The MSCA under Horizon Europe

**Pillar 1**
Excellent Science
- European Research Council
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- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
- Joint Research Centre

**Pillar 3**
Innovative Europe
- European Innovation Council
- European innovation ecosystems
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology

Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area
- Widening participation and spreading excellence
- Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system

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Key figures (2014-2020)

+65,000 Researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates

37% Researchers from outside of the EU

6.2 billion € Under Horizon 2020

+1,000 Doctoral programmes

+4,500 Companies supported

42% Female researchers

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Introduction to the MSCA

- EU’s reference programme for doctoral and postdoctoral training, contributing to:
  - A highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle upcoming challenges, communicate scientific evidence to policy-makers and the public, and work across disciplines
  - Provide researchers with skills needed in the labour market, to innovate and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
  - Develop excellent doctoral programmes enhancing the global attractiveness and visibility of institutions involved in them
  - Promote the EU’s global attractiveness for talents
- Budget under Horizon Europe: 6.6€ billion
- Geographic coverage

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Key features

**Researchers’ training, skills and career development (all stages of career)**

**Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)**

**International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility**

**Attractive working and employment conditions**

**Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes**

**Strong collaboration with industry and SMEs**

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Policy background, principles and priorities

- Contribution to the **European Research Area (ERA)** and **European Education Area (EEA)**
- Contribution to the **EU external policy** objectives
- Committed to the **European Charter for Researchers** and the **Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers** + Innovative Doctoral Training Principles
- Underlying Principles: **Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation**
- New publishing platform and open peer review: [https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/](https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/)
Principles and novelties

- **Streamlined actions**, clearer identity
- **Simpler rules**, harmonised conditions
- Demand management to maintain high quality
- Reinforced **synergies** within Horizon Europe and with other EU funding programmes
- New guidelines on **supervision** to ensure that researchers are adequately supervised
- Towards “**greener MSCA**” to promote sustainable behaviors and policies, support policy and decision making, through MSCA Green Charter, Green Deal thematic clustering events…
More gender-friendly and inclusive MSCA

• Horizon 2020: 41% of female fellows (from 38% in RISE to 44% in ITN)
• In line with the Charter and Code, all MSCA projects are encouraged to embrace diversity
• In the interest of non-discrimination and equal opportunities:
  ✓ Family allowances will be accessible to all, even if their parental status changes during the duration of the project
  ✓ Long-term leave allowance in case of the researchers’ leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave
  ✓ Broader definition of family to ensure full access to these allowances (recognised LGBTI+ couples)
Academia-non academia collaboration

- Encourage **inter-sectoral exposure** through incentives
- With the aim to develop transferable skills (e.g. innovation, entrepreneurship) leading to improved **employability and career prospects within and outside academia**

**Incentives:**
- **Industrial Doctorates:** max 540 person-months instead of 360 for standard doctoral networks; academic and non-academic organisations jointly supervising can be in the same country
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships:** incentive: additional 6 months for placements in the non-academic sector at the end of the project
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Doctoral Networks

European Commission
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Unit C2. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
Doctoral Networks

• Multi-beneficiary Action to set up **doctoral programmes**, including
  - **Industrial Doctorates**: Training in academia and industry, Joint supervision
  - **Joint Doctorates**: Joint collaborations leading to a joint/multiple doctoral degree, Joint selection and supervision; pre-agreement for joint degrees required

• Respond to **well-identified needs** in various R&I areas (bottom-up), expose the researchers to the **academic and non-academic sectors**, and offer training in research-related, as well as competences relevant for **innovation and long-term employability**

• Focus on **research and transferable skills**, (inter-sectoral secondments), **career development plan, supervision, internationalisation/attractiveness**

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Doctoral Networks: eligibility/organisations

• **Who applies?**
  
  - **Consortia** of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors
  
  - At least **three independent legal entities**, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS (on top of this minimum, any entity from any third country can join; no minimum for associated partners)

• **All beneficiaries must recruit at least one doctoral candidate**. They are required to host at their premises and supervise recruited researchers, or use associated partners linked to them to do so

• **Not more than 40.0% of the EU contribution may be allocated to beneficiaries in the same country** or to a single international organisation.
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Doctoral Networks: eligibility/researchers

• Supported researchers must be **doctoral candidates** (not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of recruitment)

• Researchers must be **enrolled in a doctoral programme**, in at least 1 EU Member State/Associated Country (at least 2 for Joint Doctorates)

• **Any nationality**

• **Mobility rule**: must not have resided or carried out main activity in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months immediately before their recruitment date
Doctoral Networks

• **Size**
  - Up to **360 person-months** (standard) + **180 additional person-months** for joint or industrial doctorates (incentive)

• **Duration**
  - **Programme**: max. 48 months
  - **Fellowship**: between 3 and 36 months
  - **Secondments**: worldwide, up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration
  - **Industrial doctorates**: 50% in the non-academic sector; academic and non-academic organisations jointly supervising can be in the same country

• **Calls**
  - **2021**: 22 June - 16 Nov (tentative); 402.95M€
  - **2022**: 3 May - 15 Nov (tentative); 427.28M€
  - **Resubmission restrictions** applying as of 2022 for applications receiving a score **below 80%**

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**Doctoral Networks: Unit contributions**

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Staff Exchanges

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MSCA Staff Exchanges

Main objectives

1. International, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of R&I staff (“secondments”)
2. Knowledge transfer between participating organisations
3. Collaboration between the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs)
4. Cooperation across the globe

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**Outcome for staff members**

- **Transferable skills & competences**
- **Employability & career prospects**
- **International exposure**
- **Networking and communication**
- **Ideas converted into products, processes & services**

**Outcome for organisations**

- **Transfer of knowledge**
- **I3 collaborative networks**
- **R&I capacity**
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- **R&I capacity**

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Activities

- Implementation of a joint R&I project by seconding and/or hosting eligible staff members
- Three dimensions of mobility: inter-sectoral, international and interdisciplinary
- Networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences
- New skills acquisition and career development perspectives

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Participating organisations

Consortium of at least 3 legal entities in 3 different countries, 2 of which in a different EU Member State or HE Associated Country

If organisations from the same sector (academic or non-academic), there must be at least 1 organisation from a non-associated Third Country
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Seconded staff members

Any type of staff contributing to R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

Researchers at any career stage (from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

Actively engaged in research and/or innovation activities for at least 1 month prior at the sending institution

Each staff member is seconded for a period of 1 to 12 months (may be split into several stays)

Staff needs to be devoted full-time to the action during the secondment

After the secondment, staff should return to their sending institution

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• **Duration**
  - 4 years for project implementation
  - Maximum 360 person-months per project *(novelty)*
  - Secondments: 1-12 months per staff
  - Interdisciplinary secondments in the same sector possible within Europe (max 1/3 of project’s person-months) *(novelty)*

• **Calls**
  - **2021**: 7 Oct 2021 – 9 March 2022 (tentative); 72.5 M€
  - **2022**: 6 Oct 2022 – 8 March 2023 (tentative); 77.5 M€
### MSCA Staff Exchanges

#### Contributions for seconded staff members

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#### Institutional unit contributions

- **Top-up allowance**: travel, accommodation and subsistence costs
- **Research, training and networking contribution**: training, transfer of knowledge, networking activities and research expenses
- **Management and indirect contribution**: beneficiary’s additional costs

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Tips and tricks

- **Closely follow the call requirements**
  Be in line with the action’s objectives and expected outcomes

- **Follow available guidelines**
  Use the structure provided in the template and address all the evaluation criteria

- **Highlight the EU dimension**
  Show that your proposal addresses EU policy priorities and/or societal challenges

- **Get a second opinion**
  Have your proposal proof-read by a colleague and pre-screened by your NCP

- **Sustainability of collaboration**
  Describe the benefits of cooperation and how they can go beyond this project

- **Contact your NCP**

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MSCA COFUND

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**MSCA COFUND**

- **Mono-beneficiary action** to co-fund new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for **doctoral** training and **postdoctoral** fellowships

- **Focus**
  - Spread **best practices** of the MSCA by promoting **high standards** in the recruitment process and **excellent working conditions**
  - Introduce **sustainable structuring effects**, by promoting excellent and sustainable research training, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation and mobility
  - Encourage **synergies** with Cohesion policy funds as well as the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Programmes could focus on specific disciplines, notably when based on RIS³.
MSCA COFUND

• **Target groups**
  - **Doctoral candidates**, i.e. researchers without a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call; mandatory enrolment in a doctoral programme
  - **Postdoctoral researchers**, i.e. researchers with a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call

• **Who applies?**
  - **Single legal entity** established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country.
  - A **minimum of three researchers** must be recruited.

• **Career Development Plan**
  - To be jointly established by the supervisor and each recruited researcher upon recruitment. Revised (and updated where needed) within 18 months

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MSCA COFUND

• Co-funding
  - Max 10 M€ per beneficiary per call (unchanged)
  - The EU contribution covers minimum remuneration (70% living + mobility allowance) and can be used more flexibly

• Duration
  - Programme: max. 60 months (unchanged)
  - Fellowship: min 3 months
  - Secondments: up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration

• Introduction of an MSCA Cofund Seal of Excellence for applications scoring ≥ 85%

• Calls:
  - 2021: 12 Oct 2021 – 10 Feb 2022 (tentative); 89 M€
  - 2022: 11 Oct 2022 – 9 Feb 2023 (tentative); 95 M€
**MSCA COFUND – Unit contributions**

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Minimum remuneration applies:
EUR 2 800 for Doctoral researcher, EUR 3 980 for Postdoctoral researcher

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<td>Strengthening human resources good practices at institutional, regional, national or international level, in particular through aligning the practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation</td>
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<td>Quality and novelty of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, inter-sectorality and level of transnational mobility. Quality of open science practices</td>
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<td>Quality and capacity of the host institution(s) and participating organisations (where appropriate), including hosting arrangements and extent to which they bring together the necessary expertise to successfully implement the research training programme</td>
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Postdoctoral Fellowships

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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

• Main Objectives:
  ➢ **Foster excellence** through implementation of research project
  ➢ Enhance the **creative and innovative potential** of researchers holding a PhD (training on transferable skills & career development)
  ➢ Focus on **i3** (international, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary) mobility
  ➢ Bridges and **exposure to the non-academic sector**

• Research areas:
  ➢ **All scientific fields**
  ➢ Including Euratom areas (indicative amount EUR 1 million annually) within existing scientific panels - novelty

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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Activities:
  - Mono-beneficiary action to support post-doctoral research and careers with:
    - European Postdoctoral Fellowships: coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe
      - No separate panels – mainstreamed incentives—novelty
    - Global Postdoctoral Fellowships outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe AC.

* Widening activities: “ERA Fellowships” will be aligned with the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

• **Who applies? Participating Organisations**:  
  ✓ Legal entity in an EU Member State or HE Associated country

• **Recruited Researchers - Target Groups**:  
  ✓ any nationality (Global Fellowships: nationals or long-term residents of MS or HE AC) *  
  ✓ in possession of PhD at the call deadline – novelty  
  ✓ up to 8 years research experience after PhD (with exceptions= career breaks, work outside research, research outside Europe for reintegrating researchers) – novelty  
  ✓ mobility rule: not resided /main activity in the country of the beneficiary (or host organization for GF) more than 12 in the 36 months before call deadline

• **Specific eligibility criteria for PFs supported by Euratom**:  
  ✓ Organisation: legal entity established in an EU Member State or Euratom AC  
  ✓ Researcher: nationals or long-term residents of an EU Member State or a Euratom AC

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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

- **Duration**
  - **European Fellowships**: 12-24 months
  - **Global Fellowships**: 24-36 months (12-24 outgoing phase & 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe)

- **Secondments worldwide** up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration—(novelty: worldwide secondments)

- **Optional additional placement of up to 6 months in a non-academic** European organization (novelty)
  - at the end of the fellowship applicable to both European and Global PF

- **Calls**
  - **2021**: 22 June – 12 Oct (tentative); 242 M€ [+indicative EUR 1 million for Euratom]
  - **2022**: 13 Apr – 14 Sept (tentative); 257 M€ [+indicative EUR 1 million for Euratom]
  - Resubmission restrictions applying as of 2022 for **applications receiving a score below 70%**

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### MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

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MSCA and Citizens

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MSCA and Citizens

• Coordination and Support Action to **bring research and researchers closer to the public at large**, through the organisation of the **European Researchers’ Night**

• **Target group**: general public, pupils, families, students

• **Focus**:
  - Enhance **engagement with citizens** on R&I
  - Increase awareness among the general public of the **importance and benefits of R&I** and its concrete impact on citizens’ daily life
  - Raise **young people's interest for research** and science
  - Improves **researchers’ communication skills** and competences
The European Researchers’ Night

- **Every year**, on the last Friday of September (events can last up to two days)
- A **Europe-wide** public and media event for the promotion of research careers, in particular focused on young people and their families
- In 2022-2023, focus on **Horizon Europe Missions**
The European Researchers’ Night

- **Who applies?**
  - One or more legal entities established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country
- **EU contribution**
  - Lump-sum contributions
  - Contribution estimated between 50-150k€ per annual edition of the European Researchers’ Night
- **Duration**
  - The call 2022 covers two successive editions (2022-2023)
  - Applicants encouraged to submit proposals covering two successive editions (2022/2023) of the NIGHT
- **Call**
  - 2021: 22 Jun – 7 Oct (tentative); 15 M€
## MSCA and Citizens - Award Criteria

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Cross-action novelties

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Family allowance

Mobility-related costs of researchers with family obligations

(i) marriage
(ii) relationship with equivalent status to marriage (under the law of the country or region in which this relationship was formalised)
(iii) dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher

Due if the researcher has or acquires family obligations during the action

EUR 500
EUR 660

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Long-term leave allowance

What does it cover?

- personnel costs incurred by the beneficiaries in case of researchers’ leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave.

For absences longer than 30 consecutive days.
Special needs allowance

What does it cover?

• Additional costs for the acquisition of special needs items and services for fellows with disabilities, e.g. assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel or transportation costs.

⚠️ The items or services must not have been covered from another source (e.g. social security or health insurance)

For whom?

• MSCA fellows with disabilities, whose long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments are certified by a competent national authority and of such nature that their participation in the action would not be possible without the special needs items or services.

EUR 3 000 EUR 4 500 EUR 6 000 EUR 9 500 EUR 13 000 EUR 18 500 EUR 27 500 EUR 35 500 EUR 47 500 EUR 60 000

⚠️ Beneficiaries shall claim the closest lower rate per researcher/staff member compared to the estimated actual costs of his/her special needs.

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Academic and non-academic sectors

**Academic sector**

- public or private higher education establishments
- public or private non-profit research organisations
- International European Research Organisations

**Non-academic sector**

- any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector
Gender Equality Plans

Corporate eligibility criterion in Horizon Europe (not specific to MSCA)

Applicable to public bodies, research organisations and higher education establishments from EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries

Minimum process-related requirements for publication, dedicated resources, data collection & monitoring, and training

Transition/grace period before full enforcement for calls with deadlines in 2022

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Applying to the next calls

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## Call calendar

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Funding opportunities

• All calls are published on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal

• Applications are submitted through the portal:
  ➢ Find your call
  ➢ Sign in to the portal and register your organisation (get a PIC number)
  ➢ Find partners
  ➢ Apply

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Key resources and guidance

• Check all **guidance documents**:
  - **Guide for applicants**: overview of rules, financial aspects, etc.
  - MSCA Work Programme and annexes
  - Proposal templates
  - Model Grant Agreements
  - Online manual on how to submit an application
  - Frequently Asked Questions

• Ask for advice to your **MSCA National Contact Point**
  (list available on Funding and Tenders Portal)

• Submit specific queries to the **Research Enquiry Service**
  (funding, validation of participants, etc.)
Dedicated information sessions

• Check with your NCP to find out about the next information sessions in your country

• Check the Funding and Tenders Portal and social media to find out about the next webinars organised by the European Commission services
  ➢ 24th March: Webinar “How to prepare a successful proposal in Horizon Europe”

• Other partners organise dedicated sessions for individual researchers (Euraxess, Marie Curie Alumni Association, etc.)
Job offers for individual researchers

- Look for PhD and postdoctorate opportunities on EURAXESS / Job portals
  - https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/

- Ask for advice to your MSCA National Contact Point

- Check the project’s requirements and apply to your institution of interest