Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
Moving research talent forward

Individual Fellowships 2018
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Overview

- MSCA?
- MSCA & Belgium
- Novelties
- *IF-2018 call modalities (by Ilse De Waele, REA)*
- MSCA post-2020
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)

The three pillars of H2020

MSCA:
European Union's main programme for researcher training and career development through mobility

Objective:
Ensure optimum development and dynamic use of Europe’s intellectual capital in order to generate new skills, knowledge and innovation
20 Years of MSCA

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions have supported more than 100,000 researchers so far.
MSCA key figures: Horizon 2020

- 9 Nobel laureates
- 1 Oscar winner
- ~100 spin-offs
- ~1500 patent applications
- ~25,000 PhD candidates
- ~1200 international and intersectoral training programmes
- 40% female researchers
- 1 in 4 non-EU researchers
- 1 million visitors/year

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MSCA key features
Research training and career development

- International mobility
- Interdisciplinarity
- Inter-sectoral mobility (Academia to business)
- Good working conditions
- Bottom-up approach
- From doctoral candidates to experienced researchers
MSCA: the different actions

- Innovative Training Networks - ITN
- Individual Fellowships - IF
- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange - RISE
- COFUND
- European Researchers' Night

6 162 million €
2014-2020
MSCA: the different actions

**ITN:** host-driven, early-stage researchers
(network recruiting ~PhD students)

**IF:** individual, experienced researchers
incoming & outgoing (~'post-docs')

**RISE:** exchange of all types of research staff
with 'Third Countries' and/or private sector

**COFUND:** cofunding e.g. national schemes

European Researchers' Night
outreach & communication

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Seal of excellence for MSCA-IF

I very much welcome the initiatives of several Member States to introduce new funding schemes for MSCA Seal of Excellence recipients and I strongly encourage other countries to do the same.

Tibor Navracics
Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

#SealofExcellence
@EU_H2020 #H2020

https://ec.europa.eu/research/soe/index.cfm?pg=opportunities_msca
BE in MSCA
Belgium in MSCA: figures (1)

MSCA budget to BE: 132 million EUR (4.31%)
Belgium in MSCA: figures (2)

Main evaluation panels
CHE: chemistry
ECO: economic sciences
ENG: information science & engineering
ENV: environment & geosciences
LIF: life sciences
MAT: mathematics
PHY: physics
SOC: social sciences & humanities

Project distribution by scientific panel (BE)
Belgium in MSCA: figures (3)

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Top collaborative links with Belgium in MSCA

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<td>ES - Spain</td>
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Belgium in MSCA: figures (4)

Number of BE participations (projects)

- COFUND
- IF
- ITN
- RISE

Number of projects:
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017

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**Belgium in MSCA: figures (5)**

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<th>Participating BE organisations by type of organisation</th>
<th>%</th>
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<td>- of which SMEs</td>
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* * All participants, excl. Partner Organisations in ITN and COFUND

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<th>Top BE participating organisations in terms of EU contribution</th>
<th>EUR million</th>
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<td>KU Leuven</td>
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<td>Universiteit Gent</td>
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Belgium in MSCA: mobility patterns - fellows going to BE

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- COFUND
- IF
- ITN
- RISE
Belgium in MSCA: mobility destination of BE nationals

Number of Fellows

Countries

UK | FR | NL | BE | ES | US | DE | CH | PT | CZ

2  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5  | 9  | 9  | 3  | 5  | 4

13 | 14 | 19 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16

COFUND | IF | ITN | RISE

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MSCA 2018-2019 novelties
### Call deadlines & budget 2018

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2018-2020 WP: what's new? (1)

ITN

1. Cover costs for short secondments (up to 6 months) of researchers in ITN with the Research, Training and Networking costs
   > Should cover at least travel and accommodation costs.

2. Revised rule on international mobility in European Industrial Doctorates (EIDs)
   > Inter-sectoral mobility between beneficiaries must be international.
   > Mobility to partner organisations is aligned with standard European Training Network (ETN) rules: limited to 30%; can be international or not.

3. European Joint Doctorates (EJDs): Researchers must take their joint degree always within Europe or with a European beneficiary

IF

1. IF Career Restart Panel (CAR) and Reintegration Panel (RI) are strengthened
   > Maximum duration of CAR prolonged to 36 months.
   > More budget for both panels.

2. Part-time work for IF to pursue supplementary activities, such as creating a business, advanced studies, etc.
   > Agreement between supervisor and fellow necessary.
   > Minimum working time in MSCA: ≥50%.
   > Proportional extension of project.

3. Possibility to spend time at the European beneficiary before the outgoing mobility
   > Max. 3 months (part of outgoing phase to ensure knowledge transfer when back).
2018-2020 WP: what's new? (2)

**Optional introductory training for all MSCA fellows**

- **Training on skills** necessary to face the challenges of tomorrow (such as digitally-enabled open science and FAIR data management, responsible research and innovation, communication and outreach, project management).

- **Information on their career** as MSCA researchers (rights and obligations as fellows, EU support for innovation, possibilities for worldwide collaboration).

**More flexibility for third-country researchers through a revised long-term residency rule***:

- **Only residence counts**, and not research activity and residence as before.

- **Periods of absence are now allowed** during the 5 years of legal and continuous residence within EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries.

- **Refugees**, even though they are third-country citizens, **do not have to comply with the long-term residency rule when applying to the Reintegration Panel**.
2018-2020 WP: what's new? (3)

New financial support: MSCA Special needs

**What?**
Additional financial support to enable MSCA participation and mobility of disabled researchers

**Which MSCA actions are concerned?**
All MSCA actions

**Who can benefit from this allowance?**
Only eligible MSCA researchers with disabilities

**Type of grant?**
Grant awarded for the purchase of items/services
- Lump sum grant to beneficiary
- Capped at EUR 60,000/researcher

**How will it be implemented?**
As a separate grant to the beneficiary of the main MSCA grant

**From when?**
Tentatively available as of first quarter of 2019 (retroactively to all ongoing projects)

Modification of the Country Correction Coefficient

Increase by 5% of the living and top-up allowances

**Widening Fellowships (WF)**

- specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in a "widening country"
- contribution to spreading excellence and closing the still apparent Research & Innovation gap within Europe
- implemented through the *Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation* part of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-20, in line with MSCA's high standards

- Which countries are concerned?

**Member States:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**Associated Countries:** Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.
IF-2018 call

Ilse De Waele, Research Executive Agency
MSCA post-2020
Towards Horizon Europe

1. The Horizon 2020 interim evaluation
2. Lamy Report (LAB-FAB-APP)
3. Members States' & stakeholders' views on FP9
   ⇒ Commission proposal for Horizon Europe (7 June)
MSCA interim evaluation findings

- MSCA remains very relevant to challenges faced by EU (incl. setting standards) and appreciated by stakeholders
- Programme is being run efficiently but is underfunded
- Fosters excellent science, e.g., fellows twice as likely as average researchers to publish in top 1%/5% cited publications + 70% say they reached the next career stage faster thanks to MSCA
- Coherent with H2020, but: increase uptake of ESIF with H2020
- Only 6% of projects not funded by MSCA due to lack of budget were implemented at national level
- Effective: 1 in 4 fellows outside EU or AC + MSCA account for more than half of all Third Country participations in Horizon 2020 + 45% of fellows experience cross-sectoral mobility
- Positive structuring effect on organisations (e.g. training, OTM-R)
Lamy Report's advice ~ MSCA

- FP9 has to "reinforce EU's human capital"
- "Achieve synergies with ESIF" & "Better align EU and national funding"
- "Simplify"
- FP9 should "increase resources for MSCA"
- MSCA: introduce "Industry Research Fellowship scheme"
- Be "open to talent from everywhere (incl. innovators)"
Our aims for MSCA in Horizon Europe

- Evolution, no revolution
- Keep it simple and straightforward
- A higher budget
- Deal with low success rates
- Support another 100,000 researchers & careers in FP9
MSCA in Horizon Europe: Proposed intervention areas

1. Nurturing Excellence through Mobility of Researchers across Borders, Sectors and Disciplines
2. Fostering new Skills through Excellent Training of Researchers
3. Strengthening Human Capital and Skills Development across the European Research Area
4. Improving and Facilitating Synergies
5. Reaching out to Stakeholders and the General Public
More information

Marie Skłodowska-Curie website
http://ec.europa.eu/msca

What's new? MSCA work programme 2018
http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/library_en

Horizon2020
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020

Participant Portal (calls, online application, documents, FAQ, NCPs)
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal

Euraxess (jobs, rights, services, etc.)
http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/

European Charter for Researchers
http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/whatIsAResearcher

How to find partners
https://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest

MSCA on Facebook

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Questions?

H2020 Help desk
http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries

Frequently Asked Questions

National Contact Points
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html

Marie Curie Alumni Association
https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/

https://www.net4mobility.eu/
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How does your future MSCA look like?

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