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research career

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**MSCA in H2020**



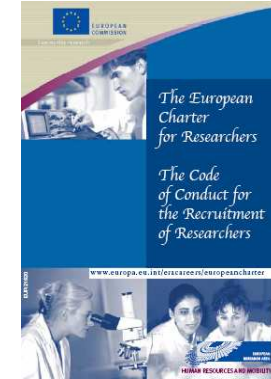
**Excellence**

**Research**

**Training**

**Skills**

**Mobility**





## MSCA main objective for H2020:

Ensure the optimum development and dynamic use of Europe's intellectual capital in order to generate new skills and innovation

**Total budget** (2014-2020): **€ 6.126 billion** (current prices)



# MSCA Objectives

- Attract and retain **research talent** in Europe
- Develop state-of-the-art, **innovative training schemes**, consistent with the requirements of R&I
- Promote sustainable **career development** in R&I
- Focus on **delivering new knowledge and skills**
- Back up **strong partnership with MS** via co-funding mechanism

## MSCA key features



- Open to **all domains of R&I** from **basic to market**
- Entirely bottom-up
- Participation of **non-academic sector** strongly encouraged
- **Mobility** key requirement - funding condition: participants move
- Promotion of **attractive working and employment conditions**
- Particular attention to **gender** balance
- **Public engagement** of supported researchers

## Who, what and where?



**Who? All levels** of research experience

**What? All areas** of research - bottom-up approach

**Where? Anywhere:** any research performing organisation, public or private worldwide - there are actions for European and international mobility

**EU contribution based on unit costs** calculated on the basis of the number of researcher-months:

- *Allowances for researcher (living, mobility and family)*
- *Unit costs for research, training and networking*
- *Unit costs for management and overheads*

## Definitions



- **Academic sector:** public or private HEI awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations, international European interest organisations
- **Non-academic sector:** any socio-economic actor not included in academic sector definition
- **Beneficiaries** => signatories of GA
- **Partner organisations** => not signing GA
- Categories of researchers: **ESR & ER** – in line with FP7 approach
- **Full time research equivalent & mobility** rule – following FP7 approach
- **Staff members** in RISE: researchers, managers, administrative and technical staff



# MSCA in H2020 in details...





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# Individual Fellowship

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## IF – Individual Fellowship



### IF- Individual Fellowship:

Post-doctoral fellowships for outstanding researchers

**Mono-beneficiary** project

Only for **experienced researchers**

- In possession of a doctoral degree, or have 4 years of full-time research experience at the time of the call deadline
- Two types depending on the mobility of the researcher

Within Europe - **European Fellowships**

Outside Europe - **Global Fellowships**



### Objective:

- **enhance** the creative and innovative **potential** of experienced researchers
- opportunities **to acquire new knowledge**, work on research projects in a European context or outside Europe,
- **resume a career** or **return to Europe** - Career Restart Panel and Reintegration Panel

## IF – Individual Fellowship



- **Duration** of projects: 2 years (IF Global: 3 years)
- Support to experienced researchers of **any nationality**
- International mobility within or into Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC)
- **Experienced researchers** only
- **Mobility rule:** Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline
- Focus on **career development**, not necessarily experience
- Additional 3 or 6 month **secondment option**, within Europe & in another sector

# IF – overview



INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS		EUROPEAN			GLOBAL
		Scientific	CAR	REINTEGRATION	GF
EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS	Nationality	ANY	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents	MS, AC or long-term residents
	Mobility	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to MS or AC	From OTC to MS or AC	From ANY country to OTC
		< 12 months in the last 3 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 months prior to call deadline	-	-
PARTICIPANTS	Beneficiary	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC
	Partner Organisation	MS or AC (secondments)	MS or AC (secondments)	MS or AC (secondments)	<b>OTC (outgoing phase)</b>
MS or AC (secondments)					
DURATION months		12 - 24	12 - 24	12 - 24	12 to 24 + 12
SCIENTIFIC PANELS		8	8	8	8
RANKING LIST		8	1	1	8
BUDGET: €240.50 million		€ 211.5 million			€ 29 million



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## Objective

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

## Scope

- international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sector mobility of researchers at all stages of their career
- Possibilities of synergies with structural funds
- Opportunities for researchers from all countries
- Researchers to comply with the mobility rules of the MSCA
- Open and transparent recruitment, vacancies widely publicised



- Mono-beneficiary
- Legal entities (public & private) established in MS or AC & international European interest organisations



**Doctoral  
Programmes**



**Fellowship  
Programmes**





- **Budget:** € 80 Million in 2014 (Doctoral Programmes: 30 Mio)  
€ 80 Million in 2015 (Doctoral Programmes: 30 Mio)
- Maximum **€ 10 Million per single applicant per call**
- **Duration of projects:** maximum 5 years
- **Duration of Fellowships:** minimum 3 months
- EU contribution to cover living allowances for researchers and management costs
- **50% co-funding** for established unit costs
- Minimum living allowance fixed in the WP



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# Innovative Training Networks ITN

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## Innovative Training Networks (ITN)



- Consortium applies for funding
  - consortium then recruits the researchers
- Employment contracts with full social security
- All projects publish their vacancies on EURAXES
  - automatically in *NatureJobs*
- Duration of projects: 4 years
- Consortium agreement: required only for EID, for others recommended
- Support to early-stage researchers only
- Fellowships of 3-36 months (normally 36 months)
- Maximum 540 researcher-months per consortium (180 for EID with 2 partners)



### ETN - European Training Networks

- at least 3 beneficiaries from 3 different EU MS or AC. Above this minimum any country can participate

### EID - European Industrial Doctorates

- at least 2 beneficiaries established in 2 different MS or AC.
- At least one beneficiary must be entitled to award doctoral degrees and at least one beneficiary must come from the non-academic sector, primarily enterprise.
- 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

- at least 3 beneficiaries from different EU MS or AC which are entitled to award doctoral degrees.
- creation of joint doctoral programmes, leading to the delivery of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees.



## EJD

- A **joint degree** refers to a single diploma issued by at least two higher education institutions offering an integrated programme and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located.
- A **double or multiple degree** refers to two or more separate national diplomas issued by two or more higher education institutions and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located.



### Beneficiaries

*Sign the Grant Agreement and **claim costs***

*Are responsible for the execution of the programme*

### Partner Organisations

*Do not sign the Grant Agreement and do not claim costs*

*Must include a **letter of commitment** in the proposal*



# Research and Innovation Staff Exchange RISE

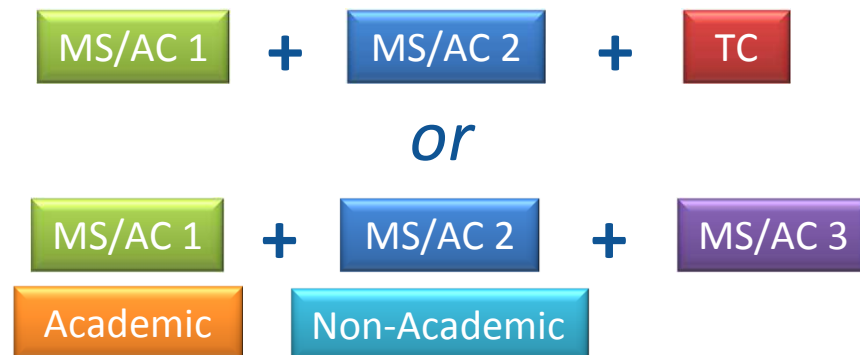


# Minimum Eligibility Conditions



- At least 3 independent participants in 3 different countries
- At least 2 participants from 2 different MS/AC
- If all in MS/AC: at least 1 academic and 1 non-academic

*In practice, 2 possible minimum settings:*



## Countries not eligible for EU funding:

Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, United States.

In **very exceptional cases**, partners from those countries might be funded. But the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

- a) This partner has competences/expertise that no organisation in MS/AC has
- b) The relevant transfer of knowledge can only be done via a secondment in the direction TC → MS/AC
- c) Points a) and b) must be endorsed by the expert evaluators
- d) The experts' endorsement (point c) must be confirmed by the REA



- **Duration of projects:** max. 4 years
- Partnership agreement recommended
- Support to **secondments** of staff members for 1-12 months
- No mobility rule required
- **Eligibility condition for staff members:** 6 months at sending institution prior to first secondment
- **Max. 540 researcher-months** /consortium
- Types of staff members:
  - **ESR** (no PhD and < 4 years experience)
  - **ER** (PhD or > 4 years experience)
  - **Managerial** staff
  - **Administrative** or **Technical** staff
- In-built **return** mechanism



### Beneficiaries

*Sign the Grant Agreement and **claim costs***

*Are responsible for the execution of the programme*

*Are established in a **MS/AC***

### Partner Organisations

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*Must include a **letter of commitment** in the proposal*

*Are established in a **TC***



### Award criteria:

- **Excellence** (50%)
- **Impact** (30%)
- **Implementation** (20%)

## Calls - overview



<b>ITN</b>	<del>11/12/2013 – 09/04/2014</del> <b>02/09/2014 – 13/01/2015</b>	<del>EUR 405.18 million</del> <b>EUR 370.00 million</b>
<b>IF</b>	<del>12/03/2014 – 11/09/2014</del> 12/03/2015 – 10/09/2015	<del>EUR 240.50 million</del> EUR 215.00 million
<b>RISE</b>	<del>11/12/2013 – 24/04/2014</del> 06/01/2015 – 28/04/2015	<del>EUR 70.00 million</del> EUR 80.00 million
<b>COFUND</b>	<del>10/04/2014 – 02/10/2014</del> 14/04/2015 – 01/10/2015	<del>EUR 80.00 million</del> EUR 80.00 million
<b>NIGHT</b>	<del>11/12/2013 – 04/03/2014</del>	<del>EUR 8.00 million</del>

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Funding rates



MSCA	Researcher unit cost			Institutional unit cost	
	Living allowance (country coefficient)	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
ITN	3 110	600	500	1 800	1 200
IF	4 650	600	500	800	650
RISE	Staff member unit cost Top-up allowance (accommodation, travel and subsistence)				
	2 000			1 800	700
COFUND	Researcher unit cost (50%)			Institutional unit cost (50%)	
	Early-stage researchers	3 710		650	
	Experienced researchers	5 250			

**Where to find information?**



**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website**

**<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>**

**Horizon 2020**

**<http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020>**

**Participant Portal (applications)**

**<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home>**



# Experts wanted!



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### Participant Portal

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#### News

H2020 call for expression for interest for experts (11/2013)  
New calls for expression of interest for [individual experts](#) and for [organisations to suggest experts](#) were just published in [OJ C342 of 22 November 2013](#). European Commission will soon need experts to evaluate first Horizon 2020 proposals. Don't forget to tick the H2020 box in the registration platform and update your expertise.

#### Quick Links



### Experts

[H2020 ONLINE MANUAL](#)

Join the database of independent experts for European research and innovation.

The European Commission appoints independent experts to assist with research and innovation assignments including the evaluation of proposals, monitoring of projects, and evaluation of programmes, and design of policy.

#### New experts

##### Who can be an expert?

You have a chance of being selected as an expert if you:

- have high-level of expertise in the relevant fields of research and innovation ([see call](#) for details on types of expertise).
- can be available for occasional, short-term assignments

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##### What do expert assignments involve?

Experts, as peer reviewers, assist in the:

- **evaluation** of proposals
- **monitoring** of actions

In addition, experts assist in the :

- **preparation, implementation or evaluation of programmes** and **design of policies**.

**Thank you for  
your attention**

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