

The Marie Curie Fellowship Association

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Abstract (*transparencies appended in the Annex*)

We present the Marie Curie Fellowship Association, reviewing:

- who we are
- our main objectives and scopes
- the structure of the association
- the way it operates.

We summarize our main activities towards providing support to the fellows and creating a visible identity for the Marie Curie fellowships. The existing obstacles to the mobility of MC fellows and young scientists in Europe are reviewed and solutions are indicated. The MCFA concrete actions in science, science policy and promotion of scientific excellence are addressed. The MCFA organization of Meetings and Conferences and the MCFA publications (MCFA Annals, MCFA Newsletter, MCFA Documents on science in Europe) are introduced and MCFA membership benefits are explained. Ongoing and future projects and our vision for the construction of the European Research Area are also reported.