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# The UK as a Destination

## MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

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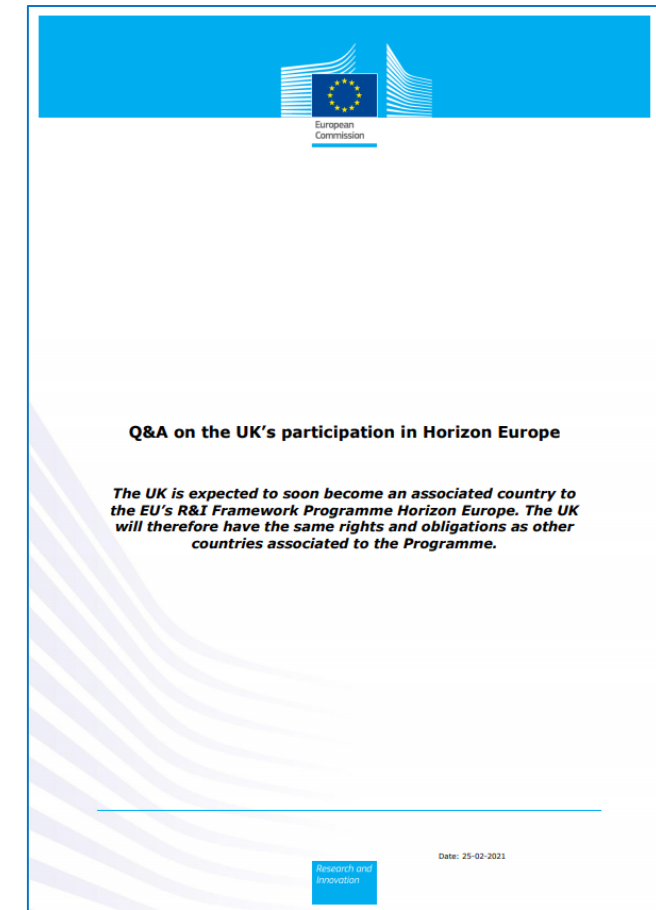
# Outline

- The UK's participation in Horizon Europe
- Why do your Fellowship in the UK?
- How to identify a host organisation
- Next Steps
- Support available



# UK's Relationship with the EU

- On 24 December 2020, the UK Government announced the conclusions of the negotiations with the European Commission.
- Included [confirmation](#) that the UK will associate to Horizon Europe, as well as the Euratom Research and Training Programme
- *All UK entities will have full rights to participate in the first calls for proposals of Horizon Europe*
  - May be some restrictions in duly justified exceptional cases
- *UK institutions are eligible as a host for the European Fellowships*
- *UK institutions are eligible as incoming host for Global fellowships*
- *UK institutions are NOT eligible as outgoing hosts for Global Fellowships*



[Q&A on the UK's participation in Horizon Europe](#)

# What does the UK Have to Offer?

## Long standing history of successful participation in MSCA

- UK Institutions were awarded 311 MSCA Individual fellowships in 2020 (most popular host country), and 287 in 2019

## Most institutions have dedicated support

- **Pre award:** Proposal development and editing, submission support, review CVs, navigate internal policies and procedures, understanding of internal structures and opportunities
- **Post award:** help you make the most of your fellowship
- Dedicated communities of MSCA researchers

## The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers

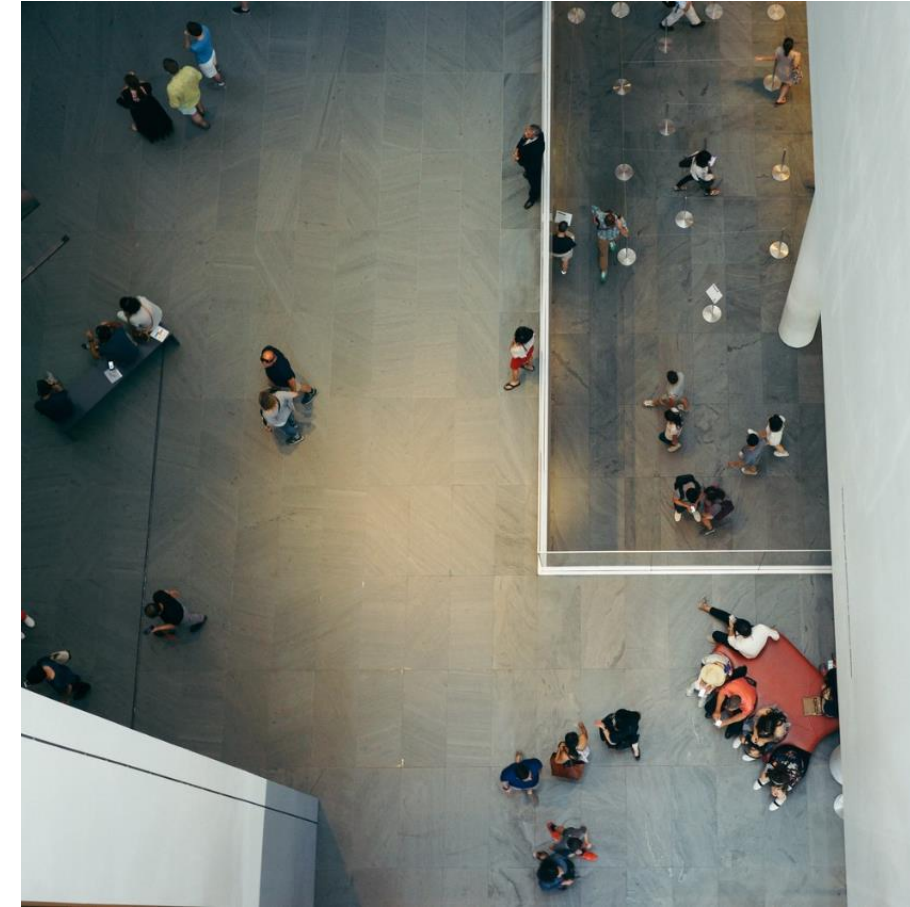
Long standing commitment to ensuring good working conditions and supporting the professional development of researchers



# How to I identify a possible host organisation?

UK organisations Institutions cover all research areas and all stages of the research pipeline

- **Formal advertisements**
  - Organisational websites, Social Media (twitter/LinkedIn), [EURAXESS](#), [Partner Search Tool](#)
- **Talk to your friends and colleagues – existing networks**
  - Let them know you are interested in a fellowship
  - Ask if they know of any good potential supervisors
- **Look at the literature**
  - Is there someone's work that particularly resonates with you?
- **Conferences**
  - Did you met someone , hear a speaker or see a poster that interested you?
- **Is there somewhere you have always wanted to go?**
  - Look at organisations websites – is there working being done that you would like to get involved with?



# I have identified a possible host – now what

## Contact them

- Make sure you are clear in what you are asking from them
- Explain why you want to work with them and why that institution
- Include short summary of your background by way of introduction



## Make Sure you are visible

- Make sure your research pages/websites are up-to-date
  - What you have done – current CV
  - Include ALL activities
    - Demonstrate that you are the right candidate for a Postdoctoral fellowship
  - Research interests
    - What would you like to work on in the future
- Social media – personal vs professional



# Support Available

- **EU Research Support Teams/Research Services**
  - Most UK universities and other research organisations have dedicated support teams
- **[MSCA NCPs](#)**
  - Answer questions via email or virtual meetings
  - Provide information/training events for applicants
- **UK Research Office**
  - Over 140 different UK and EU based [subscribing organisations](#)
  - Provide subscribing organisations with tailored support and answer EU funding related questions
- **Looking to work with an SME or business**
  - Network of [subject NCPs and dedicated support](#) to industry – MSCA NCPs can help direct you





# Any Questions?

The MSCA NCPs are here to help!

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