

Program

Meeting	Researchers meet entrepreneurs: career paths
Date	6-7 November 2025
Location	ICMCB, 87 Avenue du Docteur Schweitzer 33608 PESSAC (France)

About this event

“Researchers Meet Entrepreneurs: Career Paths”, is jointly organised by the MCAA France Chapter, the MCAA Bridging Science and Business Working Group (BSB WG), and the AUFRANDE Program teams as part of the AUFRANDE second Annual Event in France.

This event aims to further strengthen the bridge between academia and industry by fostering dialogue, networking, and collaboration among researchers, entrepreneurs, and professionals. Intended for current and former Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) fellows, this event will explore diverse career paths for PhD holders and early-career postdoctoral researchers. It will offer valuable insights into transitioning from academia to industry, with a particular focus on start-up creation, mental health, and wellbeing. The program will feature speakers and stakeholders from various sectors and provide ample opportunities for open discussion and networking.



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Matter Chemistry Bordeaux

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meet entrepreneurs**

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Thursday 6 November

1.45 pm – 5.30 pm, Researchers meet entrepreneurs event – part 1

1.45 – 2.00 Registration

Participants must sign in every day and show their official ID document to access the venue.

2.00 – 2.30 Opening Session & Welcome Remarks

Presentation of the Marie Curie Alumni Association, the French Chapter, the Bridging Science and Business Working Group and the AUFRANDE Program.

Speakers: Cyril Aymonier (ICMCB); Hakim Ferria (MCAA); Alberto Gregori (MCAA France Chapter); Murat Gunes (MCAA BSB WG); Pauline Rasera, (AUFRANDE)

2.30 – 4.00 What to Expect During and After the PhD

Panel with researchers and professionals sharing diverse career paths.

Speakers: Sohail Luka (MSCA Unit, European Commission); Georgeta Bordea (Université de La Rochelle); Jitendra Rathore (CEA Saclay); Alberto Gregori (MCAA France Chapter)

4.00 – 4.30 Break

4.30 – 5.30 Start-up Experience: From Lab to Launch

Researchers share their journey of turning an idea into a company.

Speakers: Murat Gunes (MCAA BSB WG); Mirko Maldari (FineHeart)

6.30 – 8.00 Networking Activity: City Rallye Challenge

Let's have some fun together (invitation of the MCAA France Chapter).

More information: https://www.citeamup.com/fr/city-rallye-challenge/bordeaux-coeur-de-la-cite-activite#/110-version-courte_1h15_24_balises/166-langue-anglais

Friday 7 November

9.00 am – 2.00 pm, Researchers meet entrepreneurs event – part 2

9.00 – 9.15 Opening Session & Welcome Remarks

9.15 – 10.30 Workshop on Standardization

Facilitator: Murat Gunes (MCAA BSB WG)

11.00 – 12.00 Researchers' Well-being: Research Yourself

Self-leadership, motivation, and mental health in research life.

Speaker: Lorenzo Camisi (Centre de recherche Paul Pascal)

12.00 – 12.30 Open discussion & Closing Remarks

12.30 – 2.00 Networking lunch

Practical information

Venue

Address: ICMCB Bordeaux, 87 Avenue Schweitzer, Pessac, France

Public transport: Tramway B, direction Pessac, stop Doyen Brus.

Access and map: <https://www.icmcb-bordeaux.cnrs.fr/en/icmcb-access/>

Important: **visitors must bring an ID document and sign in at the reception each day.**



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