**EU – Funding opportunities**

This is a joint session on European Funding in the area of excellent research, including Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) and the European Research Council (ERC).

**Conveners**
Dr. Marie Huysman, Scientific Officer, Life Sciences Unit, European Research Council Executive Agency
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**Key-note speakers**
MSCA fellows/ERC grantees who will share their experiences with applying for EU funding
Prof. Dr. Assaf Vardi, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
Dr. Susana Coelho, Station Biologique de Roscoff, France

**Symposium description**
The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support excellent researchers at all stages of their careers and from all scientific disciplines through training and mobility opportunities. The presentation provides for an overview of the actions and some hints for successful applications.

The mission of the European Research Council (ERC) is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence. This session will highlight the ERC funding schemes by presenting an overview of the different ERC funding opportunities and its requirements, as well as an overview of phycology-related research funded by the ERC.

In addition, the session will feature 2 MSCA and ERC grantees who will share their experience with applying to both schemes and who will explain what difference the grants made for them and their group. A panel discussion with the grantees at the end of the meeting will allow questions from the audience to be addressed.