

## **Draft Work Program n°6**

**July – December 2023**

**Chaired by the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)**

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**Theme “Towards a European Science Diplomacy approach”**

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### **Priority 1: Contributing to the European Science Diplomacy Framework development:**

According to the Council Conclusions on the Global Approach to Research & Innovation published in September 28, 2021, the Council calls on the commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to Develop a European Science Diplomacy Agenda (ESDA). The Co-Chairs with the alliance members will provide necessary support to realize the ESDA roadmap.

What? Support the ESDA roadmap by contributing to the steering committee and working groups

Who? Interested Alliance Members and co-chairs

When? November 2023

### **Priority 2: Enhancing Organizational Stability of the Alliance**

Since its establishment, the Alliance has been successfully run by the effort of its volunteer members. In order to provide a stable structure, the Co-Chairs will provide their expertise & knowledge on registration as a non-profit organization in Belgium. One of the major objectives of the Alliance is to encourage project collaboration. However, as the Alliance is not a legal entity, it can't take part in any project. By establishing a legal entity, Alliance can take part in relevant Horizon European and National funding calls and foster collaboration among members.

This priority will take respect for the results of the survey that has been conducted among members & global networking partners in the first half of 2023. Depending on the survey results, the current membership options and the status of the working group will be further evaluated.

What? Explore the possibility to register as non-profit association in Belgium and initiate registration; explore governance needs and suggest appropriate governance framework

Who? Interested Alliance Members and co-chairs

When? Beginning of 2024

### **Priority 3: Enhancing the collaboration and engagement of science diplomacy key stakeholders within the Alliance**

Science diplomacy is an intersectoral endeavour in which researchers and diplomats need to collaborate and work together. EU SD membership is very well nurtured by academic and research institutions, not so much so by diplomatic stakeholders.

Currently, the Alliance has more than 32 organization members. In order to enrich the membership and to establish collaboration with global key stakeholders, FECYT is planning to raise awareness with the international organizations to find synergy and form a new collaboration involving researchers' networks.

What? Widening EU SD membership towards diplomatic stakeholders (national and regional) and supporting active collaboration of the EEAS and national diplomatic bodies in the design of ESDA; identifying key stakeholders in EU Science Diplomacy as potential members

Who? Interested members and co-chairs with the support of trio-Chairs

When? Throughout

FECYT will organize a satellite event for the alliance members as part of the first European Science Diplomacy Conference to be held in December in Spain. In addition, the alliance members will be invited to join the hybrid Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Science Diplomacy that will take place on 3 October 2023, at the UfM Headquarters in Barcelona, Spain.

What? first European Science Diplomacy Conference

Who? Interested Alliance Members and co-chairs

When? December 2023