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MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) contribute to **excellent research, boosting jobs, growth and investment** by equipping researchers with the **new knowledge, skills and international and intersectoral exposure** to fill the top positions of tomorrow and solve current and future **societal challenges**. The MSCA are based on the **principle of mobility**, and researchers can receive funding on the condition that they move from one country to another to acquire **new knowledge and develop their research career**.

The general conditions for a participation in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are

- **Mobility of the researchers:** international and/or intersectoral (between academic and non-academic sector)**.**
- **No age limit:** the programme addresses researchers and innovation staff at **all stages of their career.**
- **Bottom-up approach**: research projects can be chosen freely by the applicants.
- **Equal opportunities** (including gender balance and the inclusion of researchers with disabilities): all MSCA proposals are encouraged to take appropriate measures. If applicable, the **gender dimension** in the research content has to be addressed in the proposal.
- The principles of the **European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers** (Charter and Code) promoting open recruitment and attractive working and employment conditions are a cornerstone of the MSCA and must be applied by all funded participants.

DEFINITIONS

- **Early stage researcher:** less than 4 years of research experience, and not yet awarded a PhD
- **Experienced researcher:** with PhD or at least 4 years of research experience
- **Academic sector:** Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research, and international European interest organisations.
- **Non-Academic sector:** Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector (industry, SMEs, government, civil society organisations, cultural institutions, hospitals, etc.)

FACTS

Specific Programme: Excellent Science: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Duration: 2014 - 2020

Budget: EUR 6.162 billion

Links:

https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/msca

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions

http://ec europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions

ALL MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS AT A GLANCE

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions for individual researchers: Individual Fellowships (IF)

» **Experienced researchers** carry out a research project in another country, either with an European (or Widening) Fellowship or a Global Fellowship:

» **European Fellowships** are held in EU Member States (MS) or H2020 Associated Countries (AC) and are open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe to carry out research projects for the duration of **1-2 years.** Beside the standard European fellowship, which is evaluated in one of eight scientific panels, researchers can apply in one of three multi-disciplinary panels for specific situations: the **Reintegration Panel** for the return and reintegration of researchers into a longer term research position in Europe, the **Career Restart Panel** for individuals wishing to resume research in Europe after a career break, e.g. after parental leave, and the **Society and Enterprise panel** for researchers seeking to work on research & innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector.

» **Widening Fellowships (new)** provide specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in one of the so-called widening countries in Europe (countries with a relatively low research & innovation performance). This will help spread excellence and close still apparent gaps within Europe. http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/spreading-excellence-and-widening-participation

» **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a **third country** (i.e. not MS or AC) for **1-2 years,** followed by a mandatory **12 month return period** to a European host institution (MS/AC).

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions for research institutions and enterprises

» **Innovative Training Networks (ITN):** Networks of organisations build together a **joint training/doctoral programme for early-stage researchers** in the context of an **international and intersectoral** research project. The researchers should be offered the whole range of career perspectives, relevant in the respective research field.

» **Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)**: Supports international and inter-sector collaboration through **research and innovation staff exchanges and networking activities**. Exchanges can be for both early-stage and experienced researchers' levels and can also include administrative, managerial and technical staff.

» **Researchers' Night (NIGHT):** organisation of an event bringing researchers closer to the general public and increasing awareness of research and innovation activities.

» **Co-funding of regional, national and international Programmes (COFUND**): Co-funding of doctoral and fellowship programmes to support researcher's international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training.

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