

# Marie Curie Initial Training Network EXACT

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### Presentation structure

- 1) Presentation of the programme
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# What is a Marie Curie Initial Training Network?

EU-wide PhD and professional training programme designed for young researchers, academics and professionals (12 fellows) working in the field of EU External Actions = EXACT Marie Curie Initial Training Network





### Partner Institutions



University of Cologne, D Charles University Prague, CZ University of Edinburgh, UK

Centre for European Policy Studies, B
Trans European Policy Studies Association, B
European Institute of Public Administration, NL
Finnish Institute of International Affairs, FI
Istituto Affari Internazionali, I
Institute for World Economics, HU

### Phases of the Programme

#### TRAINING PHASE I

INTENSIVE ACADEMIC TRAINING University of Cologne

### TRAINING PHASE III

FINALISING PhD 'co-tutelle' University of Cologne, Prague and Edinburgh

# TRAINING OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS Oct Feb Apr Sept 2010 2011 2013

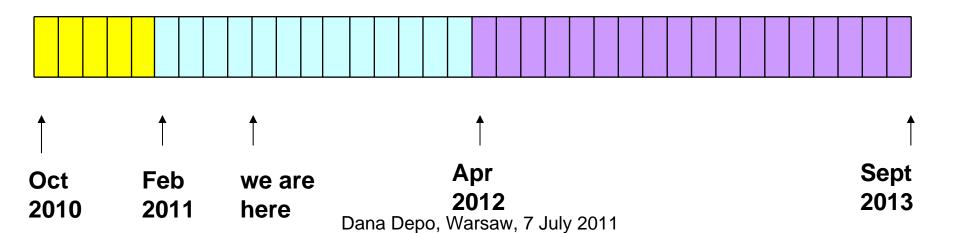
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### My Programme

Phase I – Cologne University, 6 courses together with all the EXACT fellows (5 months)

Phase II – EIPA, Maastricht (8 months) and CEPS, Brussels (5 months)

Phase III – Cologne and Prague University (18 m)



# Individual Research Project under Supervision

My PhD father is Prof. Wessels (Cologne University). My PhD mother is Prof. Rovna (Prague University).









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### What opportunities does the programme provide for me?

- Possibility to work in an inspiring multicultural environment that constantly enriches me
- Access to prominent professors and decisionmakers
- Participation in interesting conferences and events
- Travel around the EU and experience how the same type of institutions function
- Possibility to promote Ukraine abroad ©

### My Motivation

### **Motivation and Stimulus OR**



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### Recommendations

- This type of programme should be accessible to a wider group of participants from the EaP countries (Europeanisation is not possible without socialisation and cooperation).
- Eliminate visa barriers

   (A) we have had a number of problems with obtaining visas and we face many difficulties with obtaining residence permits since we are constantly moving
   (B) due to the burdening procedure of bringing the scholar from non-EU country, the EU hosting institution prefers to take the EU scholars instead.
- Establish 'follow-up' with the Marie Curie fellows, especially on the EU External Actions research.

