



Dr. James P. Gavigan

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James has been an official of the European Commission since 1990. Since September 2012, he has been Minister-Counsellor and Head of the Science, Technology and Innovation section at the European Union's Delegation to the United States of America in Washington DC. His main role is to facilitate scientific cooperation between the EU and the US at both government-agency and stakeholder levels. Current priorities include marine/ Arctic sciences, materials, health and transportation research as well as innovation-related aspects of other EU-US areas of policy dialogue - e.g. the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. He also oversees cooperation between US-based EU Member State Science Counsellors, undertakes outreach and promotional activities as well as fulfilling regular Counsellor duties.

Prior to his posting to the US, James worked in a number of different EU science policy positions including eight and a half years (1995-2003) at the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies in Seville, Spain and six years (2006-2012) as Head of the European Commission's European Research Area (ERA) Policy Unit. From 1985 to 1990, he worked as a research physicist mainly in Ireland and France. James has bachelors (1985) and doctoral degrees in physics (1988) from Trinity College Dublin, and a master's in public administration (2003) from the University of Warwick.

He speaks English, French, Spanish and some Irish and Italian.



Viktoria Bodnarova

EURAXESS Links North America Regional Representative

Starting in 2013 Viktoria is working as the EURAXESS¹ Links Regional Representative for North America (USA and Canada), informing the community of European and non-European scientists of any nationality and research field based in North America (approx. 4700 members) about the funding and career opportunities within the European Research Area (ERA). She is also their first contact point before their move to Europe.

Born in Slovakia, Viktoria Bodnarova graduated from the Metropolitan University in Prague, Czech Republic in 2008 having completed a Master's degree in International Relations and European studies. Apart from Slovakia and the Czech Republic, she has spent part of her student life in the UK, France, the USA and Canada. Right after her studies she started working at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic as a project manager and a national coordinator of the Czech EURAXESS Network.

During 5 years (2008-2013) of working there, her main responsibilities were setting up a national network, administering national as well as European projects, communicating with national authorities regarding international mobility and providing practical support to researchers and their family members moving to the Czech Republic. She was a national expert in the Working Group for Human Resources and Mobility, EURAXESS Network Management Working Group and for the questions of Long Term Permit for the Purpose of Scientific Research.

Viktoria has participated as a speaker in several European and non-European events dealing with international mobility, funding opportunities in Europe, career development of researchers and entry conditions for third country national researchers.

¹ EURAXESS is a European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation initiative
