Le opportunità di finanziamento alla formazione per la ricerca: anticipazioni sulla programmazione 2018-2020 in ambito Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA)

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Horizon 2020

**Excellent science**
- European Research Council
- Future and Emerging Technologies
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions**
- European Research Infrastructures, including e-Infrastructures

**Industrial leadership**
- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Advanced Manufacturing and Processing, and Biotechnology
- Space
- Access to risk finance
- Innovation in SMEs
  - The SME Instrument
  - The Eurostars programme

**Societal challenges**
- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Secure societies - protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens.

- Fast Track to Innovation Pilot (2015-2016)
- Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation
- Science with and for Society
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
- Euratom
Mobility

3 “i”

International

Interdisciplinary

Intersectorial
MSCA Objective

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

Budget 2014-2020: 6 162 million €
Definitions

Participants are organisations from the academic or the non-academic sector. These two sectors are defined as follows:

**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 the academic sector definition

inter-sector collaboration
## Definitions

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<td><em>Beneficiaries</em> are the legal entities that <strong>sign the grant agreement</strong> and have the responsibility for the proper implementation of the action. They contribute directly to the implementation of the research, transfer of knowledge and training activities.</td>
<td>Partner organisations are institutions that provide additional training and host the researcher during secondments. The partner organisations do not recruit any researchers and <strong>do not sign the grant agreement</strong>. As such partner organisations <strong>cannot directly claim any costs</strong> from the action.</td>
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Researchers

Early-stage researchers (ESR)

≤ 4 years full-time equivalent research

or

≥ 4 years full-time equivalent research experience

Full-time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate.
Bottom-up approach

Research fields are freely chosen by the applicants, except:

• research activity aiming at human cloning for reproductive purposes
• research activity intended to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable
• research activities intended to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer
• areas of research covered by the EURATOM Treaty
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) have supported more than 100,000 researchers so far.

MSCA researchers (all projects combined)

- FP4-FP6: 30,000 (1994-2006)
- FP7: 40,000 (2007-2013)
- Horizon 2020: 65,000 (2014-2020)

8 Nobel laureates
1 Oscar winner*

* A team of software developers involved with MSCA won an Academy Award in 2006 for their work on visual effects software: http://europa.eu/14k65Vyg


MSCA in 2018-2020

• In addition to their research project, researchers may undertake supplementary activities in order to maximise their future employability and strengthen their careers.

• Both early-stage and experienced researchers may choose to lecture, tutor, and supervise students, and follow training in order to perform such tasks. Time spent on these activities should be of a reasonable amount which, in the opinion of both the researcher and his/her supervisor would not jeopardise the execution of the research project and is considered to be part of the MSCA action similarly to dissemination and communication activities, including public outreach.
MSCA in 2018-2020

- Experienced researchers may opt to work part-time on their MSCA action in order to pursue supplementary activities.
- The MSCA will specifically address spreading excellence and widening participation
- Additional financial support to researchers with disabilities
- All applicants to MSCA calls are encouraged to adopt an RRI approach into their proposals.
- The use of a unique researcher identifier number (such as Researcher ID or ORCID) is strongly recommended for all MSCA fellows.
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Individual Fellowships (IF)
Individual Fellowships (IF)

Objective

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

Scope

- Individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers
- European Fellowships or Global Fellowships

Expected Impact

- release the full potential of researchers and to catalyse significant development in their careers in both the academic and non-academic sectors
- strengthen the contact network of the researcher and the host organisation
Individual Fellowships (IF)
Mobility rule

For Standard (ST) the researcher must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals.
Individual Fellowships (IF)

[...]  
✓ This action provides financial support for individual experienced researchers who want to work in host organisations established in EU Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC)*.  
✓ The Global Fellowship option also includes an initial period spent in a Partner organisation located outside of Europe MS or AC.  
[...]

Only one proposal per experienced researcher can be submitted for this call of proposals.
Only one proposal

Keep in mind that **only one proposal per researcher** may be submitted to this call. In the event of multiple submissions, REA will contact the supervisor and researcher, who will then choose the proposal to be evaluated:

- In case no reply is received, the first submitted proposal will be evaluated.
- In case of disagreement between supervisor and researcher, the supervisor's opinion prevails.
IF – European and Global

EFs: 12-24 months

GFs: 12-24 months for the outgoing phase plus 12 month return phase in Europe

Mobility rule
The Career Restart Panel (CAR) is a multidisciplinary panel of the EF which provides financial support to individual researchers who wish to resume research in Europe after a career break (e.g. after parental leave, working outside research, etc.).

1. The researcher must be an experienced researcher
2. The researcher may be of any nationality. No age restrictions apply.
3. The researcher must move or have moved (transnational mobility) from any country to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located.

The researcher must comply with the CAR mobility rule:

The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.
4. The experienced researcher must have had a career break in research, i.e. they must not have been active in research for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals (corresponding to the period 15 September 2016 to 14 September 2017).

Whether or not the researcher has been active in research is determined on the basis of fellowships or employment contracts in the domain of research.

The professional status confirming the eligibility (e.g. unemployment, parental or sick leave, no fellowship or no employment contract in the domain of research) of the researcher during the period 15 September 2016 to 14 September 2017 must be clearly explained in the proposal, both in part A and B. Publication activities or mere association to a university are not taken into account to determine the career research break. Mere association is any other link to the university that is not considered as an employment contract or a fellowship agreement.
The Reintegration Panel is a multidisciplinary panel of the European Fellowships dedicated to researchers who wish to return and reintegrate in a longer term research position in Europe.

1. The researcher must be an **experienced researcher**.
2. The researcher must be a **national or long-term resident of a MS or AC**. No age restrictions apply. *Long-term residents are researchers who spent a period of full-time research activity of at least 5 consecutive (without breaks in research) years in one or more MSs or ACs.*
The researcher must **move or have moved** (transnational mobility) **directly from a TC** (excluding compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays) **to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located**. In absence of a direct move from the TC, the proposal will not be eligible as EF-RI.

The researcher must comply with the **RI mobility rule**:

The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.

*Example of 'direct mobility':* the researcher has worked in the United States for the past year. He moved back to Portugal three months ago and submits a proposal with a Portuguese host. The proposal is eligible.

*Example of 'indirect mobility':* the researcher has worked in the United States for the past year. He moved back to Portugal three months ago and submits a proposal with a German host. The proposal is *not* eligible.
The Society & Enterprise Panel is a multidisciplinary panel of the European Fellowships dedicated to career opportunities for researchers seeking to work on research and innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector.

1. The researcher must be an experienced researcher
2. The researcher may be of any nationality. No age restrictions apply.
3. The researcher must move or have moved (transnational mobility) from any country to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located.

The researcher must comply with the SE mobility rule:
The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.
4. **The beneficiary must be an entity from the non-academic sector**

- The non-academic status is assigned to entities *not* having the academic status, i.e. entities which are not:
  - Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
  - Public or private non-profit research institutes whose primary mission is to pursue research
  - International European interest organisations
Research, Training and Development

• A concrete plan of *training-through-research* at the host organisation’s premises.

• well-defined **objective** in terms of career advancement (by attaining a leading independent position for example) or resuming a research career after a break.

• **final outcome** to develop and significantly widen the competences of the Experienced Researcher, particularly in terms of multi/interdisciplinary expertise, intersectoral experience and transferable skills.

• this plan comprises the researcher’s **training and career needs**, including training on transferable skills, planning for publications and participation in conferences.
Transferable skills:

- Training related to research and innovation: management of IPR, take up and exploitation of research results, communication, standardisation, ethics, scientific writing, personal development, team skills, multicultural awareness, gender issues, research integrity, etc.

- Training related to management or grant searching: involvement in the organisation of network activities, entrepreneurship, management, proposal writing, enterprise start-up, task co-ordination, etc.
Public engagement

Public Engagement

the primary goal of public engagement activities is to create awareness among the general public of the research work performed and its implications for citizens and society.
Outreach & Communication

Outreach and Communication Activities in the MSCA under Horizon 2020

Guidelines

MSCA fellows are expected to engage in outreach activities as an integral part of their fellowship. Below is a non-exhaustive list of practical outreach activities that MSCA fellows could consider for their project:

Difference between communication and outreach

Outreach and communication activities are related, but are not the same and a good MSCA project should include a mix of both.

Outreach activities are directed to engage a large audience and to bring knowledge and expertise on a particular topic to the general public. Outdoors activities can take several forms, such as scientific presentations, workshops, public talks and lab visits, etc. The objective of outreach is to explain the benefits of research to a larger public (the taxpayers who fund your research). Outreach implies an interaction between the sender and the receiver of the message, there is an engagement and a two-way communication between the researcher and the public.

Communication, on the other hand, only pass in one direction from the sender to the receiver. Communication refers to articles in mainstream newspapers and magazines, or on TV and radio channels. Successful communication requires a clear language and attractive scientific subject with outstanding results that can catch the reader’s attention.

The European Commission is aware that not every MSCA researcher is undertaking research of interest to the mass media. You can start small and attempt having your research published in your local newspaper. Researchers should be able to explain their project to the large public in accessible language. Images having to explain what you do to follow comments on your daily trip to work.

Possible activities

In order to give visibility to MSCA projects, fellows could take part in outreach activities such as:

- Maria Skłodowska-Curie Ambassadors: Fellows acting as “Ambassadors” organize activities with the aim of promoting their research to all public audiences. MSCA researchers visit schools and universities or assist educators in

Financial Aspects

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* The country correction coefficients that will be applied are indicated in Table 4 in Part 3 of the Work Programme.
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NB: An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.
Call deadlines 2018

• Opening: 12 Apr 2018
• Deadlines: 12 Sep 2018
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
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**Objective**
- raise excellence and structure research and doctoral training
- train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers

**Scope**
- European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or European Joint Doctorates (EJD)
- Triple 'i' dimension of mobility and particular focus on innovation skills

**Expected Impact**
- structure research and doctoral training in Europe
- trigger cooperation and exchange of best practice among participants
- enhance researchers' employability and provide them with new career perspectives

MSCA - main EU programme for structured doctoral training
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

European Training Networks (ETN)
• The most general mode, epitomising the ITN policy objectives
• Does not require mandatory doctoral training but...

European Industrial Doctorates (EID)
• Focus on academic/non-academic collaboration
• Widening fellows' career horizons

European Joint Doctorates (EJD)
• Promoting greater structural co-operation between universities
• Offering more employment opportunities to fellows
ITN – Who can apply?

Who can apply?

• Networks of organisations involved in research and (research) training.

What types of organisations can apply?

• Two different types:

  ✓ 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 the academic sector definition
## Level of participation

### Minimum Number of Participants

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### Summary of Tasks

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Additional beneficiaries can be established in MS, AC or TC included in the list of countries eligible for funding provided in General Annex A to the Work Programme (see TC exceptional cases below). Partner organizations can be established anywhere in the world.

**EID> 2 beneficiaries:** Please note that beneficiaries of an EID with more than 2 beneficiaries, must be established in more than 2 MS or AC in order to respect the 40.0% rule (see below).

**Duration of support:** 3-36 months

Researchers in EID shall spend at least 50% of their time in the non-academic sector.
ITN – consortia

European Training Networks

European Joint Doctorates

European Industrial Doctorates

Typical size of 6-10 beneficiaries

Typical size of 4-8 beneficiaries

Typical size of 2-3 beneficiaries
ITN – early stage researchers

Innovative Training Networks are exclusively for early-stage researchers in the first 4 years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their career and not awarded a PhD at the time of their (first) recruitment.

Full-time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the researcher is recruited.

- Researchers recruited for min. 3 months and max. 36 months.
- No restrictions based on nationality.
ITN - Mobility rule

Researchers 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.
EURAXESS

Welcome

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union and its Member States, it supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world.

EURAXESS connects researchers and entrepreneurs, allows universities and...
ITN – R&T activities

Research and Training Activities

• Training through research by means of individual, personalised projects, including meaningful exposure to different sectors;
• Development of network-wide training activities (e.g. workshops, summer schools)
• Provision of structured training courses (e.g. tutorials, lectures)
• Exchanging knowledge with the members of the network through undertaking intersectoral visits and secondments
• Invitation of visiting researchers originating from the academic or nonacademic sector
ITN – Networking activities

Networking activities:
• Organisation of scientific or managerial network meetings;
• Visits and secondments between partners in order to exchange knowledge;
• Invitation of external experts for specialist input;
• Attendance of the recruited researchers at international conferences and workshops;
• Use of the Internet, email and video conferencing;
• Collaboration with other ITN project or research group;
• Organisation of a final network conference.
European Joint Doctorates (EJD)

**Joint degree**: single diploma issued by at least two higher education institutions offering integrated programme and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located.

**Double or multiple degree**: 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.
Financial modalities for ITN

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<td>Contribution to structuring doctoral / early-stage research training at the European level and to strengthening European innovation capacity, including the potential for:</td>
<td>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management (with a mandatory joint governing structure for EI and EJD projects)</td>
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<td>b) developing sustainable joint doctoral degree structures (for EJD projects only)</td>
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Country fact sheet: Italy (IT)
Last refresh date: 06/06/2017

IT fellows (nationals) grouped by country of destination (top 10 countries)
Research and Innovation
Staff Exchange (RISE)
Research & Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Objective

- promote **international and inter-sector collaboration** through research and innovation staff exchanges
- foster a shared culture of research and innovation

Scope

- **International and inter-sector transfer of knowledge** and sharing of ideas
- **Common research and innovation project**
- **Highly skilled research and innovation staff**
- **Within Europe: only inter-sector secondments**

Expected Impact

- **strengthen the interaction between organisations in the academic and non-academic sectors, and between Europe and third countries**
RISE partnership

A RISE partnership shall be composed by at least three independent participants established in three different countries and must respect one of the following two conditions:

- two organisations are located in two different Member State (MS)/Associated Country (AC) and one organisation is located in a Third Country (TC), independently from the sector they belong to,
- if all three independent organisations are from MS/AC, at least one organisation should be from the academic sector and one from the non-academic sector.

Above these minimum requirements additional organisations established in MS/AC and/or in other third countries can participate.

Therefore, the partnerships in RISE can be set up along either an international or an intersectoral dimension or a combination of both.
RISE partnership

Example no.1

The European dimension allows only intersectoral secondments

Academic Sector

The international dimension does not exclude exchanges within the same sector

Non-Academic Sector

Academic Sector or Non-Academic Sector

The European dimension allows only intersectoral secondments
RISE partnership

Example no.2

Academic Sector

Non-Academic Sector

The European dimension allows only intersectoral secondments
Eligibility of the partnership

**Beneficiaries** (= legal entities established in MS/AC)

**Partner Organisations** (= legal entities established in TC)

Secondments from an organisation located in a TC to a MS/AC (international) on the condition that the TC is eligible for funding, as specified in the *Annex A* to the Work Programme
Secondments

**Duration of support:** 1-12 months

Secondments may be split into several stays not exceeding 12 months in total and not going beyond the project duration. The splits must be justified and considered beneficial for the transfer of knowledge activities.

The exchanged staff members* should be guaranteed full reintegration into the sending institution thus maximising the impact of the action for knowledge sharing and long-term collaboration.

* **Staff members** in RISE are researchers (ESR and ER), innovators, administrative, managerial and technical staff supporting the research and innovation activities of the project. They shall be actively engaged in or linked to research and/or innovation activities for at least six months (full-time equivalent) at the sending institution prior to the first period of secondment. Secondments in RISE are not subject to the mobility rules.
Support for the exchanges between institutions in the EU Member States and Associated Countries covers only inter-sector secondments.

Exchanges with institutions from third countries can be inter-sector secondments as well as secondments within the same sector.

No secondments between institutions located in third countries or within the same EU Member State or Associated Country can be supported.
Eligibility of the secondments

A secondment is eligible if the **maximum duration of a secondment is 12 months and the minimum duration is 1 month for an individual staff member.**

However, a secondment may be split into several stays (by the same staff member from the same sending organisation to the same host organisation) as long as the sum of the duration of all splits is at least 1 month (30 days) and not longer than 12 months and within the duration of the project.

Example (without split):

*One researcher is seconded from the beneficiary A in France to the partner C in Argentina for 3 months, to the partner D in Morocco for 7 months and to the beneficiary B in Romania for 6 months. In this case 4 months of secondment will not be eligible for funding since it is beyond the maximum limit of 12 months.*

Example (with split):

*One researcher is seconded from the beneficiary A in France to the partner C in Argentina for 15 days. This secondment will be eligible for funding only if the same researcher is seconded for at least 15 supplementary days from the beneficiary A in France to the same partner C in Argentina. A secondment of 45 days of the same researcher from the beneficiary A in France to the partner D in Morocco will itself be eligible for funding but cannot be added to the secondment (initial 15 days) in Argentina to reach the minimum duration of one month.*
Financial modalities for RISE

The financial contribution to a Marie Skłodowska-Curie RISE project is calculated on the basis of unit costs. A unit cost is a fixed amount per person-month of secondment. The EU contribution is calculated by multiplying the unit costs by the number of completed person-months.

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Priority in case of *ex aequo*
Letters of commitment

- for each partner organisation established in a Third Country
- an up-to-date letter of commitment,
- signed by its legal representative,
- to demonstrate their real and active participation in the proposed network.

*Reading the Guide for Applicants:*

There will be no possibility to submit the missing letter of commitment at a later stage. Therefore it is essential for the applicants to collect these letters of commitment in due time and well before the call deadline. If the proposal is still retained for funding after the evaluation the budget linked to the secondments of the TC organisation lacking the letter of commitment will be rejected and the total budget of the will be proposal reduced accordingly.
Call deadlines 2018

• Opening: 22 Nov 2017
• Deadlines: 21 Mar 2018
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