

Marie Sklodowska Currie Actions (MSCA)



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Key Information

- MCSA to support 65 000 researchers and 25 000 doctoral students between 2014 and 2020
- Proposals for bottom up programmes submitted by host organisations/supervisors in liaison with the researcher
- Grants cover 100% of costs. These include monthly living allowance; mobility allowance, family allowance and host institution unit costs. Hosts to also cover social security costs
- A range of mobility programmes:
 - Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
 - Individual Fellowships (IF)
 - Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)
 - CO-FUND - Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes





MARIE CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA – Bottom-up)

- ITN** → **Action 1 ITN**
Early-stage Researchers
- Innovative Training Networks**
Doctoral and early-stage training: **European Training Networks, European Industrial Doctorates, European Joint Doctorates**; Trans sectorial: res. training outside academia
- IF** → **Action 2 IF**
Experienced Researchers
- Individual Fellowships**
Experienced researchers undertaking international and inter-sector mobility: **European Fellowships** – third country researchers in Europe & **Global Fellowships** – European researchers abroad; Dedicated support for **career restart** and **reintegration**:
- RISE** → **Action 3 RISE**
Exchange of Staff
- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange**
Short-term staff exchange; 2 – way secondments, international and inter-sectoral; all career levels;
- COFUND** → **Action 4 COFUND**
- Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes such as Doctoral and fellowship programmes:**



Innovative Training Networks (ITN)



MSCA - main EU programme for structured doctoral training

- ✓ Dedicated to early-stage researchers
- ✓ Involving wide partnership of institutions from academic and non-academic sectors
- ✓ Combining scientific excellence with innovation-oriented approach
- ✓ Developing entrepreneurship and skills matching research labour market needs
- ✓ Proposing innovative ways of doctoral training, such as industrial doctorates (Involving non-academic sector in doctoral training) or joint doctorates



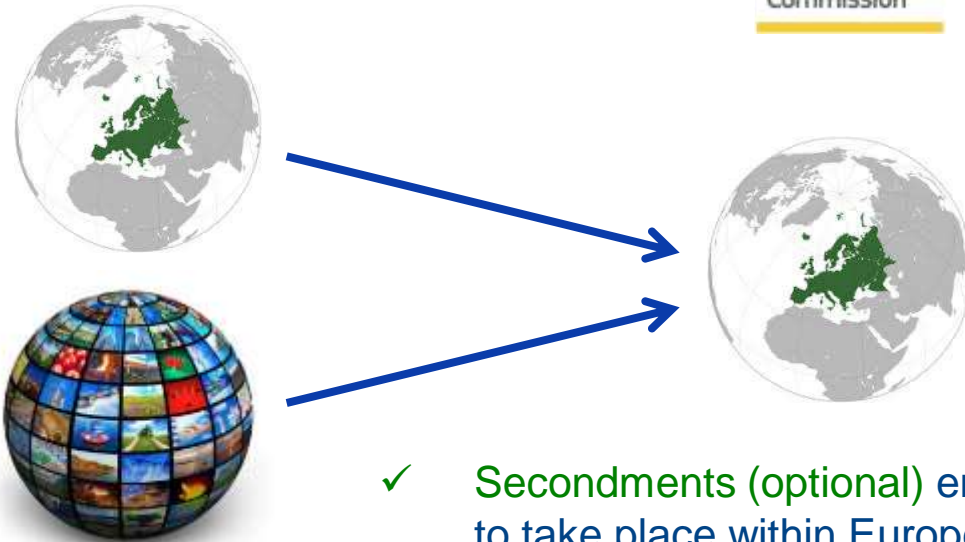
Individual Fellowships (IF)



- ✓ Opportunities for **international and inter-sector mobility** of **experienced researchers** to facilitate career moves
- ✓ Encompass **all types of mobility**: intra-European, incoming, outgoing, return and re-integration
- ✓ **Career Restart Panel** to resume a research career after a break
- ✓ **Reintegration Panel** to reintegrate researchers in Europe



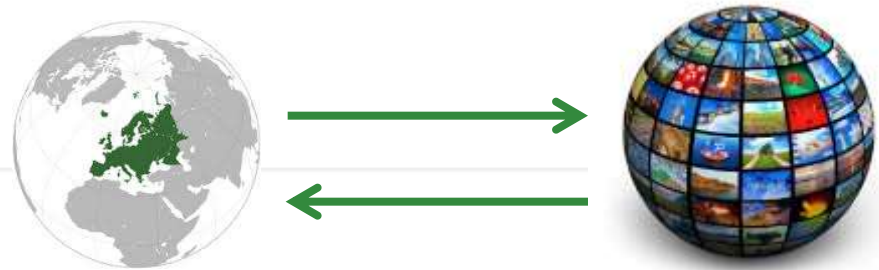
Individual Fellowships (IF)



**European
Fellowships**

- ✓ **Secondments (optional)** embedded in the career development to take place within Europe (3 or 6 months included in total duration)
- ✓ Special focus on **inter-sector** collaboration

**Global
Fellowships**



IF – Main features



- ✓ Duration of projects: 2 years (IF Global: 3 years)
- ✓ Support to **experienced researchers of any nationality** (IF Global: nationals of EU MS/AC & long-term residents)
- ✓ Focus on **career development**, not necessarily experience



Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)



- ✓ New type of exchange of staff action to stimulate **transfer of knowledge** and sharing of ideas
- ✓ Flexible inter-sector and international exchanges of **highly skilled research and innovation staff**
- ✓ Based on a **common research and innovation project**
- ✓ **Secondments only**, no recruitment foreseen
- ✓ Exchanges between institutions within Europe cover only **inter-sector** secondments
- ✓ Exchanges with institutions from **outside Europe** can be both inter-sector and within the same sector
- ✓ No support for secondments between institutions located outside Europe



RISE – Main features



- ✓ Duration of projects: max. 4 years
- ✓ Minimum eligibility condition: participants in **3 different countries** (at least 2 MS/AC)
- ✓ Partnership agreement recommended
- ✓ Support to **secondments of staff members (1-12 months)**
- ✓ **Eligibility condition** for staff members: **6 months at sending institution** prior to first secondment



Funds and Calls 2016



Call ID	Call	Call Deadline	Budget (Mio EUR)
H2020-MSCA-ITN-2016 (http://ec.europa	14 October 2015	12 January 2016	370.00
H2020-MSCA-IF-2016 (http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal	12 April 2016	14 September 2016	218.00
H2020-MSCA-RISE-2016 http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal	08 December 2015	28 April 2016	80.00
H2020-MSCA-COFUND (http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/cofund	14 April 2016 (Opening)	29 September 2016	80.00
H2020-MSCA-NIGHT	14 October 2015 (Publication)	16 January 2016	8



Funds and Calls



- ✓ EU contribution based on **unit costs** calculated on the basis of the **researcher-months**
- ✓ Allowances for the researcher (**living, mobility and family allowance**)
- ✓ Unit costs for **research, training and networking**
- ✓ Unit costs for **management and overheads**

Calls:

- ✓ Application through the **Participant Portal**
- ✓ **National Contact Points** to help with application



How to Participate

Firefox | Welcome to DST Intranet | How to get funding? - European Co... | Funding - Research Participant Portal | h2020-wp1415-msca_en.pdf

ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/index.html | National Research Foundation

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How to participate

H2020 ONLINE MANUAL

The first steps to prepare your proposal and apply for EU research funding. Learn how to find a suitable Call for proposals or project partners and how to submit your proposal.

The following guidance services facilitate your participation:

- **H2020 Online Manual:** step-by-step online guide through the Portal processes from proposal preparation and submission to reporting on your on-going project
- **Reference documents:** library of legal documents, guidance notes, and additional reference material for H2020 and FP7
- search for already registered organisations and their **PICs**
- **Financial viability self-check tool** allows you simulating the financial viability check of your organisation
- **SME participation:** dedicated H2020 guidance page for SME

FIND
a call

1

FIND
partners

2

CREATE
your account

3

REGISTER
your organisation

4

SUBMIT
a proposal

5

Step 1 - Find a suitable Call for Proposals

H2020 ONLINE MANUAL

The Commission publishes on the Participant Portal all the Calls of its research and innovation programmes **H2020**, and you can search calls from previous programmes (**FP7** and **CIP**). In addition you can find information about some additional calls in the [Other Funding Opportunities](#) section. If you apply for the first time and do not know yet the programmes, it is useful to read the H2020 Online Manual. It helps you choose the most suitable programme for your area and profile. Besides, you can [search according to your research topic](#) with key words and set filters in the calls list.

Your [National Contact Point](#) can also help you find the most suitable call for your profile. SMEs are in addition supported by the [Enterprise Europe Network](#).

Preparing for the Calls

- Participate in information workshops !
- Study the work programmes
- Get involved if you see an opportunity that fits your strategy
- Find partners rapidly, but chose them carefully
- Create/develop your profile (capacities, achievements, ...)
- Use support structures:
ie National Contact Points (NCPs) if available;
(if support is not available, ask for some...)



Sources of information

- **Horizon 2020 web site:** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020>
- **Participant portal:** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal>
- **Google, LinkedIn...** & specialised databases (eg: Healthcompetence.eu)
- **Horizon 2020 information events in Europe:**
http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020-events



Dankie

Enkosi

Ha khensa

Re a leboga

Ro livhuwa

Siyabonga

Siyathokoza

Thank you