

Irena Martinović Klarić's Presentation: "Cultivating a Research Culture of Excellence: Harnessing the Power of International Mobility and Collaboration"

Positive aspects of the internationalization of research-performing organizations include multiple advantages, such as building knowledge capacity, increasing competitiveness and reputation, and attracting and retaining top talent, which further enhances institutional knowledge and competitiveness. For individual researchers, international mobility and collaboration offer several benefits, including access to infrastructure, equipment, archives, and fieldwork sites not available at their home institutions or countries. They also provide opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills, learn about different research cultures, expand professional networks, increase international visibility, and initiate new collaborations. Following this rationale, one may argue that international collaborations enable the pooling of expertise, equipment, infrastructure, and financial resources to address more complex global scientific challenges, potentially leading to groundbreaking findings and research outputs with more significant impact. However, the rules for international collaboration are rapidly changing in today's turbulent geopolitical landscape, and various risks associated with internationalization need to be carefully considered, such as issues related to intellectual property and different research cultures. Therefore, mutual trust, along with the acceptance and agreement on common goals and values—such as safeguarding academic freedom and maintaining high standards of research ethics and responsible research practices—remains a fundamental prerequisite for establishing and sustaining research partnerships. In this keynote lecture, I will specifically discuss how the positive aspects of research culture in our country can act as a steward to further promote internationalization and enhance the scientific, economic, and social impact of publicly funded research in Croatia and beyond.