



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

WP 2023-2024 Opportunities for Researchers' Training, Career & Mobility

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Horizon Europe

EURATOM



Budget: EUR 95.5 billion

Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

European Research Council

Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

€16 billion

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

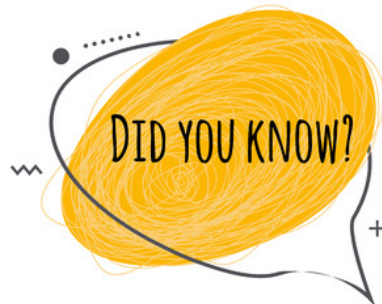
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

Research Infrastructures

Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion



12 Nobel Prize winners either backed by or involved in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions between 2012 and 2020



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)

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 beyond academia

Horizon 2020: 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

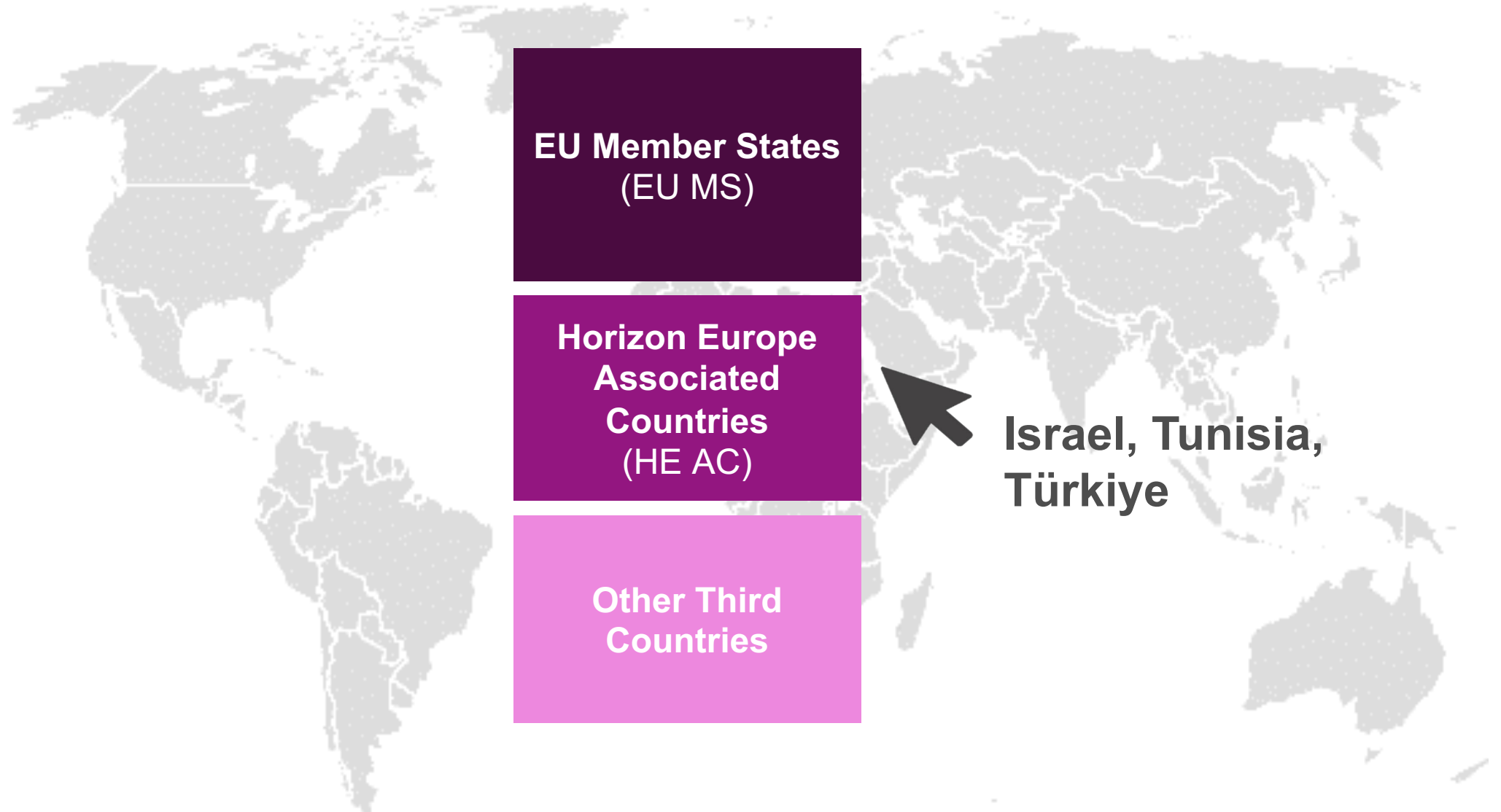
+4,500

Companies
supported

42%

Female
researchers

Some terminology



Beneficiary vs Associated Partner



Beneficiary

- Signs the Grant Agreement with the EU
- Minimum number and geographical requirements
- Receives funding directly



Associated partner

- Does not sign the Grant Agreement
- Contributes to the action (e.g. hosts staff or researchers)
- Does not directly receive funding

Organisations vs individuals



Organisation

- Legal entity
- From academic or non-academic sector
- Beneficiary or associated partner



Individual researcher

- Any nationality
- Any topic/field
- Mobility is required
- Specific conditions depending on which action

Participation of third country organisations

Organisations from third countries can participate as:

MSCA Action	Beneficiary	Associated Partner
Doctoral Networks	Yes*	Yes
Staff Exchanges	No	Yes
Postdoctoral Fellowships	No	Yes
COFUND	No	Yes

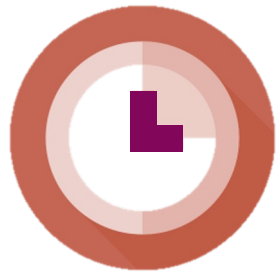
*Beneficiaries can be established in low- and middle-income non-associated countries included in the list of countries eligible for funding provided in the [Horizon Europe Programme Guide](#)

Participation of third country individuals

Individuals from third countries can participate in all MSCA actions

MSCA Action	Eligible	Where to look for vacancies
Doctoral Networks	Yes	EURAXESS
Staff Exchanges	Yes	Sending institution
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Yes	Find host organisation / EURAXESS
COFUND	Yes	EURAXESS

MSCA Doctoral Networks



DURATION

4 years (5 years for Joint Doctorates)



COMPOSITION

Min 3 organisations in 3 different EU MS or HE AC (at least 1 MS)



FELLOWSHIP

Between 3 and 36 months (3-48 months for Joint Doctorates)



BUDGET

540 Person/Month

Post-Doctoral Fellowships

European Fellowship

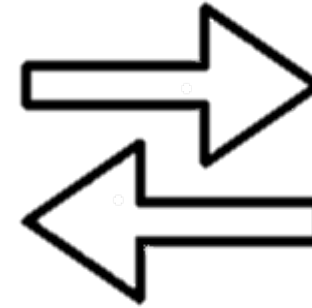
For fellows coming to
EU MS / HE AC
"incoming"
or
moving within
EU MS / HE AC
"intra-European"

12-24 months



Global Fellowship

12-24 months

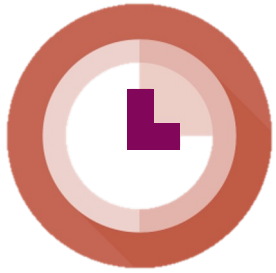


12 months

For fellows from
Europe
going to third
countries
and then
returning to Europe

+ 6 months
in non-academic
sector in MS/AC
(optional)

MSCA Staff Exchanges



DURATION

4 years



COMPOSITION

Min 3 organisations
in 3 different
countries (min. 2
EU MS or HE AC)



SECONDMENTS

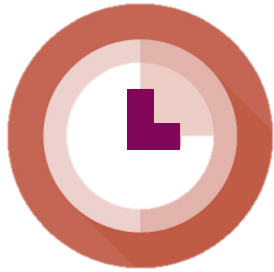
1-12 months per staff



BUDGET

Max EUR 1.6 million
(360 PM per project)

MSCA COFUND



DURATION
Max 5 years



COMPOSITION
1 beneficiary from EU
MS or HE AC



FELLOWSHIP
For doctoral and
postdoctoral researchers
for minimum 3 months



BUDGET
Co-funding
Max EUR 10 million per
beneficiary per call

MSCA Call Calendar 2023

2023

Action	Opening	Deadline	Budget (EUR million)
Postdoctoral Fellowships	12 April 2023	13 Sept 2023	260.47
Doctoral Networks	30 May 2023	28 Nov 2023	434.80
MSCA & Citizens	20 June 2023	25 Oct 2023	15.42
Staff Exchanges	5 October 2023	28 Feb 2024	78.5
COFUND	10 October 2023	8 February 2024	95

Looking for a host organisation?

Some useful resources and links

- Vacancies under MSCA Doctoral Networks and COFUND programmes are published on the [Euraxess](#) portal (as well as some offers from host institutions for Postdoctoral Fellowships)
- **NEW !** : MSCA-Net's [MSCA Matchmaking platform](#) for researchers and organisation to find relevant partners and host institutions
- "[Partner search](#)" tool on Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal
- [Enterprise Europe Networks](#) (for non-academic partners)

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** available on [Funding and Tenders Portal](#) :
 - Guide for applicants: overview of rules, financial aspects, etc.
 - MSCA Work Programme and annexes
 - Proposal templates
 - Model Grant Agreements
 - Horizon Europe Programme Guide
 - Online manual on how to submit an application
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Partner search
- Ask for advice to your **MSCA [National Contact Point](#)** where available
- Submit specific queries to the **Research Enquiry Service** (funding, validation of participants, etc.)

Other useful links

- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website**
https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en
- **Factsheet, Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, 2021-2027**
<https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/128028>
- **Funding and Tenders Portal (applications, documents, partner search)**
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon>
- **Horizon Europe MSCA Work Programme 2023-2024**
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-2-msca-actions_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf
- **European Charter and Code for Researchers**
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter-code-researchers>
- **MSCA Guidelines on Supervision**
<https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/508311>
- **MSCA Green Charter**
<https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/720690>
- **Horizon Dashboard**
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/horizon-dashboard>
- **Become an Expert**
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>



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