



Mobility Grant for Geoscience Collaboration? Our Opportunities and Burdens

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In addition to the financial support of various research and innovation funding schemes at EU and national level, institutions such as the European Commission (EC), the German Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF), the Royal Society in UK or the German Research Foundation (DFG) also provide mobility grants to support international exchange within and outside of the scientific community. These programs do not fund the research activities directly, but support important activities such as secondments, organization of workshops/conferences at different levels, preparation of new research proposals and visit of symposia or partners. We compared five such programs that include the Horizon2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie RISE grant, the COST action, the BMBF international collaboration booster, the DFG international network building and the international exchange funds offered by the Royal Society, created an overview of this comparison and included some lessons learnt from two large scale coordinator projects as case studies*. The purpose of this work is firstly to have a better understanding of the funding schemes; and how these programs can support initial science and innovation networking across Europe and beyond. Secondly to encourage exchange of experiences among those who have managed such coordinated mobility programs and to address best practices. In addition, we aim to provide the audience who are not yet familiar with these programs a general overview and to provoke lively discussion about how we could best use these opportunities and how to handle the hurdles.

* The two case studies:

- 1) H2020 MSCA RISE project PAPILA: Prediction of Air Pollution in Latin America and the Caribbean (<http://papila-h2020.eu>)
- 2) BMBF international collaboration KLIMAPOLIS: Toward the Joint Governance of Climate Change and Air Pollution in Metropolitan Areas of Brazil (<http://klimapolis.net>)