



Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions under Horizon Europe

Introduction

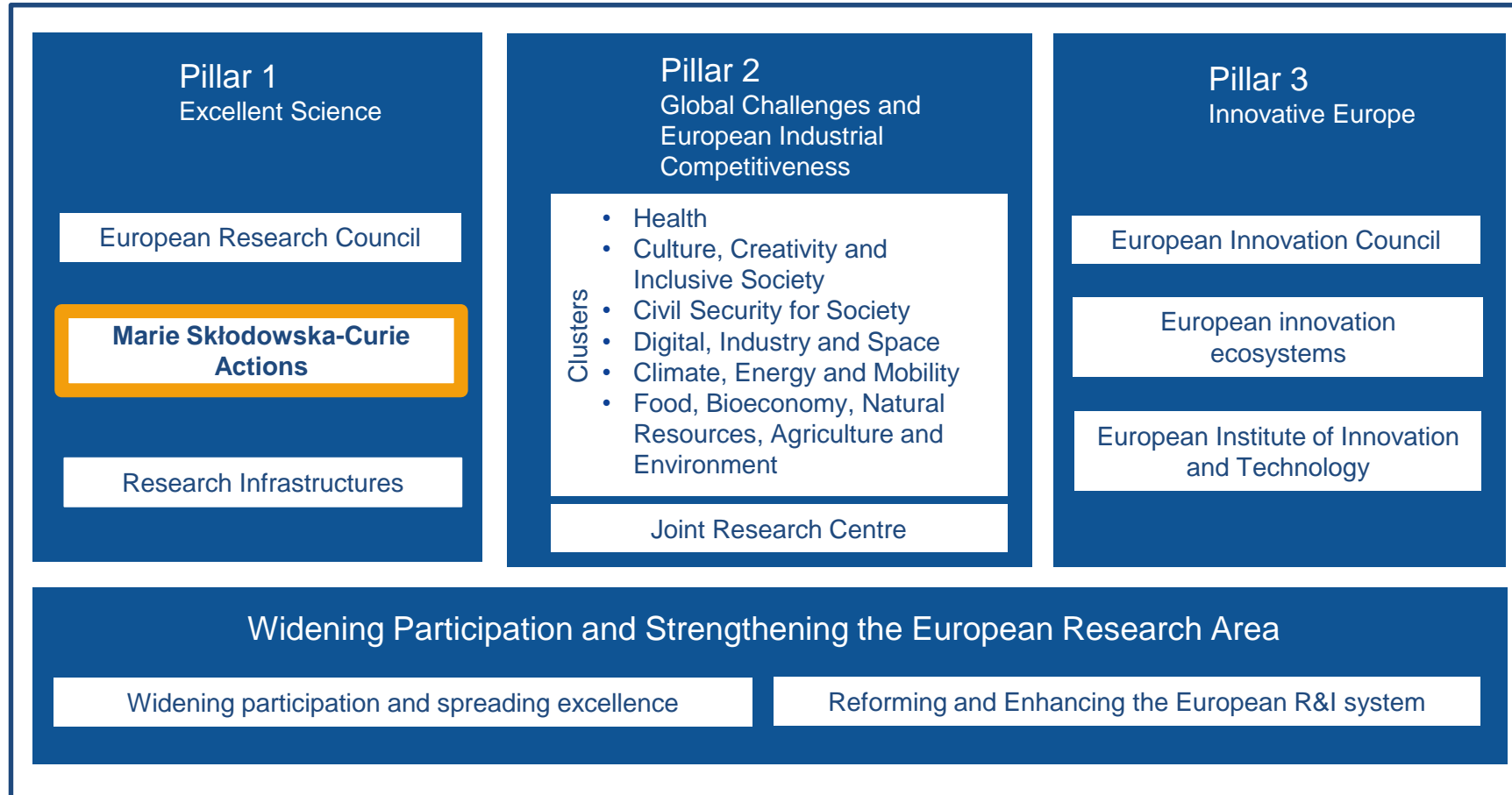
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The MSCA under Horizon Europe



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

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**

Worldwide geographic coverage

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

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 **Open Research Europe**, open peer review: <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: Over **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: additional 6 months for placements in the non-academic sector at the end of the project

The Actions

Doctoral Networks

Doctoral programmes in and outside academia incl. joint & industrial doctorates

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

Call calendar

Year	Action	Estimated opening*	Estimated deadline*
2021	Doctoral Networks	22 June 2021	16 November 2021
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	22 June 2021	12 October 2021
	Staff Exchanges	7 October 2021	9 March 2022
	COFUND	12 October 2021	10 February 2022
	MSCA and Citizens (covers 2 editions)	22 June 2021	7 October 2021
2022	Doctoral Networks	3 May 2022	15 November 2022
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	13 April 2022	14 September 2022
	Staff Exchanges	6 October 2022	8 March 2023
	COFUND	11 October 2022	9 February 2023
	MSCA and Citizens	No call foreseen in 2022	

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



European Commission | Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS | HOW TO PARTICIPATE | PROJECTS & RESULTS | WORK AS AN EXPERT | SUPPORT

⚠ Proposal Submission System will be unavailable on **Monday 22th from 17:30 to 20:00 (CET)**, while system maintenance is being performed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Find calls for proposals and tenders

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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.)
- 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
- 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 and hosting offers on **EURAXESS / Job portals**



- Ask for advice to your **MSCA National Contact Point**



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

Links

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en

Funding and Tenders Portal (applications, documents, partner search)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/h2020>

Euraxess (PhD and postdoctoral vacancies, more information)

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

National Contact Points

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

Research Inquiry Service

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/contact/research-enquiry-service-and-participant-validation_en

European Charter and Code for Researchers

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/euraxess/charter-code-researchers>

MCAA (Marie Curie Alumni association)

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>

Become an Expert

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>

Contact: EAC-UNITE-C2@ec.europa.eu



Thank you!

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<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>



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