WEBINAR SERIES

Building Capacity in the Ukrainian R&I Ecosystem

27 November 2026

RISK MANAGEMENT IN RESEARCH FUNDING: APPROACHES, TOOLS, AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES

Programme

10.00–11.30 CET (11.00–12.30 EET)

10.00–10.10 **Welcome and introductory remarks**

- **Olga Polotska,** *Executive Director, National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU)*
- **Lidia Borrell-Damián,** *Secretary General, Science Europe*

10.10–11.25 **Panel discussion**

- **Sapna Marwaha**, *Founder of Formation Consultancy, United Kingdom*
- **Paula Leskinen,** *Senior Adviser, RCF Finance Group of the Research Council of Finland*
- **Birgit Rath,** *Assistant to the Executive Board and Quality Manager, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)*
- **Eveline Friedl-Hölzl,** *Assistant to the Executive Vice President, Head of Quality Management, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)*
- **Chaitali Desai**, *Head of Research Compliance, University of Bristol*

Moderator:

- **Lidia Borrell-Damián,** *Secretary General, Science Europe*

11.25–11.30 **Closing Remarks**

- **Lidia Borrell-Damián,** *Secretary General, Science Europe*

About the webinar series

Following the success of the first series of webinars, the initiative continued in 2026 with the following webinars:

- *20 February - Open Science Policies and Practices of Research Funding Organisations*
- *26 June – Transforming Research Assessment Systems: Criteria, Quality, and Societal Impact*
- *25 September - Financial Management of Research Projects: From Grant Application to Successful Implementation*

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