

PRESS RELEASE: ISE Announces New Executive Coordinator

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Dr. Marco Masia has been chosen as the new Executive Coordinator of the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE). Masia has collaborated with ISE in the past as member and the working group on Science Advice in Europe. "I am honored to serve as the Executive Coordinator at ISE, an organization that epitomizes my passion for advancing research in Europe" Masia said. "For more than 15 years, ISE has served the research community, promoting research excellence and facilitating the conversation with policy makers as well as society. The research community in Europe faces important challenges, and I am thrilled to be able to contribute to address them!"

ISE is a non-profit organization, now based in Strasbourg, which was established in 2004, as an independent platform of European learned societies and scientific organizations. Its aim is to support research in all fields of science (human, social, natural, formal as well as technology) at a European level, involve researchers in the design and implementation of European science policies, and to advocate strong independent scientific advice in European policy making.

"With the discussions on the Horizon Europe framework and budget, on open access, on science advice and other pressing issues, this is an exciting time for ISE. We want to grow and become more influential for the benefit of the European Research Area and Society" stated Professor Martin Andler, President of ISE. "With Marco's energy, passion to excel, and his zeal for action, we will bring the voice of learned societies and researchers' organizations to Brussels."

As the new Executive Coordinator, Marco Masia has a vision of a research community (from STEM, Social Science, and Humanities) having a strong voice for the role of science in building Europe's future. "It is important that scientific organisations from different fields benefit from the synergies among themselves; their weight is much bigger when they act together. This is what ISE stands for".

Masia's resumé demonstrates knowledge of the Research and Innovation programmes and institutions in Europe, as well as leadership in nonprofit organizations of researchers. He has worked for many years at the interface between Policy, Research, and Management in Italy, Spain and Germany, and has served as a board member for the Marie-Curie Alumni Association. He holds a MSc in Chemistry, PhD in Physics, and a Master's degree in Business Administration.

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