



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) to foster research careers

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MSCA Overview and Key Features



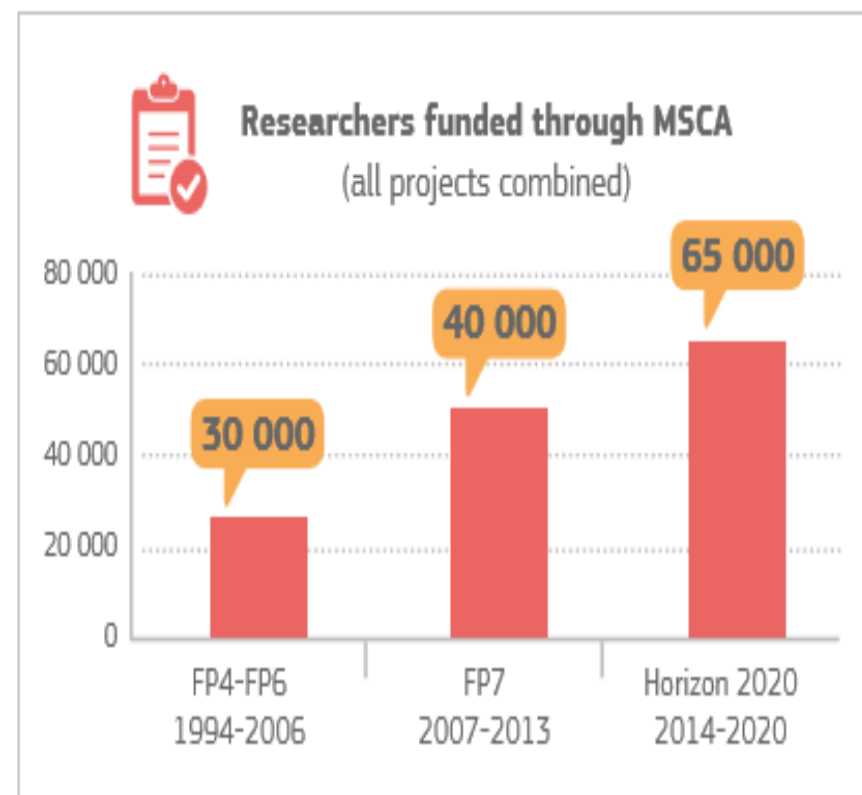
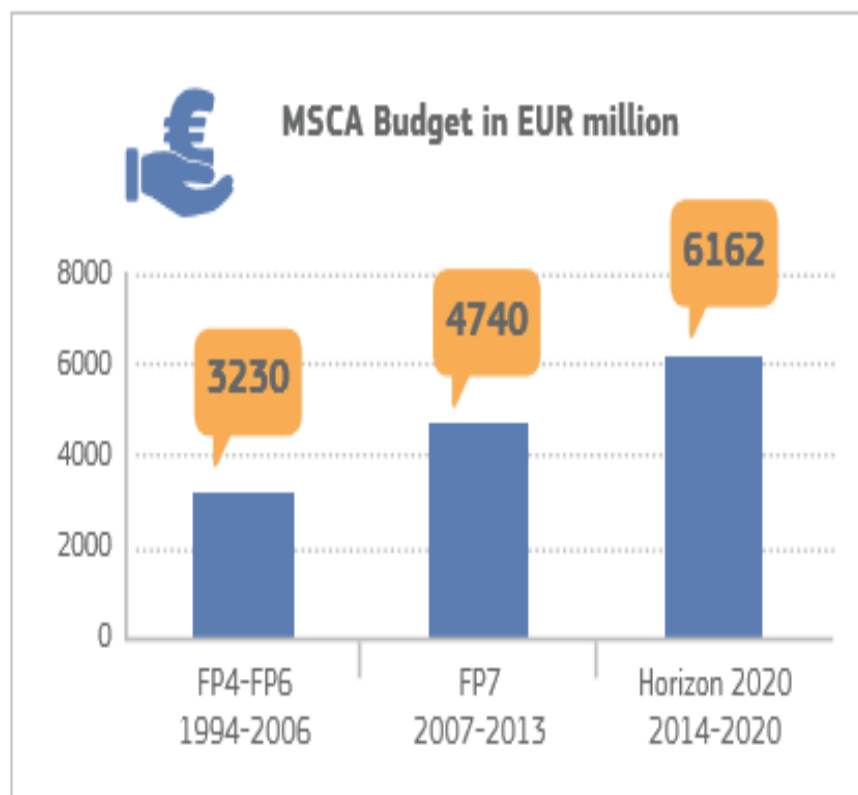
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie



Education
and Culture

Over 20 years of support for researchers' work



Key features



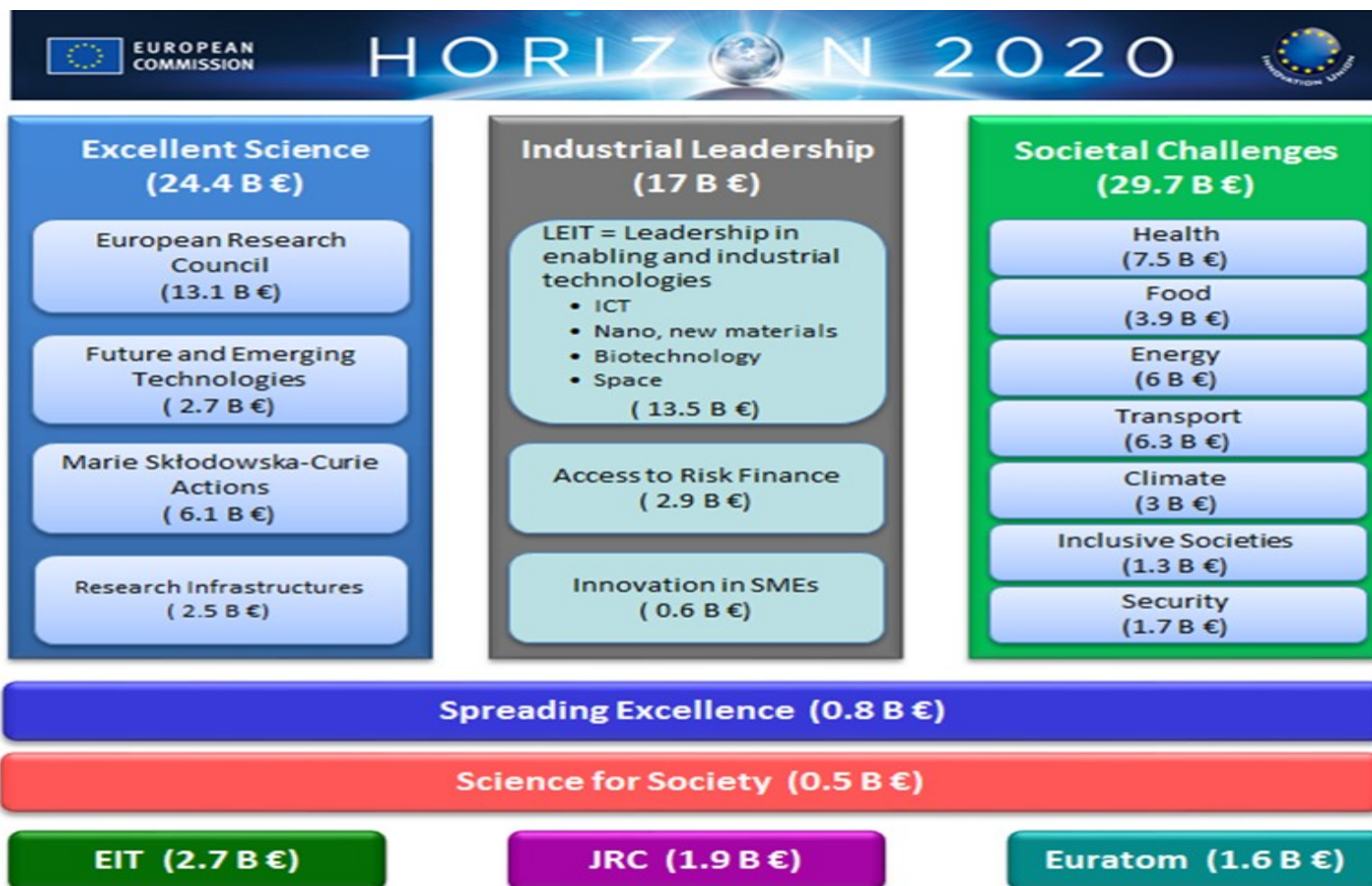
- **Mobility** of researchers from **all over the world**
- Focus on **training** and **career development** of researchers
- Participation of **non-academic sector** strongly encouraged, especially industry and SMEs
- For researchers at **every stage** of their career
- Coverage for all domains of research (**bottom-up approach**)
- promotion of **attractive working and employment** conditions (financing rate of up to 100%)





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MSCA is currently part of the 8th EU Framework Programme
for Research and Innovation : Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



ITN Innovative Training Networks

What does it offer?

High-quality research training delivered through international and interdisciplinary networks, industrial doctorates or joint doctorates

Who applies?

International networks of research organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors

Who is funded?

Researchers at doctoral level (less than four years of full-time research experience and no doctoral degree)



IF Individual Fellowships

What does it offer?

Opportunities to work on personal research projects by moving between countries and possibly sectors to acquire new skills

Who applies?

Individual researchers together with the host organisation

Who is funded?

Postdoctoral researchers



RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange

What does it offer?

The exchange of staff members involved in research and innovation to develop sustainable collaborative projects and the transfer of knowledge

Who applies?

International networks of research organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors

Who is funded?

Researchers, technical, administrative and managerial staff of any nationality and at all career levels



COFUND Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes

What does it offer?

Regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development

Who applies?

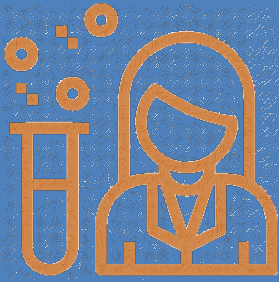

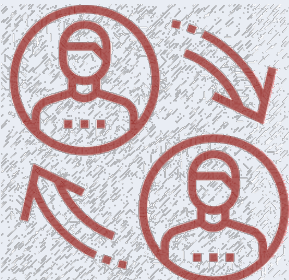
Organisations funding or managing doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes

Who is funded?

Researchers at doctoral and postdoctoral level

For whom?



	<p>Early stage researcher (PhD students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \leq 4-year in research• no PhD awarded	<p>ITN</p> <p>COFUND</p> <p>RISE</p>
	<p>Experienced researcher (Postdocs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \geq 4-year in research <u>or</u>• Have obtained PhD	<p>IF</p> <p>RISE</p>
	<p>Other staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managers, technicians, administrators (involved in research activities)	<p>RISE</p>

Which organisations?



Academic sector

- Higher education institutions (awarding academic degrees)
- Non-profit research organisations (primary mission research)
- International European interest organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL)



Non-academic sector

- Any entity not included in the academic sector:
- e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals, international organisations (e.g. UN, WHO)



INNOVATIVE TRAINING NETWORKS



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ITN - modes



3 modes

ETN

European
Training
Networks

*Participants implement
a joint research & training
programme*

EID

European
Industrial
Doctorates

*Doctoral training with the
non-academic sector*

Each researcher - enrolled in a doctoral programme and **spend at least 50%** in the non-academic sector.
The joint supervision of fellows by supervisors from each sector is mandatory.

EJD

European
Joint
Doctorates

*Doctoral programme to
deliver joint degrees*

Creation of joint doctoral programmes, leading to the **delivery of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees**



Search for jobs

Enter keywords

RESEARCH FIELD

RESEARCHER PROFILE

SECTOR

COUNTRY

EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME

2 selected

SEARCH

NEED HELP?

- ☐ FP7 / People Marie Curie Actions (47)
- ☐ FP7 / People-Marie Curie Actions COFUND (5)
- ☐ H2020 (134)
- ☐ H2020 / EIT (1)
- ☐ H2020 / ERC (86)
- ☒ H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (177)
- ☒ H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND (18)
- ☐ Not funded by an EU programme (4652)

Available Offers (5095)

IF



INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS



What are Individual Fellowships?



What are IFs?

- Individual trans-national fellowships to the best and most promising **experienced*** researchers
(* with PhD or 4-year full-time equivalent research experience)

For fellows coming to or moving within Europe
(12-24 months)

European Fellowships

Standard
(ST)

Career
Restart
Panel
(CAR)

Re-
integration
Panel (RI)

Society &
Enterprise
Panel (SE)

Global Fellowships

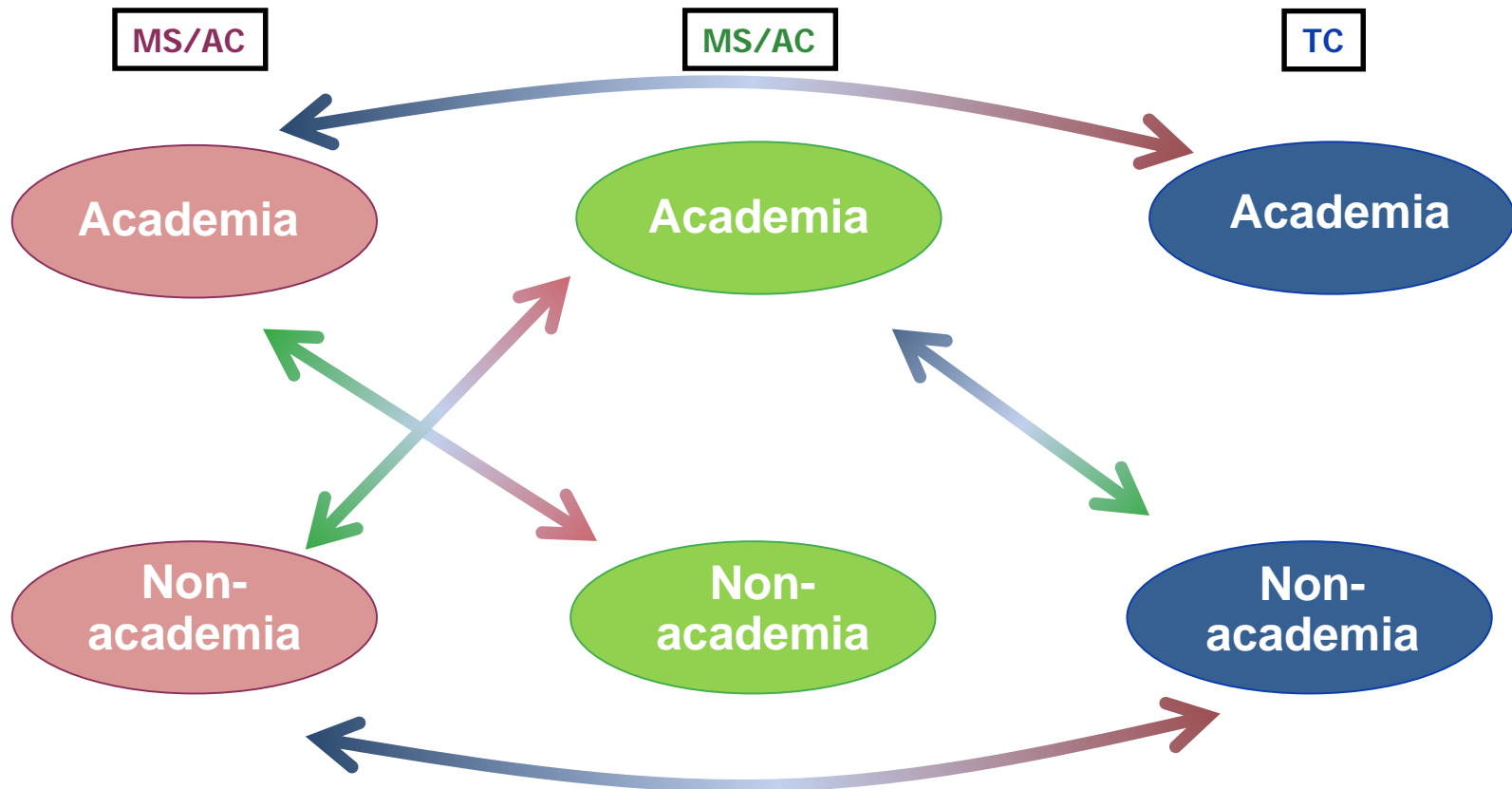
For fellows coming from Europe to a third country
(12-24 months) and returning to Europe (12 months)

- ✓ **Secondments** of 3 – 6 months in Europe (MS or AC), for greater impact
- ✓ Specific eligibility criteria
- ✓ Career development with an appropriate **inter-sectoral** dimension

RISE



Secondments



EU contribution for MSCA



1 unit
=
1 month of
eligible
researcher

MSCA	Max Duration (years)	Personal unit cost (€)	Institutional unit cost(€)		Max total budget
		Living allowance*, mobility allowance, family allowance	Research, training and networking	Management and indirect costs	
ITN	4	3270*, 600, 500	1800	1200	4 M€
IF	2 (3)	4880*, 600, 500	800	650	0,18 M 0,27 M
RISE	4	2100	1800	700	2,5 M
COFUND	5	1935*/2740*	325	-	Max 10 M

+ special needs allowance (max 60k€/individual)

NCP – National Contact Point

RESEARCH & INNOVATION
Participant Portal

European Commission > Research & Innovation > Participant Portal > National Contact Points

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National Contact Points

Network of National Contact Points (NCPs)

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020.

What is the NCP network?

NCPs are national structures established and financed by governments of the 28 EU member states and the states associated to the framework programme. NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages. The NCP systems can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies to private consulting companies.

NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").

NCP Services

As the NCPs are national structures, the type and level of services offered may differ from country to country. In general, the following basic services are available in accordance with the [NCP Guiding Principles](#) agreed by all countries:

- Guidance on choosing relevant H2020 topics and types of action
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance on proposal writing
- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- Assistance in partner search

Search for your NCP

Find the contact details of your national H2020 National Contact Point or those of your potential partner's country. You can search for NCPs in Member States, Associated Countries and third countries. You can also search for NCPs by thematic areas or functions; for instance, you can look for an NCP who is specialised in Marie Curie actions. Hover over the NCP functions to view the explanation of their specific responsibilities.

The third country NCPs listed below were nominated in the context of the Seventh Framework Programme. This list will be progressively updated for Horizon 2020, as necessary.

Search for:

Select the country
-----Member states-----
Austria
Belgium

Future and Emerging Technologies
Marie Skłodowska-Curie
Infrastructures
Information and Communication

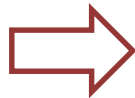
SEARCH

Sort by Country Contact name Most recent Organisation

HORIZON 2020 RESEARCH ON EUROPEA CORDIS OLAF

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Select country



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Open and upcoming calls

call	opening	closing	budget (M€)
ITN	12/09/2019	14/01/2020	530.13
IF	08/04/2020	09/09/2020	328
RISE	05/12/2019	28/04/2020	80
COFUND	08/04/2020	29/09/2020	100
NIGHT	08/10/2019	09/01/2020	8

MSCA for Researchers at Risk

Opportunities



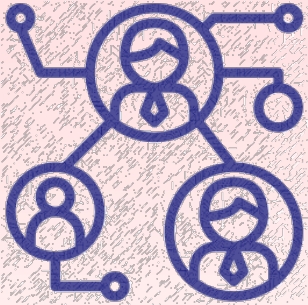
- Calls for Excellent Scientists from all over the world
 - higher chances for new perspectives
- Level Playing-field for researchers at risk
 - your CV is an asset!
- Available for all countries (EU, AC and TC)
 - new horizons!
- Move between academic and non-academic entities
 - new skills for career changes
- Help available by host organisation and national contact points
 - use it!

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Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF)

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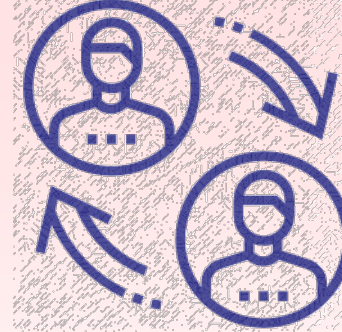


**Innovative
Training
Networks**



**Individual
fellowships**

**Widening
fellowships**



**Research and
Innovation Staff
Exchanges**



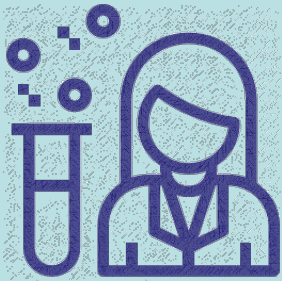
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research
programmes**

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Which researchers?



Experienced researcher (ER)

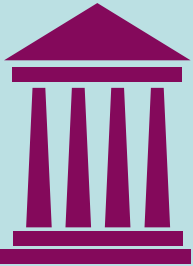
- ≥ 4 -year in research
- or
- Have obtained PhD



Any Nationality *

** (residency condition for nationals of non-Member States/Associated countries for Reintegration panel/Global fellowships)*

Which organisations?



Academic sector

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Non-academic sector

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- e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals, international organisations (e.g. UN, WHO)



Standardised legal validation of entities by REA

MSCA-IF beneficiary

EU Member State (MS): 28 countries/ overseas territories

Associated Country(AC): Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia

An MSCA-IF PROJECT I

Open to all fields: *CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY*

Actors:

- 1 Host institution (**beneficiary from MS or AC**)
(for Global fellowships + 1 partner institution from third country)
- 1 Experienced Researcher (PhD holder – or minimum 4years experience in Research) – **Any nationality***
- 1 Supervisor

**(residency (condition for nationals of non-Member States/Associated countries for Re-integration panel/Global fellowships)*

An MSCA-IF PROJECT II

Activities:

- **Training-through-research**: individual personalised action
- Hands-on training activities for developing **scientific** (new techniques, instruments) and **transferable skills** (proposal preparation, IPR management, task coordination, supervising & monitoring, exploitation of research results)
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary **transfer of knowledge** (secondments)
- Organisation of scientific/training/dissemination **events**
- **Communication, outreach** activities
- **Training** dedicated to gender issues

IF 2020 Topics & Budget

European Fellowships (EF)

Global Fellowships

European Fellowships Standard, Career and Re-integration Panel

Held in EU Member States or Associated Countries

263M€

European Fellowships Society and Enterprise Panel

Only for non-academic beneficiaries

10M€

*based on a
secondment to a
third country*

55M€

Widening Fellowships

*Standard, Career and Re-integration Society, and
Enterprise Panel*

For eligible beneficiaries from Widening countries

7M€

Total MSCA - IF Budget: 328M€ (+7M € for WF)



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Eligibility rules

- Mobility (ST-RI-CAR-SE-GF)

Procedure to obtain refugee status is not taken into account

- Nationality/Residence (RI-GF)

No Nationality/Residence condition for researchers with a refugee status for RI

- Other conditions: non-academic hosts (SE)-
Career break (CAR)

European Fellowships (EF)

ER may submit only one
proposal to this call

For fellows
coming to
"incoming"

or

moving within
Europe
"intra-European"



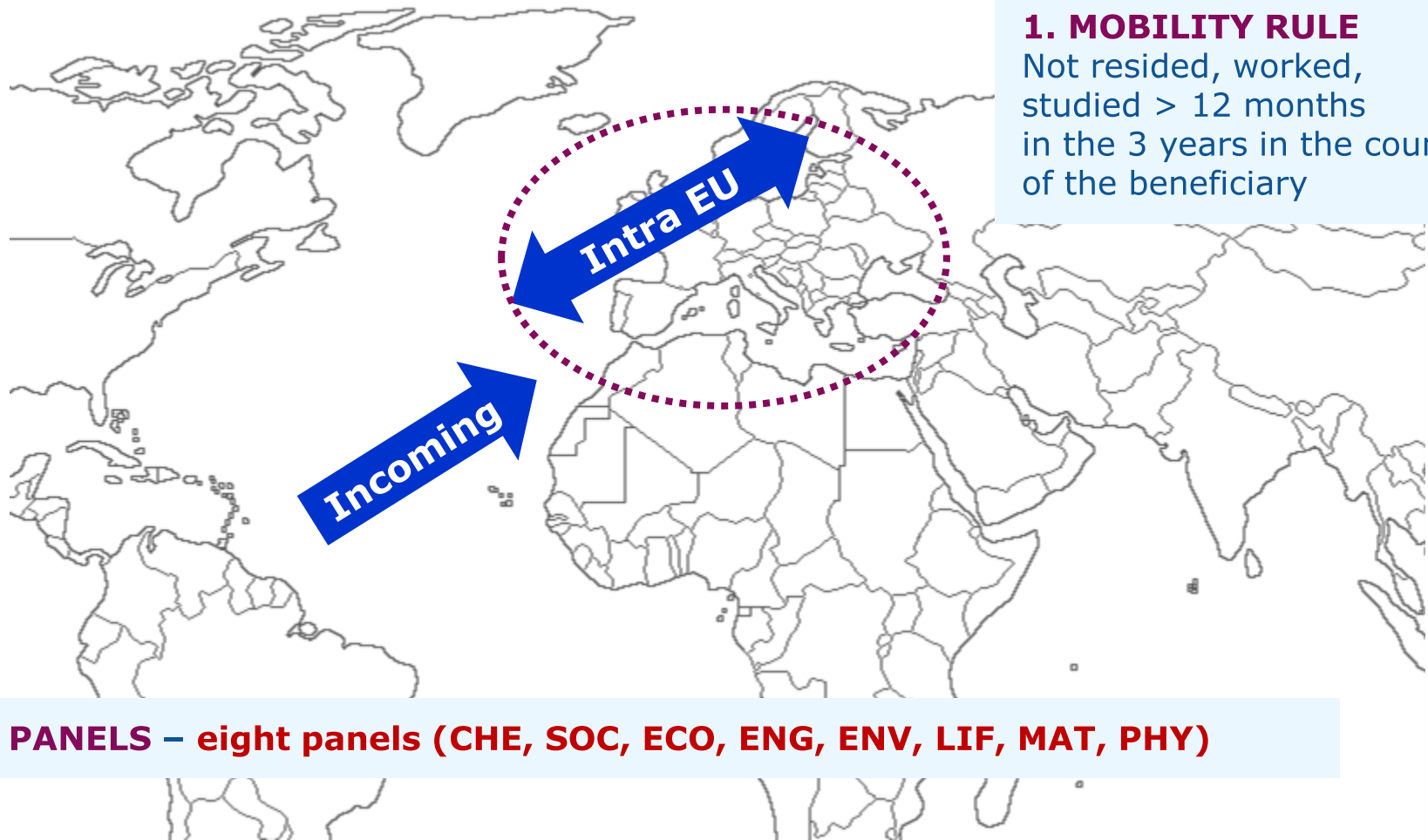
12-24 months



European Fellowships (EF)

Standard Panel (ST)

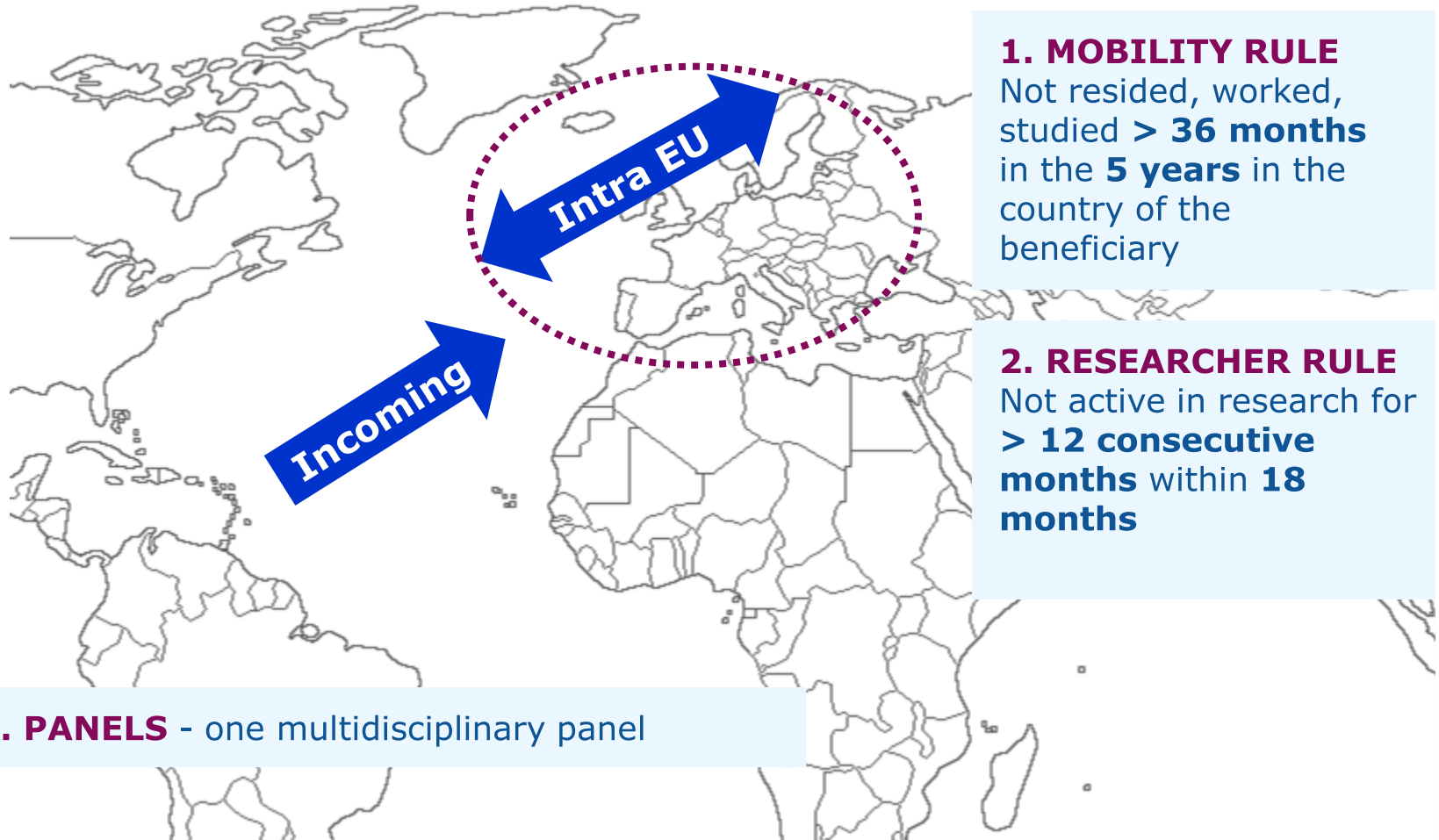
...before call deadline



European Fellowships (EF)

Career Restart (CAR) Panel

...before call deadline



1. MOBILITY RULE
Not resided, worked,
studied > **36 months**
in the **5 years** in the
country of the
beneficiary

2. RESEARCHER RULE
Not active in research for
> **12 consecutive**
months within **18**
months

3. PANELS - one multidisciplinary panel



European Fellowships (EF)

Reintegration Panel (RI)

...before call deadline

1. MOBILITY RULE

Not resided, worked, studied > **36 months** in the **5 years** in the country of the beneficiary

2. RESEARCHER RULE

Not If not European, the researcher must have resided at least 5 consecutive years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)

4. PANELS - one multidisciplinary panel

3. TIME

No minimum time spent outside EU



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European Fellowships (EF)

Society & Enterprise Panel (SE)

...before call deadline

1. MOBILITY RULE

Not resided, worked,
studied > **36 months**
in the **5 years** in the
country of the beneficiary

2. SECTOR

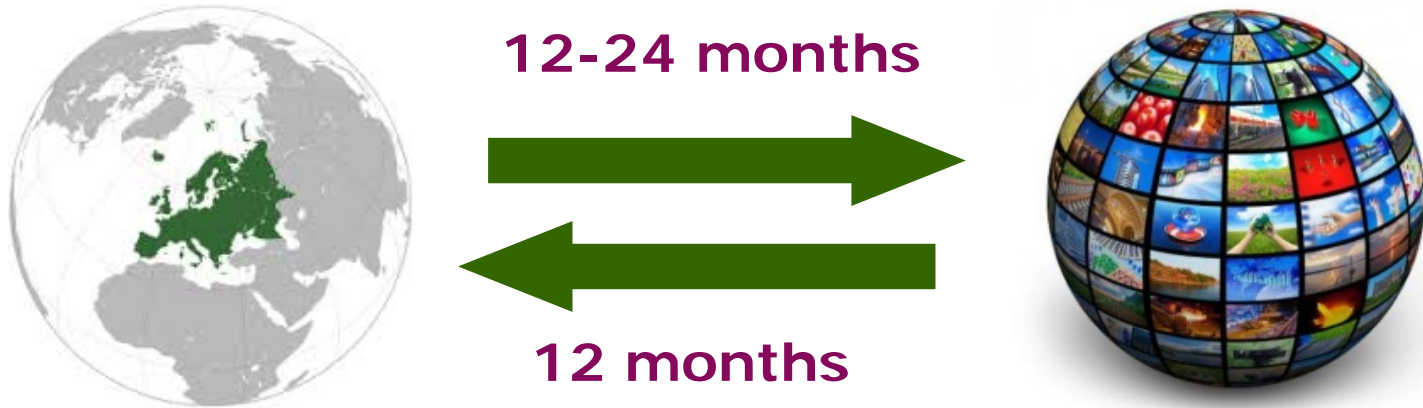
Only for non-academic
sector

Incoming

Intra EU

3. PANELS - one multidisciplinary panel

Global Fellowships (GF)



**For fellows from Europe going to TC
and then
returning to Europe**

Global Fellowships (GF)

...before call deadline

1. RESEARCHER RULE

Not If not European,
the researcher must
have resided at least 5
consecutive years in
Europe before leaving
(long term residency)



2. MOBILITY RULE

Not resided, worked, studied > 12
months in the 3 years in the
country of the **Third Country**
partner organisation (outgoing =
phase 1)

A map showing the continent of Europe and surrounding regions, including North Africa and the Middle East. A dashed purple line outlines the European continent. Two large green arrows point from the right towards the map. The top arrow is labeled 'Phase 1 - Outside of EU (up to 24 months)' and the bottom arrow is labeled 'Phase 2 - Researcher returns to EU (12 months)'.

Phase 1 - Outside of EU
(up to 24 months)

Phase 2 - Researcher returns to EU
(12 months)

EU Contribution for IF



1 unit
=
1 person/month

Staff member unit cost	Institutional unit cost	
"top-up allowance"	Research, training and networking	Management and indirect costs
4880 € (living allowance) *	800 €	650 €
600 € (mobility allowance)		
500 € (family allowance)		

*adjusted through the application of a country correction coefficient

Call specific question

Did you spend time on procedures for obtaining refugee status (according to the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol) in a Member State or Associated Country?

[Yes/No] - If Yes, specify the dates and country

Mobility (ST-RI-CAR-SE-GF)

- *Procedure to obtain refugee status is not taken into account*
- *Any period spent after the refugee status is obtained counts as time spent in the country*

Nationality/Residence (RI-GF)

No Nationality/Residence condition for researchers with a refugee status for RI

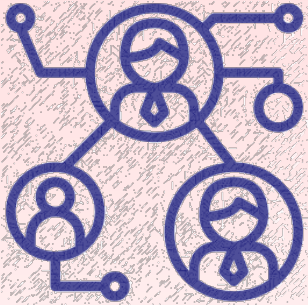
INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS		EUROPEAN				GLOBAL
		Standard EF	CAR	RI	SE	GF
EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS	Nationality	ANY	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents
	Mobility	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to MS or AC	From TC to MS or AC (location of host institution)	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to TC then to MS/AC
		< 12 months in the last 3 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 12 months in the last 3 years
	Career break in research	-	≥ 12 mm since 11/03/17	-	-	-
PARTICIPANTS	Beneficiary	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC <u>Non-academic only</u>	MS or AC
	Entity with capital or legal link	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC <u>Non-academic only</u>	MS or AC
	Partner Organisation	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	outgoing phase (mandatory) TC
						optional secondment MS or AC
DURATION (months)		12 / 24	12 / 36	12 / 24	12 / 24	24 / 36 (12 / 24 + 12)
SCIENTIFIC PANELS/AREAS		8 panels	8 areas	8 areas	8 areas	8 panels
NUMBER OF RANKING LISTS		8	1	1	1	8
BUDGET (total € 218.5 million)		€263 million			€10 million	€ 55 million

Next MSCA IF calls



	2020 (provisional)
Opening Date Closing Date	08 APR 2020 09 SEP 2020
Budget	328 million €

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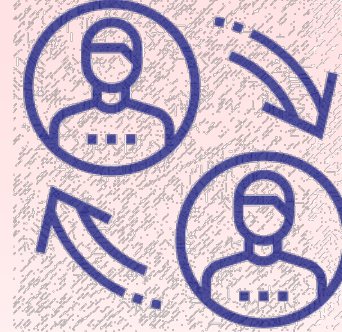


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**Cofunding of
research
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Widening Fellowships

Get an extra chance of being funded !

Widening Fellowships call 2020

Objective: to provide specific support to excellent researchers not funded through the IF call to undertake an individual fellowship in a widening country

Budget: EUR 7 million 2020 from the "*Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation*" Work Programme.

Widening countries:

Member States: *Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.*

Associated Countries: *Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.*

Widening Fellowships call 2019

Evaluation: Proposals from all scientific areas considered for WF funding if:

- submitted to MSCA-IF call by a host organization from a Widening country
- admissible and eligible for MSCA IF-EF (GF excluded)
- obtained a score of 70% or above in the MSCA IF call but was not funded under that call
- have agreed to be considered for WF call

→ One single evaluation performed under MSCA-IF call (the normal award criteria, scoring and thresholds for MSCA-IF will apply)

→ Simultaneous information about MSCA-IF and WF call results

Widening Fellowships

Get an extra chance of being funded !

Tick the box !

Widening Fellowships – only appears in case the beneficiary (PIC) is from a widening country

Do you wish to participate to the Widening Fellowships and thus increase your chances of being funded?

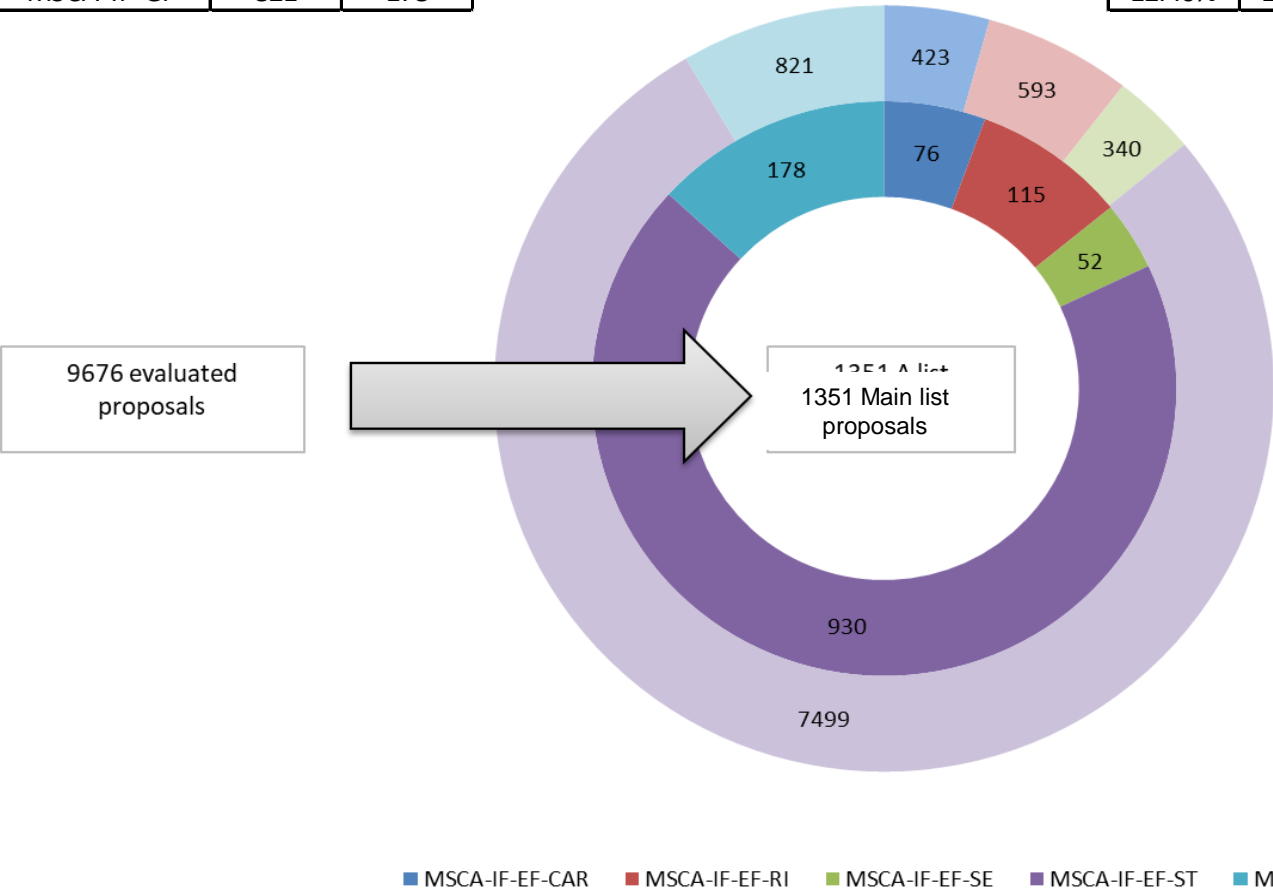
[Yes/No]

IF 2018 Submitted & Main list proposals

	Eligible	Main List
MSCA-IF-EF	8855	1173
MSCA-IF-GF	821	178

IF 2018

Success Rate				
ST	CAR	RI	SE	GF
12.40%	17.97%	19.39%	15.29%	21.68%



Evaluation and Submission





SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS ▼

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ▼

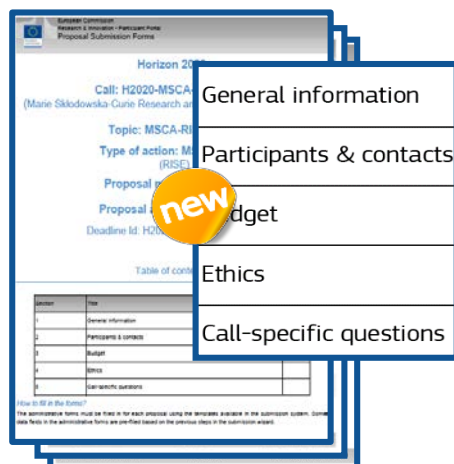
PROJECTS & RESULTS

WORK AS AN EXPERT

SUPPORT ▼

Apply here!

Part A
(structured data)



Horizon 2020
Call: H2020-MSCA-RISE
(Marie Skłodowska Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE))
Topic: MSCA-RISE
Type of action: MSCA-RISE
Proposal submission
Deadline Id: H2020-MSCA-RISE-2019

Section	Title
1	General information
2	Participants & contacts
3	Budget
4	Ethics
5	Call-specific questions

new

Part B
(description of action)



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Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)
Call: H2020-MSCA-RISE-2019

PART B

"PROPOSAL ACRONYM"

**10 pages
maximum**

Evaluation Process

- Each proposal is read and evaluated by **three evaluators** in an individual and independent manner. Each evaluator prepares an *individual evaluation report*.
- The three evaluators discuss together to reach a **unanimous consensus** on the final comments and score, and prepare a *consensus report*, containing relevant elements from the three individual reports.
- The consensus score determines the position on the ranking list.
- Applicants receive their *evaluation summary report* (i.e. a copy of the consensus report) in January.

Full details on the process are available in the **Guide for Applicants** available on the call page

Evaluation Criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and Efficiency of Implementation
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects	Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management
Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the fellowship		

Each criterion will be scored out of 5. Decimal points will be given.



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Guide for Applicants

The [Guide for Applicants](#) is available on the [call page](#) in the [Participant Portal](#).

You should consider this document as the primary base for any information on how to prepare your proposal and what should be discussed for each (sub)criterion.

Please follow all instructions closely!

Read Carefully! MSCA Work programme and Guide for applications



Apply now!

Talk to your MSCA National Contact Point!
Go to the Funding and Tenders Portal

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>



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Marie Skłodowska-Curie website

<http://ec.europa.eu/msca>

Horizon2020

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020>

Funding and Tender Portal (calls, online application, documents, FAQ, NCPs)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/h2020>

Euraxess (jobs, rights, services, etc.)

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

European Charter for Researchers

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/whatIsAResearcher>

How to find partners

<https://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest>

MSCA on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Marie.Curie.Actions>

MSCA on Twitter

@MSCactions

Questions?

H2020 Help desk

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries>

Frequently Asked Questions

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/faq.html>

National Contact Points

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Marie Curie Alumni Association

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/>

Net4Mobility

<https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/>

Thank you for your attention !