



THE EUROPEAN UNION SCIENCE DIPLOMACY ALLIANCE

Nurturing the science diplomacy community in
the European Union and globally

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HOW WAS THE ALLIANCE ESTABLISHED?

WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES?

- Advise stakeholders
- Foster project collaboration
- Provide training and capacity building
- Create knowledge exchange platforms
- Build a science diplomacy community
- Monitor EU Science Diplomacy activities
- Enhance information exchange and awareness

Networking and knowledge hub for science diplomacy, policy, sustainable development, education, and more



2016 - 2022

**THE EU
SCIENCE DIPLOMACY
ALLIANCE**

Founded in 2021

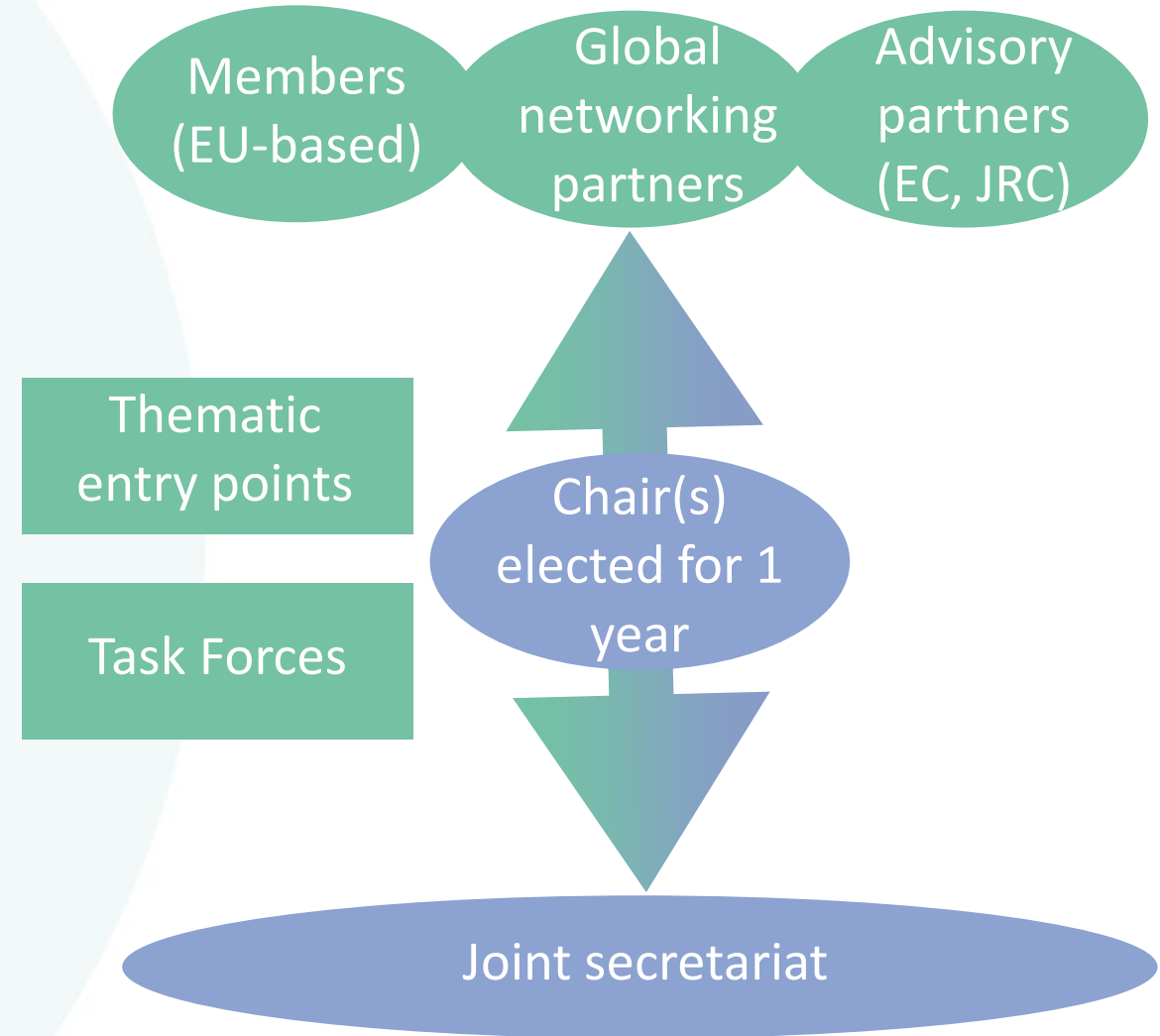


WHAT IS OUR STRUCTURE? WHO CAN APPLY?



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*Fostering EU Science Diplomacy for
a better future for all*



**Guiding theme 2025-2026:
Helping shape a shared vision for science diplomacy
across Europe**

Co-chairs:



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**Chaired by Central European Initiative (CEI) with support from
Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of
Trieste (DISPES), Italy**

WHO IS THE CHAIR?



Procedures and responsibilities

- ✓ One-year term for Chair(s) (July-June)
- ✓ General Assembly biannually
- ✓ Chair(s) set work program
- ✓ Oversee overall implementation
- ✓ Represent the Alliance officially

HOW DO WE MAINTAIN OUR WORK?

Secretariat

- ✓ Support to chair(s)
- ✓ Public communication
- ✓ Support to the task forces
- ✓ Providing the link to the EC
- ✓ Support to the thematic entry points
- ✓ Support in organisation of the events
- ✓ External coordination and representation
- ✓ Organisation of the Coffee chats monthly
- ✓ Internal coordination and structural development



Responsible for the secretariat:

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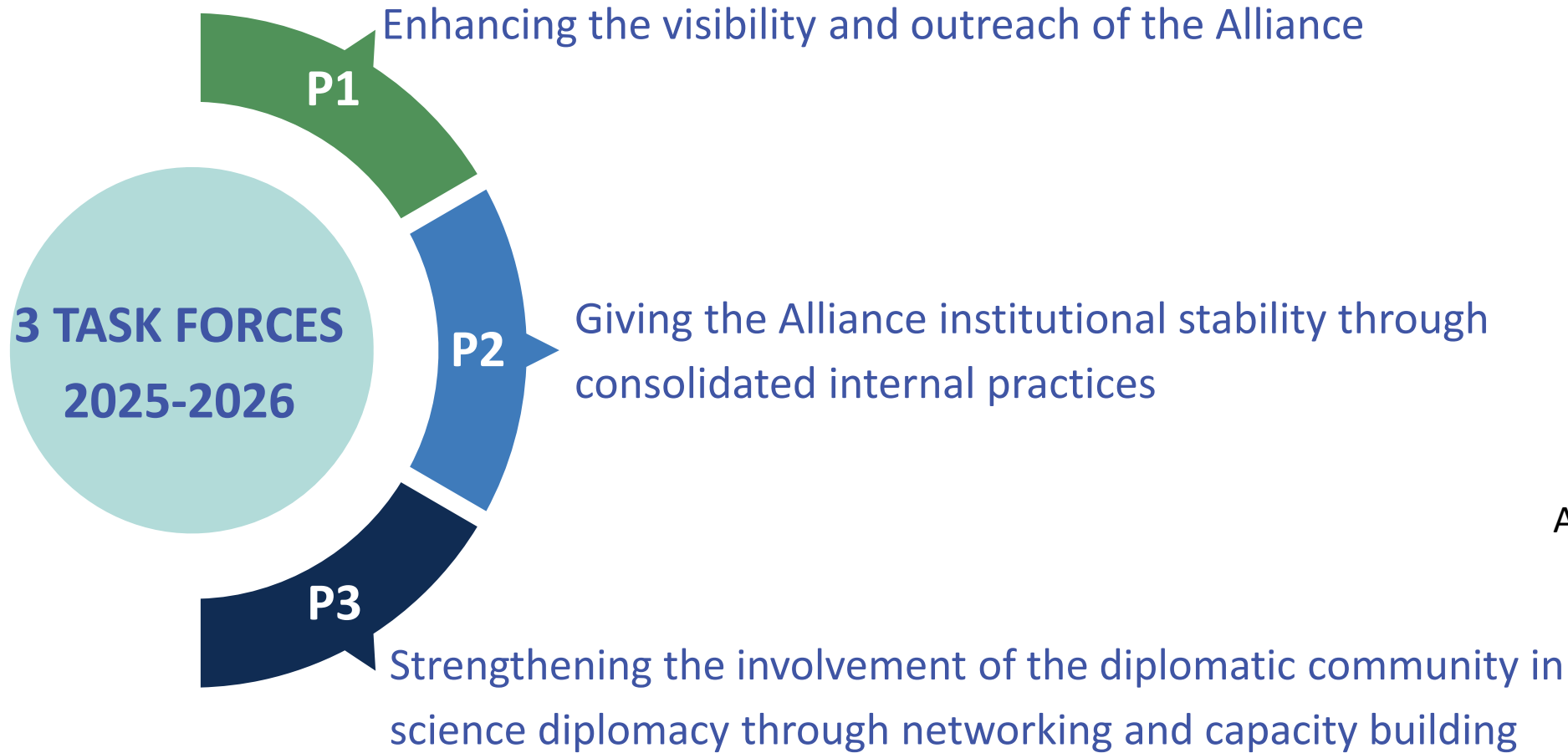
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WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT TASK FORCES AND WORKING PRIORITIES?

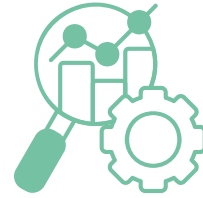


Alliance's work program No 8
June 2025 – July 2026

WHAT ARE OUR THEMATIC ENTRY POINTS?



Science Advice, Anticipatory Science
Diplomacy and Foresight
(SCIENCE ADVICE)



Research Security and
Science Diplomacy



Science Diplomacy and Art,
Culture, and Cultural Heritage
Protection (CULTURE)



European research diasporas as
stakeholders in Science
Diplomacy (DIASPORAS)



How to built equitable Science Diplomacy
between the North and the South
(GLOBAL NORTH AND SOUTH)



Evolving Perspectives of Science
Diplomacy in Central, Eastern and
South-Eastern Europe



Science, Technology, Innovation Diplomacy (STID)
and Gender Equality (GENDER)



Ocean Science Diplomacy
(OCEAN)

WHAT ARE OUR CORE ACTIVITIES?

Catalysing policy debates on science diplomacy: joint events & side events

European Commission | **EU SD Alliance** | Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs of Austria

Shaping Europe's science-for-policy landscape

Scientific Advice Mechanism to the European Commission

Side event

Shaping the European Framework for Science Diplomacy: What is in it for science advice?

26.05.2025 | Vienna, Austria

European Commission | **EU SD Alliance** | UNESCO

Workshop

Science Diplomacy Training: Objectives, Practices, and Recommendations

27 March 2025 | 9:00-17:45 CET

Online | UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

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18-19 DECEMBER 2023

Madrid, Spain

1st EUROPEAN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CONFERENCE

Towards a European Approach to Science Diplomacy

- Central driver
- Represented in EC Steering Team
- Suggested SD demonstrator projects on capacity-building

WORLD SCIENCE FORUM
BUDAPEST 2024 20-23 November

Science Diplomacy in Times of Global Crises

14 - 15 September 2023

austrian cultural forum | University for Continuing Education Krems | **EU SD Alliance** | #TechDiplomacyTalks

Side event of the Science Summit at the 78th United Nations General Assembly

Ukrainian Science Diaspora in Austria | Austrian Cultural Forum | University for Continuing Education Krems

17-18 DECEMBER 2025

Copenhagen, Denmark

2nd EUROPEAN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CONFERENCE

Bridging divides in a fragmented world

Photo Credit: EU SD Alliance. Side Event at the World Science Forum (#WSF2024)

WHAT ARE OUR CORE ACTIVITIES?

Raising awareness for science diplomacy:
joint trainings

Promoting knowledge exchanges and interaction
interfaces

Science
Diplomacy
training for COST
coordinators
3 editions, 2023

Encouraging project collaboration

Partner search

Joint drafting of the project proposals



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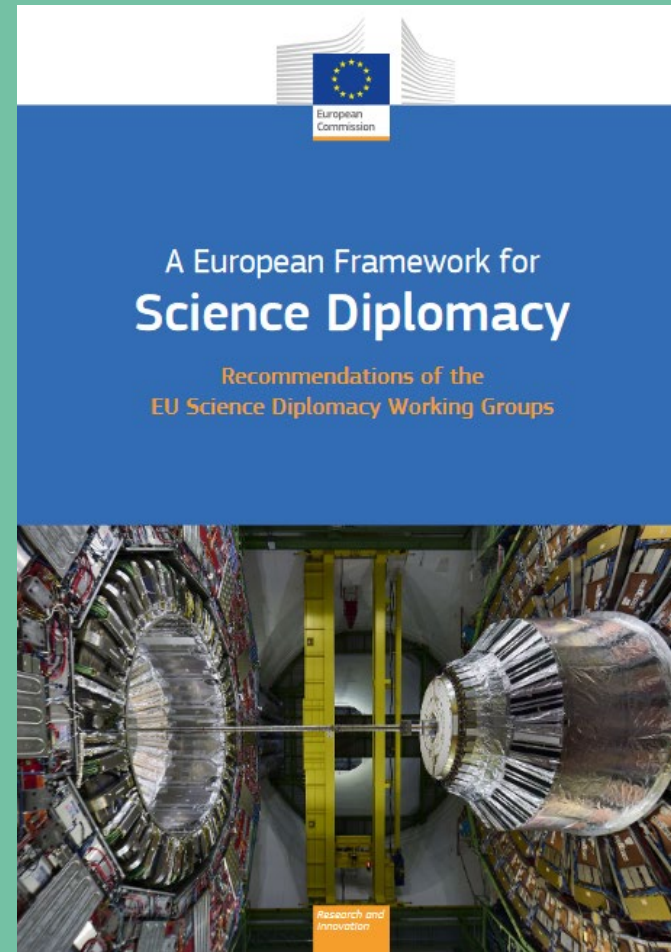
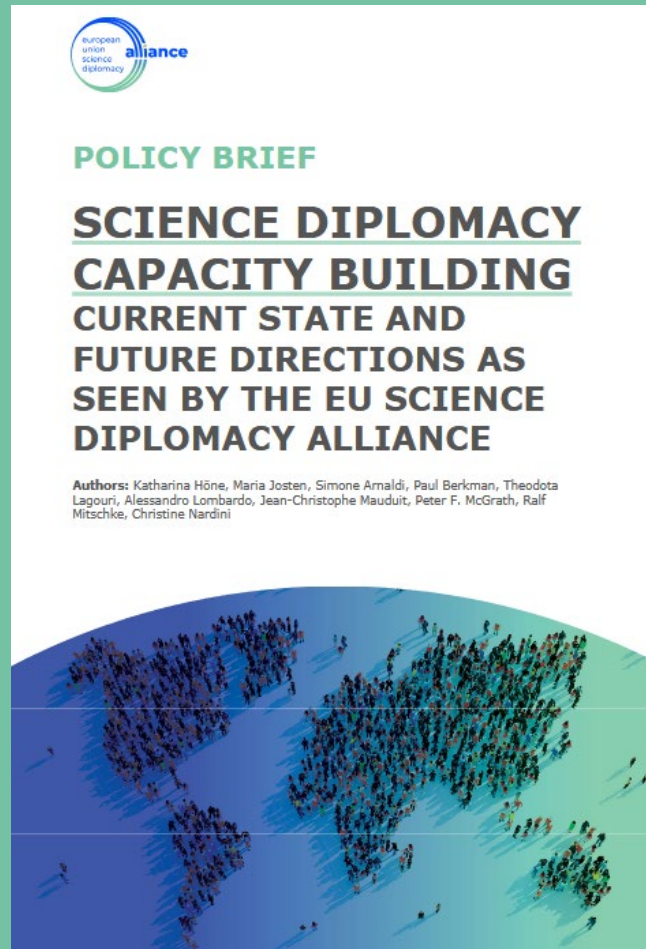


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WHAT ARE OUR CORE ACTIVITIES?

Advising policy on EU science diplomacy



HOW DID WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK FOR SCIENCE DIPLOMACY?

14 Alliance members nominated for EU Science Diplomacy Working Groups, developing recommendations for the EC:

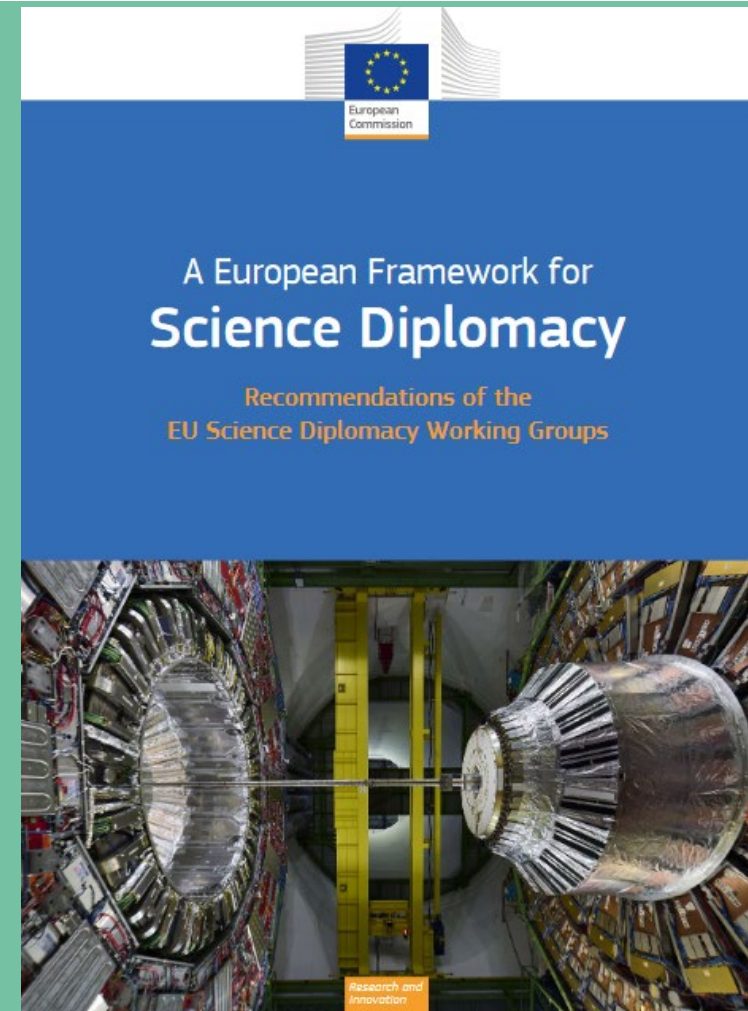
WG1: Using science diplomacy strategically to tackle geopolitical challenges in a fragmented, multipolar world

WG2: Making European diplomacy more strategic, effective and resilient through scientific evidence and foresight

WG3: Strengthening science diplomacy in Delegations and Embassies and fostering the EU's global science diplomacy outreach

WG4: Building capacity for European science diplomacy

WG5: Cross-cutting group on definition, principles and EU added value of European science diplomacy





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