



Towards the first Work Programme of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon Europe

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MSCA in HORIZON EUROPE 2021-2027



1. MSCA Doctoral Networks → *networks training doctoral candidates*
2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships → *postdoctoral researchers*
3. MSCA Staff Exchanges → *any type of research(-related) staff*
4. MSCA COFUND → *co-funding training programmes*
5. MSCA and Citizens → *public outreach events*



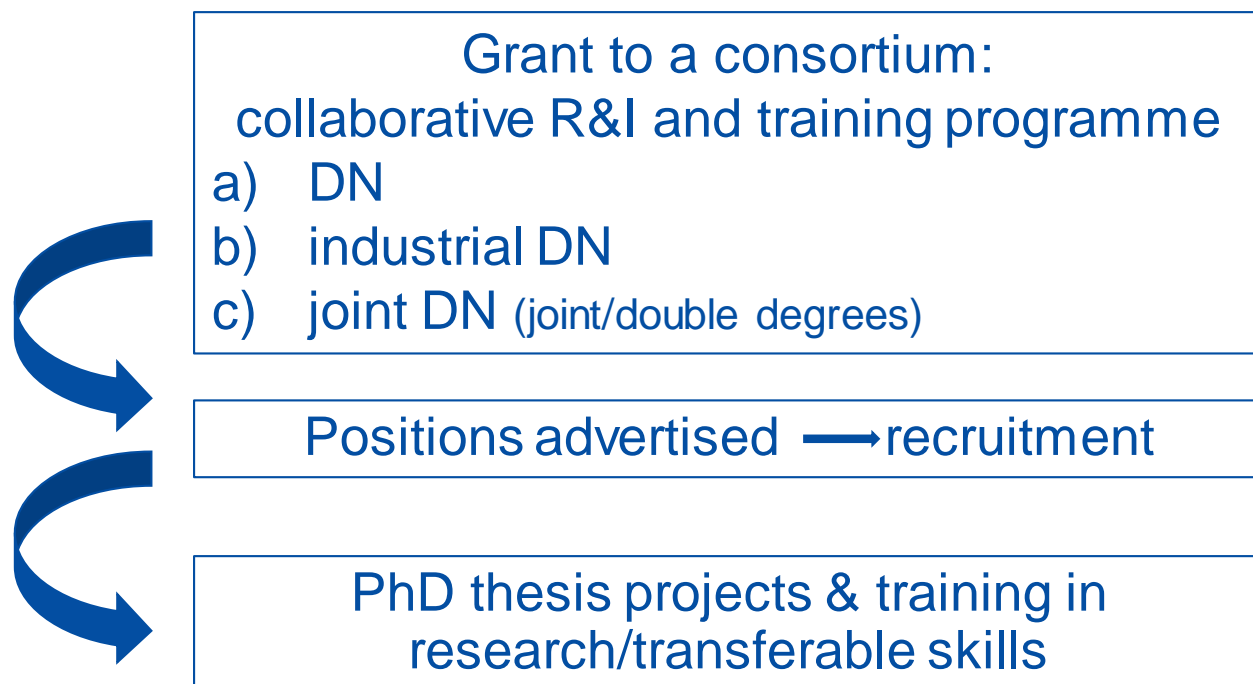
1. MSCA Doctoral Networks



1. MSCA Doctoral Networks (1/3)

Target group:

✓ *for doctoral candidates, i.e. researcher without a doctoral degree*



1. MSCA Doctoral Networks (2/3)

Size

- ✓ At least **3** independent legal entities, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum of **1** beneficiary from a MS (on top any entity from any third country can join)
- ✓ **New:** Up to **360** person-months (**standard**) + 180 additional person-months for if the programme focus is joint or industrial doctorates (incentive)

Duration

- ✓ Network programme: max. 48 months
- ✓ Researcher: max. 36 months
- ✓ Industrial doctorates: 50% in the non-academic sector; can be in the same country as the academic host organisation

Calls (planned)

2021: 4 May - 16 Nov 2021

2022: 3 May - 15 Nov 2022

- ✓ **New:** Resubmission restrictions apply as of 2022 for applications with score below 80%



1. MSCA Doctoral Networks (3/3)



Unit contributions

MSCA Doctoral Networks	Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
	Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions
	EUR 3 400	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 4 000 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit ⁴⁸ x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 600	EUR 1 200

Living allowance multiplied by country correction factor

⁴⁸ The pre-defined categories are as follows: 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 and EUR 60 000.



2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships



2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (1/4)

Target group:

- ✓ researchers holding a PhD

Grant to an organisation in MS or AC hosting
a postdoctoral researcher

- a) European destination
- b) Global destination (including return)



R&I project & training in research/transferable skills



2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (2/4)

Size

- ✓ 1 independent legal entity in a MS or AC

Duration

- ✓ European Fellowships: 12-24 months
- ✓ Global Fellowships: 24 -36 months (12-24 outgoing & 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe)
- ✓ **New: additional up to 6 months** in European organisation in the **non-academic** sector – placements at the end of European and Global

New: also research areas covered by **EURATOM** treaty



2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (3/4)

New: Managing the increasing demand & improve success rate

- ✓ Limit experience – up to 8 years after PhD at the call deadline, with exceptions
- ✓ Resubmission restrictions apply as of 2022 for applications with score below 70%

Calls (planned)

2021: 15 Apr – 15 Sept 2021

2022: 14 Apr – 14 Sept 2022



2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (4/4)

Unit contributions

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	Contributions for the recruited researcher per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
	Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long- term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions
	EUR 5 080	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit ⁵² x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650

Living allowance multiplied
by country correction factor

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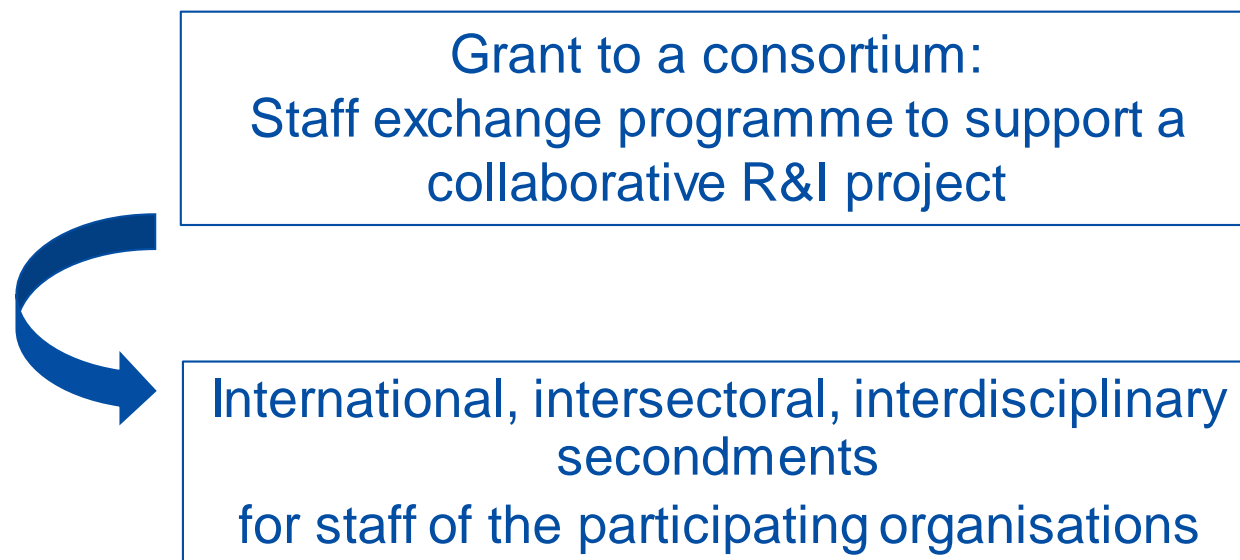
3. MSCA Staff Exchanges

3. MSCA Staff Exchanges (1/3)



Target group:

- ✓ any type of staff contributing to R&I activities



3. MSCA Staff Exchanges (2/3)



Size

- ✓ At least 3 independent legal entities, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS (on top any entity from any third country can join)
- ✓ **New:** maximum 360 person-months

Duration

- ✓ Maximum 48 months

New: Interdisciplinary secondments possible within Europe (max 1/3 of project's person months)

Calls (planned)

2021: 7 Oct 2021 - 9 Mar 2022

2022: 6 Oct 2022 – 8 Mar 2023

3. MSCA Staff Exchanges (3/3)



Unit contributions

MSCA Staff Exchanges	Contributions for seconded staff members per person-month		Institutional contributions per person-month	
	Top-up allowance	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions
	EUR 2 300	requested unit ⁵⁸ x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 300	EUR 1 000

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4. MSCA COFUND

4. MSCA COFUND (1/3)

Target group:

- ✓ Institutions cofunding **new or existing doctoral programmes** or **postdoctoral fellowship schemes**

Grant to an organisation in MS or AC:

a) Cofunded doctoral programme
or

b) Cofunded postdoctoral fellowship programme



a) **Doctoral candidates**, no doctoral degree at the deadline of the cofunded programme's call

or

b) **Postdoctoral researchers**, doctoral degree at the deadline of the cofunded programme's call



4. MSCA COFUND (2/3)



Size

- ✓ 1 independent legal entity established in MS or AC
- ✓ Maximum €10 million per beneficiary per call (unchanged)
- ✓ European Union's contribution covers minimum remuneration (70% living + mobility allowance)

Duration

- ✓ Programme: max. 60 months
- ✓ Researcher: min. 3 months

New: Introduction of an MSCA Cofund **Seal of Excellence** for applications scoring $\geq 85\%$

Calls (planned)

2021: 11 Oct 2021 – 10 Feb 2022

2022: 10 Oct 2022 – 9 Feb 2023



4. COFUND (3/3)

Unit contributions

MSCA COFUND	Contributions for recruited researchers and institutional contributions per person-month			
	COFUND allowance		Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)
	Doctoral programmes	EUR 2 800	EUR 2 800 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit ⁶¹ x (1/number of months)
	Postdoctoral programmes	EUR 3 980	EUR 3 980 x % covered by the beneficiary	

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5. MSCA and CITIZENS

MSCA and Citizens, through the **European Researchers' Night**, aims to **bring research and researchers closer to the public at large**, to increase awareness of research and innovation activities and to boost public recognition of science and research education



5. MSCA and CITIZENS (1/1)

- ✓ Continuation of the **European Researchers' Night**
- ✓ With a focus on **EC priorities and European Research and Innovation Missions** (Cancer; Climate change; Healthy oceans, seas & waters; Climate-neutral/smart cities, Soil health & food)
- ✓ Promotion of the **European Union** and the impact of its policies on citizens' daily life

EU contribution

- ✓ Lump sum

Call (planned)

2021: 17 June – 14 October 2021

Features

Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships, Staff Exchange

- ✓ Bottom - up programmes, any research field
- ✓ Evaluation in one of 8 panels: CHE, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY, SOC

COFUND

- ✓ Evaluation in 2 panels: cofunded Doctoral Programmes and cofunded Postdoctoral Fellowship programmes
- ✓ Budget structure: Unit costs

MSCA and Citizens

- ✓ Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
- ✓ Evaluation: 1 panel
- ✓ Budget structure: Lump sum

Simplification and harmonisation (1/2)

New: Single mobility rule

Researchers **may not have resided or carried out their main activity** (work, studies, etc.) **in the country of their (main) host organisation for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the applicable reference date.**

- ✓ Doctoral networks – *date of recruitment*
- ✓ Postdoctoral fellowships- *date of call deadline*
- ✓ COFUND – *cofunded programme's deadlines*

Researcher eligibility – at the applicable reference date

- ✓ Doctoral networks – **no** *PhD - date of recruitment*
- ✓ Postdoctoral fellowships – *PhD - date of call deadline*
- ✓ COFUND – *cofunded programme's deadlines*

NB: Staff Exchange has its own rules

Simplification and harmonisation (2/2)

Secondments

New: Maximum 1/3 of the fellowship duration – anywhere in the world in all actions

✓ Doctoral networks

✓ Postdoctoral fellowships:

European fellowships

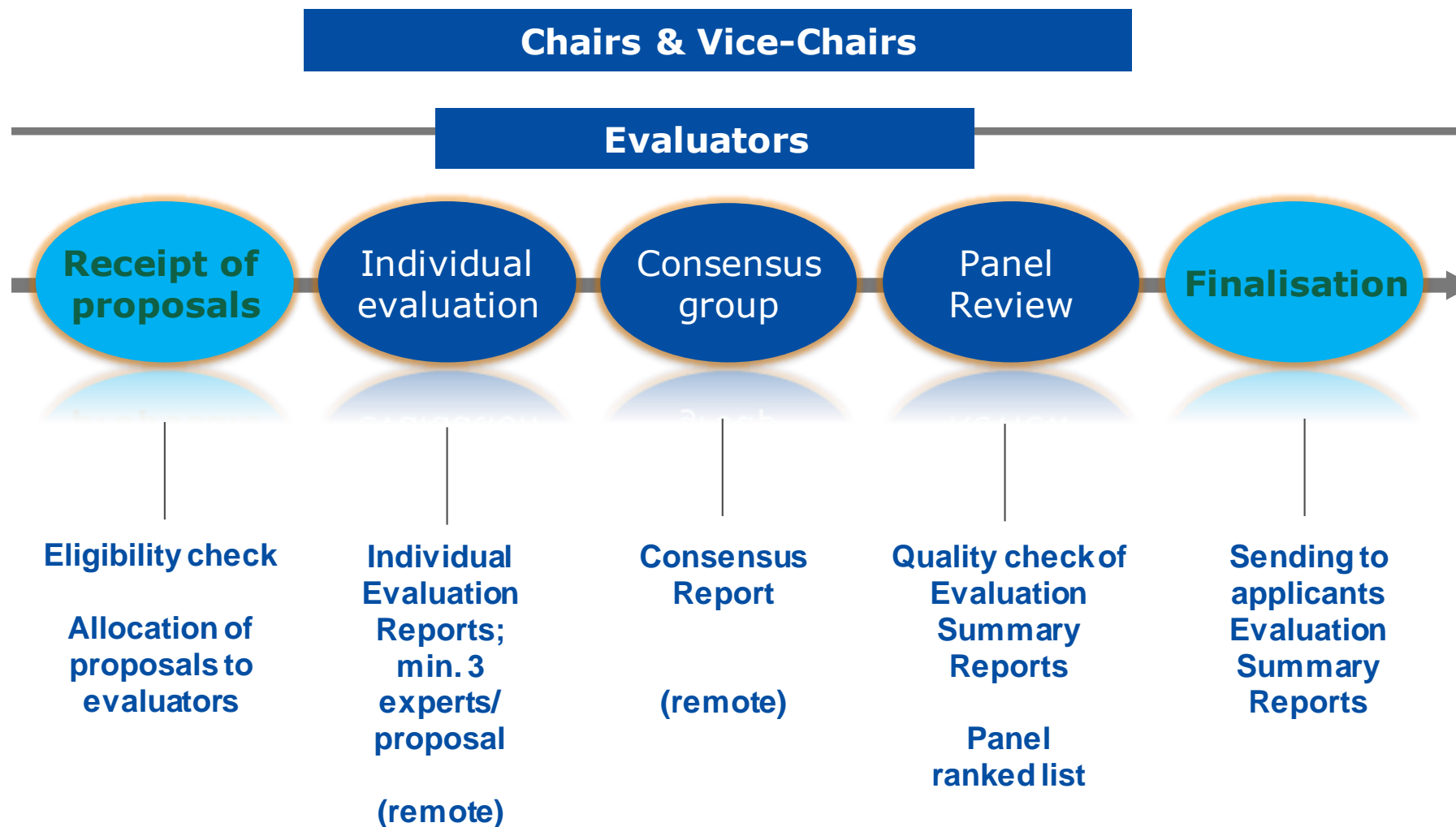
Global fellowships – outgoing phase

✓ COFUND

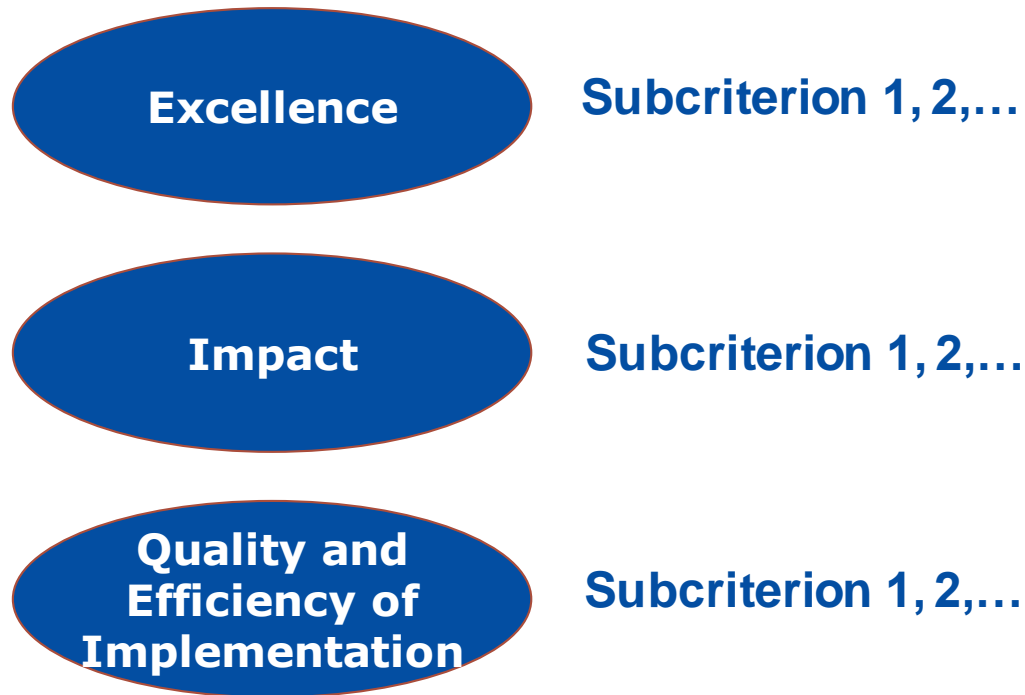
Cofunded doctoral or postdoctoral programmes

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Evaluation



Evaluation



- ✓ Subcriteria are specific for each MSCA action
- ✓ Weighting of the main award criteria depends on the MSCA action

NB: MSCA and Citizens is a Coordination and Support action (CSA) – follows CSA criteria

Work Programme 2021-2022

2nd half of March 2021

Formal opinion of Horizon Europe Programme Committee configurations on WP 2021-2022

Mid-April 2021

Formal adoption of WP 2021-2022 and opening of first calls

Links

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions website

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

Funding and Tenders portal

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

Euraxess portal (vacancies, more information)

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

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