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#GreenerMobilityExchange









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HORIZON 2020

MSCA and the European Green Deal

- Europe to become the first climate-neutral continent
- Greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced by at least 50% by 2030
- As a transnational mobility scheme, MSCA contribute de facto to greenhouse gas emissions, with an impact on global warming and climate change
- The European Green Deal: an opportunity for MSCA to promote sustainable actions and contribute to a greener future

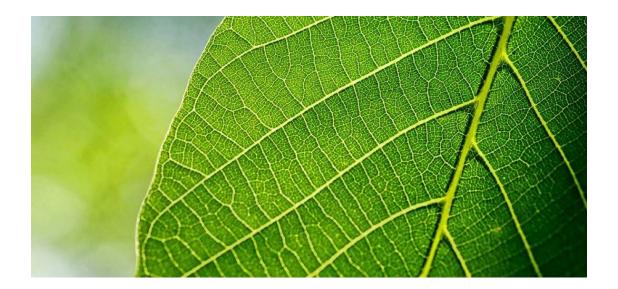


- MSCA: widely known as a bottom-up mobility programme for researchers' training, but also with a tangible impact at policy level by setting standards and driving structural change
- Objectives
 - strive for a significant reduction in the carbon footprint of MSCA projects (emissions linked to air travel, research activities, etc.)
 - increase awareness on environmental issues
 - promote sustainable behaviors and policies
 - support policy and decision making

- Concrete actions at both policy and project level
- MSCA portfolio analysis: monitoring MSCA projects with European Green Deal relevance (e.g. climate neutrality, circular economy, zero pollution, etc.)
- Thematic clustering: bringing together projects funded under MSCA, Erasmus+ and beyond conducting research in areas related to the European Green Deal

> Objective: identify innovative projects and solutions and support policy DGs on how to reach the targets of the European Green Deal

- MSCA Green European Researchers' NIGHT with a thematic focus on European Green Deal priorities
- MSCA Green Awards: annual award to highlight MSCA project(s) with the most significant contribution or potential to contribute to the European Green Deal objectives



- A new MSCA Green Charter: a set of key principles for MSCA researchers to commit to (e.g. monitoring the project carbon footprint; using the most sustainable available transportation options; envisaging virtual mobility; minimizing the environmental impact of research activities etc.)
- Environmental impact assessment at application stage requiring applicants to outline how the proposal intends to minimize the environmental impact of the project
- Dedicated training to offer guidance to MSCA researchers on best environmental practices, to develop "green skills" and raise "green awareness"



Thank you!

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