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## THE EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME

2021 – 2027

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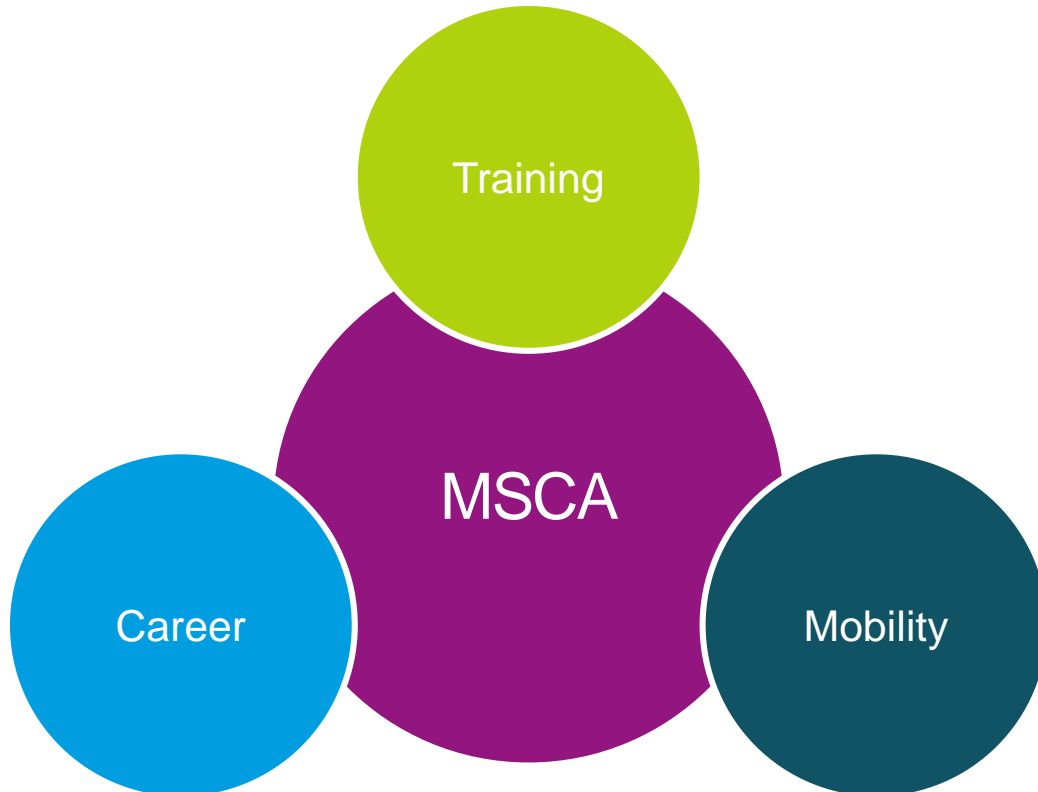
# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)



# Overview of MSC Actions

- **Doctoral Networks (DN)**  
Research training of doctoral candidates
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (IF):**  
Career development of Postdocs
- **Staff Exchanges (SE):**  
Cooperation by means of staff exchange
- **Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND):**  
Co-Funding of Doctoral or Fellowship Programmes
- **MSCA and Citizens:**  
Pan-European Researchers' Night to promote research careers

# MSCA: Basic Principles



- **Scientific excellence**
- **Career development** and **innovative research training**
- **Bottom-up approach**
- **Transnational mobility** is the key element
- Open to hosts from **academic and non-academic sector** > career perspectives in academia **AND** industry

# MSCA Work Programme 2021 - 2022

- Call dates and conditions: [MSCA Work Programme 2021 - 2022](#):

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**Horizon Europe**

**Work Programme 2021-2022**

*2. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions*

*(European Commission Decision C(2021)4200 of 15 June 2021)*

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TRAINING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

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# MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN)



# DN: General Information

- Institutions from EU Member States and Associated Countries to HE (MS/AC) form a network with a **research training programme, including individual projects for doctoral candidates** and apply for funding
- **Innovative Training** of doctoral candidates, each with a maximum of 36 months
- **Recruitment and employment** of doctoral candidates of any nationality with employment contract including social security coverage
- **Doctoral candidates** must, at the date of recruitment by the beneficiary, have not been awarded a doctoral degree

# DN: Minimum Participation

- At least **three** (**NEW!** also for Industrial Doctorates) independent legal entities, each established in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and with at least one of them established in an EU Member State
- All beneficiaries must **recruit at least one** doctoral candidate
- Doctoral Candidates can be of **any nationality**



# DN: Types of Networks

- **Doctoral Networks** (former European Training Network (ETN))
  - **NEW!** max. of 360 person months (10 doctoral candidates for 36 months each)
- **Industrial Doctorates** (former EID); up to 540 person months
  - doctoral candidates have to spend time in the non-academic sector (min. 50%)
  - min. 1 academic and 1 non-academic entity (**NEW!** can be in the same country)
- **Joint Doctorates** (former EJD); up to 540 person months
  - joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees
  - entities must be entitled to award doctoral degrees
  - at least two of the institutions must be established in a MS/AC

# DN: Mobility Rule

- Doctoral Candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date

# DN: Funding

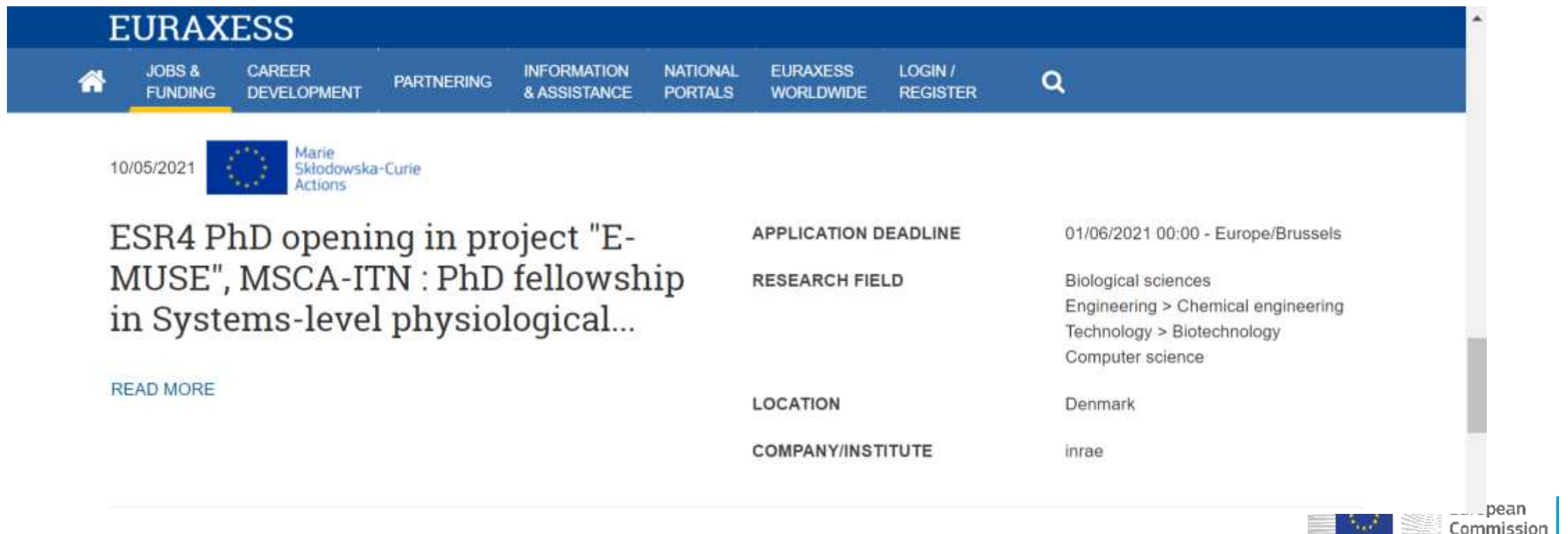
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- Living Allowance is multiplied by correction coefficient of the host country  
(**NEW!** Ukraine: 68.5%)
- Allowances are employer's gross amount

Researcher unit costs [person/month]				Institutional unit costs [person/month]	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	<b>NEW!</b> Long-term leave allowance	Research, Training and Networking	Management and indirect contributions
3400 €* *	600 €	660 €	4000 € x % covered by the beneficiary	1600 €	1200 €

**NEW!** Family Allowance: Can be adapted now if the researcher acquires family obligations during the action duration

# Vacancies – PhD position


- DN vacancies have to be published on the EURAXESS portal:  
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs>



The screenshot displays the EURAXESS portal interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the EURAXESS logo and several menu items: Home, JOBS & FUNDING (highlighted), CAREER DEVELOPMENT, PARTNERING, INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE, NATIONAL PORTALS, EURAXESS WORLDWIDE, and LOGIN / REGISTER. Below the navigation bar, there is a date '10/05/2021' and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions logo. The main content area features a job listing for an 'ESR4 PhD opening in project "E-MUSE", MSCA-ITN : PhD fellowship in Systems-level physiological...'. To the right of the title, there are details for the application deadline, research field, location, and company/institute. The application deadline is '01/06/2021 00:00 - Europe/Brussels'. The research field includes 'Biological sciences', 'Engineering > Chemical engineering Technology > Biotechnology', and 'Computer science'. The location is 'Denmark' and the company/institute is 'inrae'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for the European Commission.

**EURAXESS**


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<b>RESEARCH FIELD</b>	Biological sciences Engineering > Chemical engineering Technology > Biotechnology Computer science
<b>LOCATION</b>	Denmark
<b>COMPANY/INSTITUTE</b>	inrae

 European Commission


# Application Procedure

- Call for applications once a year, dates can be found in the respective work programme
- Call [HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01-01](#), Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal:

MSCA Doctoral Networks 2021  
TOPIC ID: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01-01

Grant

<b>General information</b>	<b>General information</b>		
Topic description	Programme		
Destination	<b>Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)</b>		
Conditions and documents	Call		
Partner search	<a href="#">MSCA Doctoral Networks 2021 (HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01)</a>		
Submission service	Type of action	Type of MGA	
Topic related FAQ	<b>HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-DN HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks</b>	<b>HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]</b>	
Get support	<b>HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-DN-ID HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates</b>	<b>HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]</b>	
Call updates	<b>HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-DN-JD HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates</b>	<b>HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]</b>	
	Deadline model	Planned opening date	Deadline date
	<b>single-stage</b>	<b>22 June 2021</b>	<b>16 November 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time</b>

 [Go back to search results](#)

# DN: Panels

Applications are submitted & evaluated in eight scientific panels:

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MAT)
- Physics (PHY)

# DN: Evaluation Criteria

- Excellence (50%)
- Impact (30%)
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation (20%)
- **NEW!** Proposals submitted to the previous call of MSCA Doctoral Networks under Horizon Europe and **having received a score of less than 80%** should not be resubmitted the following year

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CO-FUNDING OF DOCTORAL AND FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAMMES

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# Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND)







# Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

## Two different funding lines:

- Doctoral Programme (for doctoral candidates; Allowance: 2800 €)
- Fellowship Programme (for Postdocs; Allowance: 3980 €)

## Requirements:

- Project proposals are submitted by host organisations
- Resulting jobs are published on the EURAXESS portal
- Researchers apply directly at the selected organisations

# COFUND – Funding

COFUND Allowance must be spent for the salary of the researcher

Other costs occur:

- Research, networking and knowledge transfer
- Management and overheads, top-up for salary

→ The beneficiary pays at least the same amount the EC provides

Researcher Unit Costs + Institutional Unit Costs [person/month]		
	COFUND Allowance	NEW! Long-term leave allowance
Doctoral Programmes	2800 €	2800 € x % Share of the grant recipient
Postdoctoral Programmes	3980 €	3980 € x % Share of the grant recipient

Except for Horizon Europe other EU funding sources (e.g. Structural Funds) can be used for own contributions

# MSCA Jobs:

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/search>

The screenshot shows the EURAXESS website interface. At the top, there is the European Commission logo and the text "European Commission". Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads "European Commission > EURAXESS > Jobs & Funding > Jobs Search". The main header "EURAXESS" is prominently displayed. A navigation menu includes "JOBS & FUNDING" (highlighted), "CAREER DEVELOPMENT", "PARTNERING", "INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE", "NATIONAL PORTALS", "EURAXESS WORLDWIDE", and "LOGIN / REGISTER". A search icon is also present.

On the left side, there are filter categories: "RESEARCHER PROFILE", "SECTOR", "COUNTRY", and "EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME" (which is selected and shows "2 selected"). Below these filters are "SEARCH" and "NEED HELP?" buttons.

A dropdown menu for "EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME" is open, showing the following options:

- H2020 / EIT (3)
- H2020 / ERC (174)
- H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (199)
- H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND (22)
- HE (9)
- HE / ERC (2)

At the bottom of the page, it says "Your search results (221)". There is also a small "10%" badge in the bottom right corner of the main content area.

The footer of the page features the European Commission logo and the text "European Commission".

# Your visibility to potential employers

Register on [euraxess.ec.europa.eu](http://euraxess.ec.europa.eu), enable your researcher profile & upload your CV:

**Researcher profile**  
Make sure your profile is up to date. Complete your profile and increase your job opportunities.

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**My Researcher Profile Details**

Researcher Profile \*  
Leading Researcher (R4)

My main research field \*  
Computer science

Years of Experience  
More than 10

Highest Education Degree \*  
PhD or equivalent

Highest Education Discipline(s) \*  
Computer science x

Number of publications  
11

Number of patents  
1

[Publications Overview](#)

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF  
POSTDOCS

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# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)



# General Information PF Call 2021

- **Budget:**

Total: 328 Mio. €

European Fellowships: 263 Mio. €

Global Fellowships: 55 Mio. €

- **Research areas:**

No pre-defined research topics (»**bottom-up**«)

# General Information PF Call 2021

- Eligibility:

**NEW! Postdocs only:**

successfully defended doctoral thesis at the call deadline (12.10.2021)

**NEW! Scientific age:**

up to 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research after PhD

career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave), will not be taken into account

- **Working conditions:** Generally full-time employment contract including social security benefits; in Germany, MSCA scholarships are not possible!
- **Application:** researcher with the host institution active in Research & Development

# PF Programme Lines: an Overview



**NEW!** Possibility for additional period of up to six months to support researchers seeking a placement at the end of the project to work on R&I projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country.



# Panels

Postdoctoral Fellowships will be evaluated in eight scientific panels:

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MAT)
- Physics (PHY)

# European Fellowship

- 1 to 2-year **research stay in Europe**  
(MS/AC) + optional additional placement in non-academic sector (MS/AC; max. 6 months)
- Postdocs of **any nationality**  
(→ mobility rule)
- **Host institution:**  
must be active in Research & Development,  
e.g. university, research organisation, company (incl. SMEs), NGO, ...
- Submission and evaluation in eight **scientific panels**: CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY



# Global Fellowships

- One to two-year **research stay outside of Europe** (→ mobility rule) + **mandatory** one-year **return phase in Europe** (MS/AC) + optional additional placement in non-academic sector (MS/AC; max. 6 months)
- **Postdocs** with **MS/AC nationality or MS/AC long-term residents** (at least five consecutive years; absence: max. 6 consecutive months + 10 months in total)
- **Two host institutions:**
  - One in a Third Country (partner organisation)
  - One in MS/AC (return phase), contractual partner of the EU (employer for the whole time)
- Submission and evaluation in eight scientific panels: CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY

# Postdoctoral Fellowships – Funding

- Only unit costs
- Living Allowance is multiplied by correction coefficient of the host country (**NEW! Ukraine 68.5%**)
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5080 €* 5080 € x 68.5%	600 €	660 €	5680 € x % covered by the beneficiary	1000 €	650 €

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# Success Rates IF Call 2020


	Submitted	Evaluated	Selected for funding	Success rate in %
Standard-EF	8.984	8.866	1.104	12,4
EF-CAR	649	632	119	18,8
EF-RI	717	707	136	19,2
EF-SE	232	230	54	23,5
GF	991	947	217	22,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.573</b>	<b>11.382</b>	<b>1.630</b>	<b>14,3</b>

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	single-stage	22 June 2021	12 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time

# Application Submission and Evaluation

- Closing date: 12 October 2021, 5 pm (Brussels local time)
- **NEW!** Proposals submitted to the previous call of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe and having received a score of less than 70% should not be resubmitted the following year
- The Research Executive Agency prefers the host organisation to submit the proposal
- The host organisation will sign the Grant Agreement and the fellow will be employed with a working contract (social security) by the host organisation
- Proposals are submitted in a single stage and evaluated in one step

# Time Frame

- Evaluation: max. 5 months (results: **March 2022** at the latest)
- Grant Preparation: max. 3 months to sign the grant agreement (until June 2022)

**Earliest possible starting date:** beginning of the following month after signing the grant agreement

**Latest possible starting date:** 12 months after signing the grant agreement (exceptions are possible)



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COOPERATION THROUGH STAFF EXCHANGES

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# MSCA Staff Exchanges



# MSCA Staff Exchanges – Aims and Conditions

- Funding of **international** and **intersectoral** cooperation
- **Knowledge transfer** from research to market (and vice versa)
- Common **research and innovation culture**
- At least **3 institutions from 3 different countries**, at least two of them from MS/AS
- If all institutions from the same sector, one should be from a **TC**

# MSCA Staff Exchanges research and innovation projects

- **Secondments** for researchers (from PhD candidates to postdocs) as well as for administrative, managerial and technical staff supporting R&I activities with mandatory **returning phase** to sending institutions
- Creating **complementary competences** of the participating organisations
- **Career development** of the involved staff
- **Networking:** Workshops, Conferences, ...
- **Funding:** 4 years – max. of 360 PM (**NEW!**)

# MSCA Staff Exchanges – Funding

- „Unit costs“ only
- The top-up allowance for the seconded staff member covers travel, accommodation and subsistence costs related to the secondment.

Contributions for seconded staff members [person/month]	Institutional contributions [person/month]	
Top-up allowance	Research, Training and Networking	Management and indirect contributions
2300 €	1300 €	1000 €

# Staff Exchanges Call 2021

Open	Budget	Deadline
7. October 2021	72.5 Mio. €	9. March 2022

- Call: [HORIZON-MSCA-2021-SE-01-01](#), Funding & tender opportunities portal.
- Call 2020: **405** application, **74** projects funded
- Success rate: 18,3 %

# European Research Executive Agency (REA)

- REA is a funding body for research and innovation. It manages EU research grants.
- [Horizon Europe MSCA - How to apply](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellowships Guide for Applicants 2021](#)

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## Introduction

Below you will find specific information on the application process for MSCA under Horizon Europe.

Please note that for different MSCA calls for proposals, specific eligibility criteria may apply regarding the participation of organisations and countries. For details, please consult the **MSCA Work Programme** and the **Guide for Applicants** in the section below related to the specific MSCA.

To apply, you must **create a profile** on the [Funding & tenders portal](#). Then, select the call for proposals you wish to apply for and use the **proposal online form** on the page below to submit your proposal **before the deadline**.

To help you with the specificities of the MSCA calls, the MSCA National Contact Points organise **specific Information Days** in different Members States and Associated Countries where they present the calls for proposals and help applicants to prepare successful proposals. Please contact your respective [National Contact Point](#) for MSCA related events in your country.



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## Horizon Europe MSCA - How to apply



# MSCA: Your questions?

- Web site for the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) of the EC

## New Work Programme and calls

The new MSCA Work Programme and calls for 2021 and 2022 are now published. Go to the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal for the latest updates, deadlines, guidance documents and templates.

[Go to the Funding & Tenders portal](#)



**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**  
Developing talents, advancing research

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<b>About actions</b> Supporting excellent research and innovation through different actions	<b>Doctoral Networks</b> Doctoral programmes supporting research in academia and other sectors	<b>Postdoctoral Fellowships</b> Supporting the careers of individual researchers and promoting excellence	<b>Staff Exchanges</b> Promoting knowledge collaboration between organisations and sharing best practices
<b>COFUND</b> Supporting regional, national and international programmes through co-funding	<b>MSCA &amp; Citizens</b> Bringing science closer to the public with the European Researchers' Night	<b>How to apply</b> Get step-by-step instructions & guidance about how to apply for MSCA grant funding	<b>Jobs funded from our actions</b> There are hundreds of jobs on offer funded through our actions



HORIZON EUROPE

# ERC BASICS

European Research Council





# Scientific Excellence as sole criterion

- Scientific Autonomy
- Portability of grants
- Ground-breaking
- Frontier Research
- Investigator-driven
- High risk – high gain
- All research fields “Bottom-Up”

# ERC target groups

- Starting Grants: excellent PIs at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team/programme
- Consolidator Grants: excellent PIs at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team/programme
- Advanced Grants: excellent PIs at the career stage of already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements

# ERC Grant Schemes (I/II)

	<b>Starting Grants</b>	<b>Consolidator Grants</b>	<b>Advanced Grants</b>	<b>Synergy Grants</b>	<b>Proof of Concept</b>
<b>Target group</b>	scientists 2-7 years after PhD	scientists 7-12 years after PhD	Established scientists	2-4 scientists	ERC Grantees
<b>Max. duration</b>	5 years	5 years	5 years	6 years	18 months
<b>Max. budget</b>	1.5 Mio. € (2.5 Mio.€)*	2 Mio. € (3 Mio.€)*	2.5 Mio. € (3.5 Mio.€)*	10 Mio. € (14 Mio. €)*	150 000 €

\* Additional costs in case of high equipment costs or PI from Third Country, other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs

# ERC Grant Schemes (II/II)

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant
On the ERC project	50%	40%	30%	30% (each PI)
In the EU / AC	50%	50%	50%	50% (for each PI with a Host Institution in the EU/AS)

# ERC Starting Grants – Overview

<b>Target group</b>	2-7 years after PhD (extensions possible in exceptional cases; special rules for MD)
<b>Funding</b>	max. EUR 1.5 million for max. 5 years (exception: + EUR 1 million e.g. for major equipment or access to large facilities)
<b>Host institution</b>	in EU Member State or Associated Country
<b>Time commitment</b>	≥ 50% (≥ 50% in Europe)
<b>Procedure</b>	single submission of full proposal, two-step evaluation (incl. interview)
<b>Call</b>	annually

# ERC Consolidator Grants – Overview

<b>Target group</b>	7-12 years after PhD (extensions possible in exceptional cases)
<b>Funding</b>	max. EUR 2 million for max. 5 years (exception: + EUR 1 million e.g. for major equipment or access to large facilities)
<b>Host institution</b>	in EU Member State or Associated Country
<b>Time commitment</b>	≥ 40% (≥ 50% in Europe)
<b>Procedure</b>	single submission of full proposal, two-step evaluation (incl. interview)
<b>Call</b>	annually

# ERC Advanced Grants – Overview

<b>Target group</b>	1 PI (and team) – from anywhere in world
<b>Benchmark / eligibility</b>	Established researcher, outstanding 10 yr record
<b>Funding</b>	max. € 2.5 Mio. for max. 5 years (exception: + EUR 1 million e.g. for major equipment or access to large facilities)
<b>Host institution</b>	EU Member State or associated country
<b>Time commitment</b>	≥ 30% time, min. 50% in EU / AC
<b>Submission / evaluation</b>	Single Stage Submission / Two-Stage evaluation Submit via Portal*, using current call documents!
<b>Submission deadline</b>	Annually, XX

# Call calendar 2021, only AdG is currently open

	<i>Starting Grant</i>	<i>Consolidator Grant</i>	<i>Advanced Grant</i>
<i>Call identifier</i>	<b>ERC-2021-StG</b>	<b>ERC-2021-CoG</b>	<b>ERC-2021-AdG</b>
<i>Call Opens</i>	25/02/2021	11/03/2021	20/05/2021
<i>Call closes</i>	24/03/2021	20/04/2021	31/08/2021



# Call calendar 2022- TENTATIVE DATES

WP 2022 is not officially adopted yet:

	<i>Starting Grant</i>	<i>Consolidator Grant</i>	<i>Advanced Grant</i>
<i>Budget million EUR (estimated number of grants)</i>	619 (413)	633 (317)	626 (250)
<i>Planned dates to inform applicants after each step</i>	26/08/2021	22/11/2021	28/01/2022
	20/12/2021	28/03/2022	13/05/2022
<i>Indicative date for signature of grant agreements</i>	19/04/2022	26/07/2022	10/09/2022

# Eligibility Period Work Programme 2022

## DIFFERENT RULES FOR MEDICAL DOCTORS

**Eligibility**

**Period:**

**Date of the first  
PhD**

**Starting Grant**

> 2 and  $\leq$  7 years  
prior to 1 January 2022

Cut-off dates:  
PhD awarded from  
1 January 2015 to  
31 December 2019  
(inclusive)

**Consolidator Grant**

> 7 and  $\leq$  12 years  
prior to 1 January 2021

Cut-off dates:  
PhD awarded from  
1 January 2010 to  
31 December 2014 (inclusive)

# Extensions of the eligibility period

- Maternity before/after PhD: 18 months per child
- Extension by the documented time:
  - Maternity before/after PhD leave > 18 months
  - Paternity before/after PhD
  - Military/civil service after PhD
  - Long-term illness of the PI or a close family member (>90 days) after PhD
  - Clinical training after the award of the first eligible degree (up to 4 years)

# Funding Modalities



- Direct eligible costs, 100%
- Salary of PI and project team (Postdocs, PhD Students, Technicians etc.) (partly/full)
- Consumables
- Equipment Costs (depreciation rates apply)
- Travel Costs
- Publications Costs (including open access)
- Subcontracts and other
- Indirect costs, 25% of direct costs



# One Evaluation Criteria: Excellence

## Research Project:

### Ground-breaking nature , ambition and feasibility

- Address important challenges
- Ambitious objectives & beyond the state of the art
- High risk / high gain

### Scientific Approach

- Feasibility
- Appropriateness of research methodology to achieve goals
- Development of novel methodology
- Timescales, resources & time commitment

### Principal Investigator

- Ability to conduct ground-breaking research
- Evidence of creative independent thinking
- Scientific expertise & capacity to execute the project

# Evaluation Basics

- 2 stage evaluation, stage 1 only B1 will be reviewed
- Peer-review: research field specific evaluation panels consisting of 1 panel chair and 10-15 members
- Three scientific domains:
  - Physical Sciences & Engineering (PE): 11 panels
  - Life Sciences (LS): 9 panels
  - Social Sciences & Humanities (SH): 7 panels
- Applicants choose panel and indicate one or more keywords
- Up to 3 reviewers can be excluded in advance
- + External reviewers in Stage 2 of the evaluation + Interviews for StG,CoG, AdG and SyG

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