

Science across borders

The future of scientific diplomacy

Science as a forum for dialogue and a means of exerting international influence

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Opening remarks

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Keynote speech

Can science build bridges where traditional diplomacy has failed?

- The contemporary significance of scientific diplomacy
- Science as a forum for dialogue amid geopolitical tensions
- The boundaries between scientific cooperation and traditional state diplomacy

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Lecture

Global challenges. The new role of science diplomacy

- Science diplomacy as a component of foreign policy
- The role of foreign ministries and ministries responsible for science
- Science attachés, researcher mobility and international expert networks
- European and global initiatives in support of science diplomacy

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Panel discussion:

From knowledge to influence. Science as a tool of 'soft power'

- Science as a source of international influence and credibility
- Building a country's reputation through science and innovation
- Universities and research institutions as actors in diplomacy
- The openness of science versus the protection and security of technology
- When does scientific cooperation become a source of risk?

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Coffee break

12:50

Panel discussion:

Science Diplomat's Toolbox. The tools of modern science diplomacy

- What does the work of a science diplomat involve?
- Building networks and international partnerships
- Identifying areas of mutual interest
- Responding to crises and political tensions
- Future skills for science diplomats

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Case study

Science in the service of diplomacy

- An example of scientific collaboration that has influenced international relations
- Successes, limitations and lessons for the future