discuss a European approach to science diplomacy. Find here the [outcomes](#) of the discussion and the conference [report](#). Please also have a look at the brand new conference video, that has just been published [here](#).

5. Update from the Sixth General Assembly

The EU Science Diplomacy Alliance held its [Sixth General Assembly](#) back-to-back with the Madrid Conference, being one of the two exclusive side events (invitation-only) that provided a space for members and partners to exchange views and plan for the future. We welcomed three new members (Institute of Political Sciences and Administration, Marie Curie Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland; Research & Innovation Andorra and the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)) and reaffirmed the importance of the current Work Programme. Priority 1 of the Work Programme, “Contributing to the European Science Diplomacy Framework development” already produced impressive results, with 12 individuals from the Alliance participating in the [EU Science Diplomacy Working Groups](#) and 3 of them being co-chaired by Alliance members.

6. Ministerial Conference endorses principles of science diplomacy

On 15-16 February, the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union hosted an [international conference which endorsed the Ministerial Statement on principles and values for international cooperation in research & innovation \('Brussels Statement'\)](#). The Statement promotes continuous collaboration, recognising that diversity fosters trust among global partners, and emphasises the importance of international collaboration in research and innovation in addressing global challenges and advancing knowledge. The report is coming up soon.

7. Ocean Futures 2030: Science and diplomacy for ocean governance

Did you know that Science Diplomacy is crucial for Ocean Governance? On 21 February, the Norway-EU Science Diplomacy Network (including University of Bergen, UiT- The Arctic University of Norway Arctic Frontiers), the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance and the Secretariat of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) co-organised “[Ocean Futures 2030: Science and diplomacy for ocean governance – our common ocean](#)”. The event was hosted at the Mission of Norway to the EU and funded by the Research Council of Norway. What will the ocean governance of the future be like? Which frameworks do we have for ocean governance within BBNJ, CBD and the ocean/climate/biodiversity nexus? Panelists brought in a global perspective to the heart of Europe and discussed how to protect, explore,

exploit, and share the goods from the high seas as the common heritage of humankind with around 130 participants.

The Alliance has made Ocean Science Diplomacy one of its [Thematic Entry Points](#) and the event supported this initiative. A summary report is coming up soon.

8. Norway-EU Science Diplomacy Network field trip to Svalbard and Tromsø

Thanks to the Norway-EU Science Diplomacy network, partners from the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance met in North Norway for a study visit. The programme included visits to SIOS Polar Night Week, with a focus on Collaboration in Svalbard; a visit to Ksat to discuss tech-diplomacy and issues of satellite communication and Svallsat. Read about the study visit [here](#).

9. International Science and Technology Partnership (ISTP) Expert Panel

Paul Arthur Berkman from our partner UNITAR was member of the International Science and Technology Partnership (ISTP) expert panel convened by the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) to answer the question: In a post-COVID world, how can Canadian public, private and academic organizations evaluate and prioritize STI partnership opportunities with foreign countries to achieve key national objectives, using indicators supported by objective data where possible? The [resulting report](#) on Navigating Collaborative Futures is the outcome and can be accessed [here](#). International science, technology, innovation, and knowledge production (STIK) partnerships offer opportunities for Canada to accelerate collective solutions, meet national priorities, and build consensus within a complex and changing geopolitical context.

Call:

10. AAAS Call for Contributions on Science Diplomacy - 15 years on

As the 15th anniversary of "New Frontiers in Science Diplomacy" (published in 2010) approaches, the AAAS and the Royal Society are aiming for a revamping of this leading-the-way framework and [call for contributions](#) and perspectives on the future of science diplomacy by March 31, 2024.

Upcoming Events:

11. 4th Installment of EUTOPIA's Science Diplomacy Seminar Series

In an era where global challenges such as climate change, pandemics, and sustainable development require science-informed solutions, the integration of scientific insights into diplomatic efforts and policy-making is more critical than ever. This seminar aims to explore the role of scientific evidence in diplomatic strategies and policy formulation that facilitates a more informed, effective, and cooperative international policy landscape. Taking place online on Thursday,

29 February 2024 from 10:00 – 11:30 CEST. To register, click [here](#).

12. Gap Analysis of Existing Arctic Science Co-Operations

The "Arena for the gap analysis of the existing Arctic Science Co-Operations" (AASCO) project coordinated by the INAR at the University of Helsinki will organize a meeting on 23-24 March at the [Arctic Science Summit Week \(ASSW\)](#) in Edinburgh. The goal is to strengthen connections among existing research communities interested in feedback research. Additionally, the aim is to formulate a science-based message directed at Arctic research policymakers and funding agencies. For contact: Dr. Hanna K. Lappalainen, AASCO coordinator, University of Helsinki, hanna.k.lappalainen@helsinki.fi

13. Ocean Futures 2030: Developing a science diplomacy for the ocean we want

The University of Bergen and partners organise an ocean science diplomacy event on Tuesday 9 April during the Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona. The event "[Ocean Futures 2030: Developing a science diplomacy for the ocean we want](#)" brings together scientists and diplomats to discuss how to protect, explore, exploit, and share the goods from the high seas as the common heritage of humankind. The event is free and open to all. The [webpage](#) will be updated regularly. For more information on the event, contact Sverre Ole Drønen: sverre.dronen@uib.no

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