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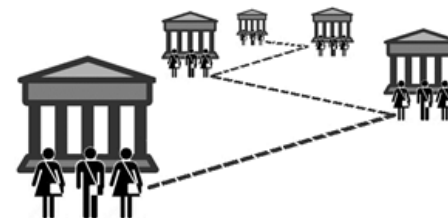
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Individual Fellowships (IF)

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MSCA in H2020



RISE

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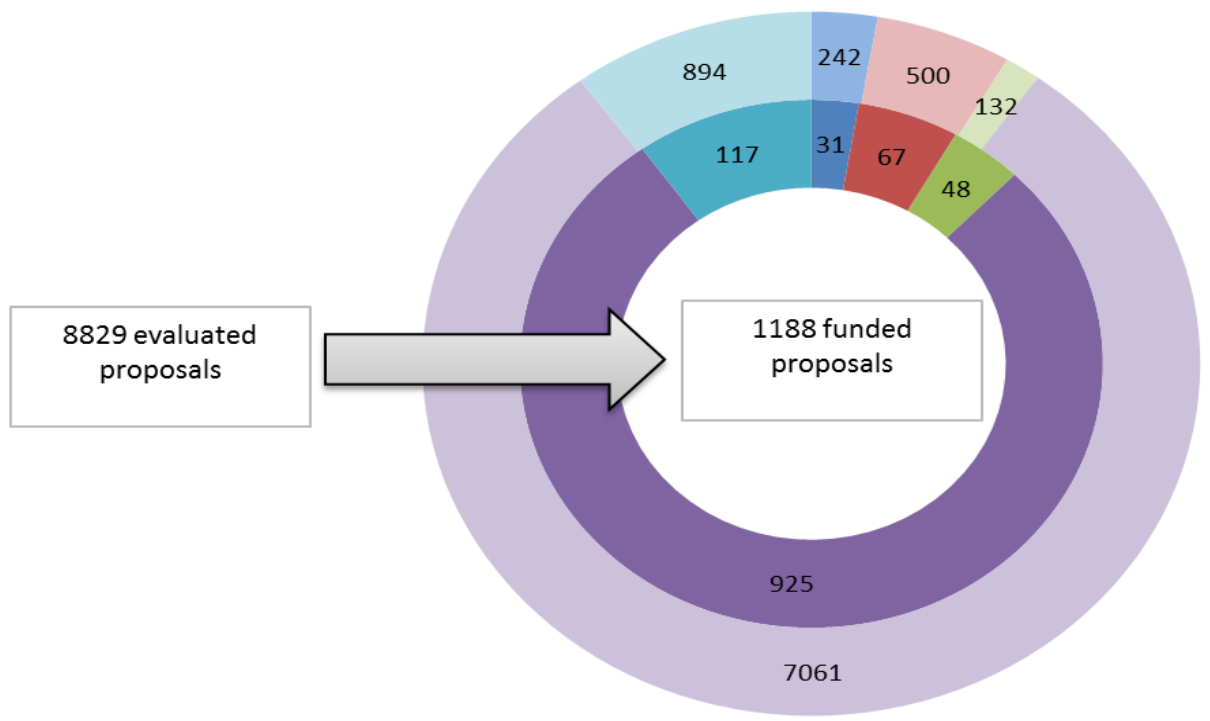
COFUND

Co-funding of regional, national
and international programmes

IF 2016 results



IF-2016



- MSCA-IF-EF-CAR
- MSCA-IF-EF-RI
- MSCA-IF-EF-SE
- MSCA-IF-EF-ST
- MSCA-IF-GF

IF 2017: Topics & Budget



EF

**European
Fellowships**

*held in EU Member States or
Associated Countries*

215 M€

GF

**Global
Fellowships**

*based on an outgoing phase
to a third country and a
return phase in MS/AC*

33.7M

Call Opening: **11 April 2017**
Call Deadline: **14 September 2017, 17:00:00 CET**
Evaluation: **October – November 2017**
Launch Grant preparation: **January 2018**

What are IFs?

- Individual trans-national fellowships to the best and most promising **experienced*** researchers
(* PhD or 4-year full-time equivalent research experience)

European Fellowships (EF)

Career
Restart Panel
(CAR)

Reintegration
Panel (RI)

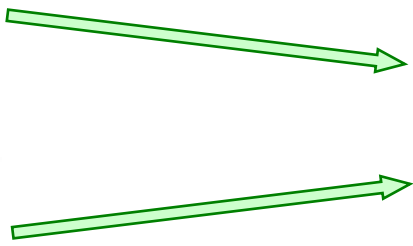
Society and
Enterprise
Panel (SE)

Global Fellowships (GF)

- ✓ **Secondments** of 3 – 6 months in Europe (MS or AC), for greater impact
- ✓ Specific eligibility criteria
- ✓ Career development with an appropriate **inter-sectoral** dimension



An Experienced Researcher may submit only one proposal to this call for proposals.



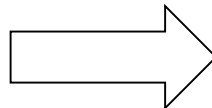
European Fellowships

For fellows coming to or moving within Europe (duration 12-24 months)



Global Fellowships

For fellows from Europe going to Third countries (12-24 months) returning to Europe (12 months)



Total duration 24/36 months



1. Member States (MS) – 28 countries

- Iceland
- Norway
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Israel
- Moldova
- Switzerland
- Faroe Islands
- Ukraine
- Tunisia
- Georgia
- Armenia **NEW!**

2. Associated Countries (AC)

3. Third Countries (TC): any other country



EU Validation Services ultimately determine the sector of every participating organisation

Academic

Public or private **Higher Education establishment** awarding academic degrees

Public or private **non-profit research organisations**

International **European interest** organisations

- Universities
- Non-profit research institutes
- IEIOs

Non-academic

Broad definition:

Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector definition

- Industry
- SMEs
- Other socio-economic actors

A project is:

- written by the experienced researcher
- a concrete plan of training-through-research
- the host organisation's premises
- under the direct supervision of the Supervisor(s)

*Realistic and well-defined objectives in terms of **career advancement** or resuming a research career after a break.*

Typical training activities may include:

- training-through-research: individual personalised action
- Hands-on training activities for developing scientific (new techniques, instruments) and transferable skills (proposal preparation to request funding, IPR management , task coordination, supervising & monitoring, exploitation of research results)
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary transfer of knowledge (e.g. through secondments)
- Organisation of scientific/training/dissemination events
- Communication, outreach activities and horizontal skills
- Training dedicated to gender issues

MSCA IF Financial Aspects



	Researcher unit cost [person/month]			Institutional unit cost [person/month]	
	Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training & networking costs	Management & indirect costs
Individual Fellowships	4 650	600	500	800	650

***adjusted** through the application of a **country correction coefficient**

A transfer of knowledge which contributes significantly to the impact of the fellowship.

Fellowship Duration	Maximum duration of secondment
\leq 18 months	3 months
$>$ 18 months	6 months

- Secondment should be clearly described in proposal
- Can be a single period or divided into multiple shorter periods
- Can be at more than one partner organisation located in Europe
- Can be to an institution in the same country as the beneficiary
- Can be in the same sector
- No letter of commitment needed
- Is different from **short visit** (e.g. field work), which can be done in a TC
- Special rule for Global Fellowships in duly justified cases **NEW!**



An experienced researcher applies with one host institution for a research project that can last between 12 and 24 months.

Host Institution (future Beneficiary)

- Location: MS or AC
- Sector: Academic or Non-academic
- Can be International European Interest Organisation (IEIO)
- Can be International Organisation (*exceptional cases*)

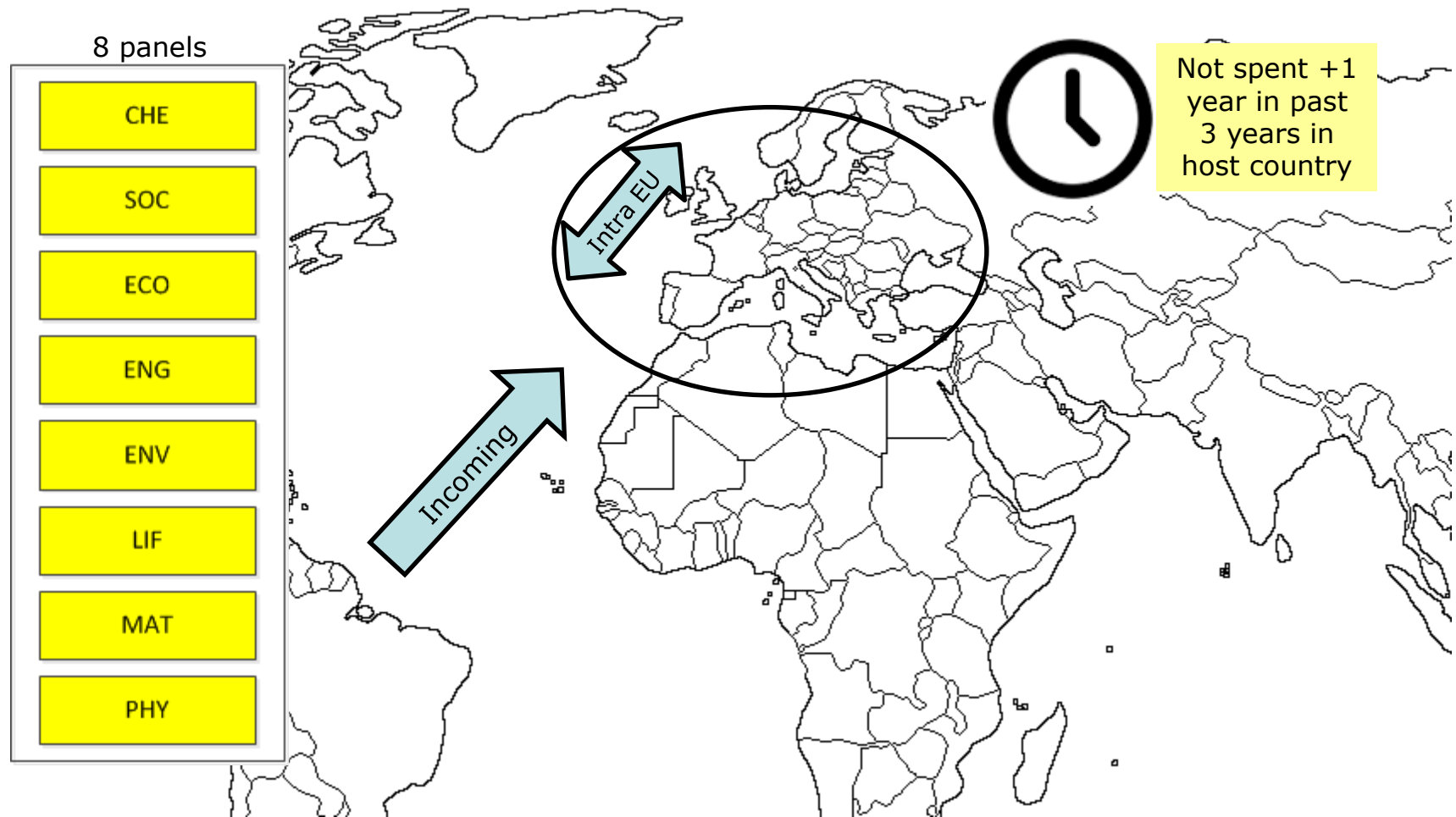
Appoints the Supervisor

Recruits the experienced researcher (contract of employment)

Researcher (future Fellow)

- Must undertake transnational mobility
- Can be of any nationality (with the exception of the Re-Integration panel)

EF - Standard



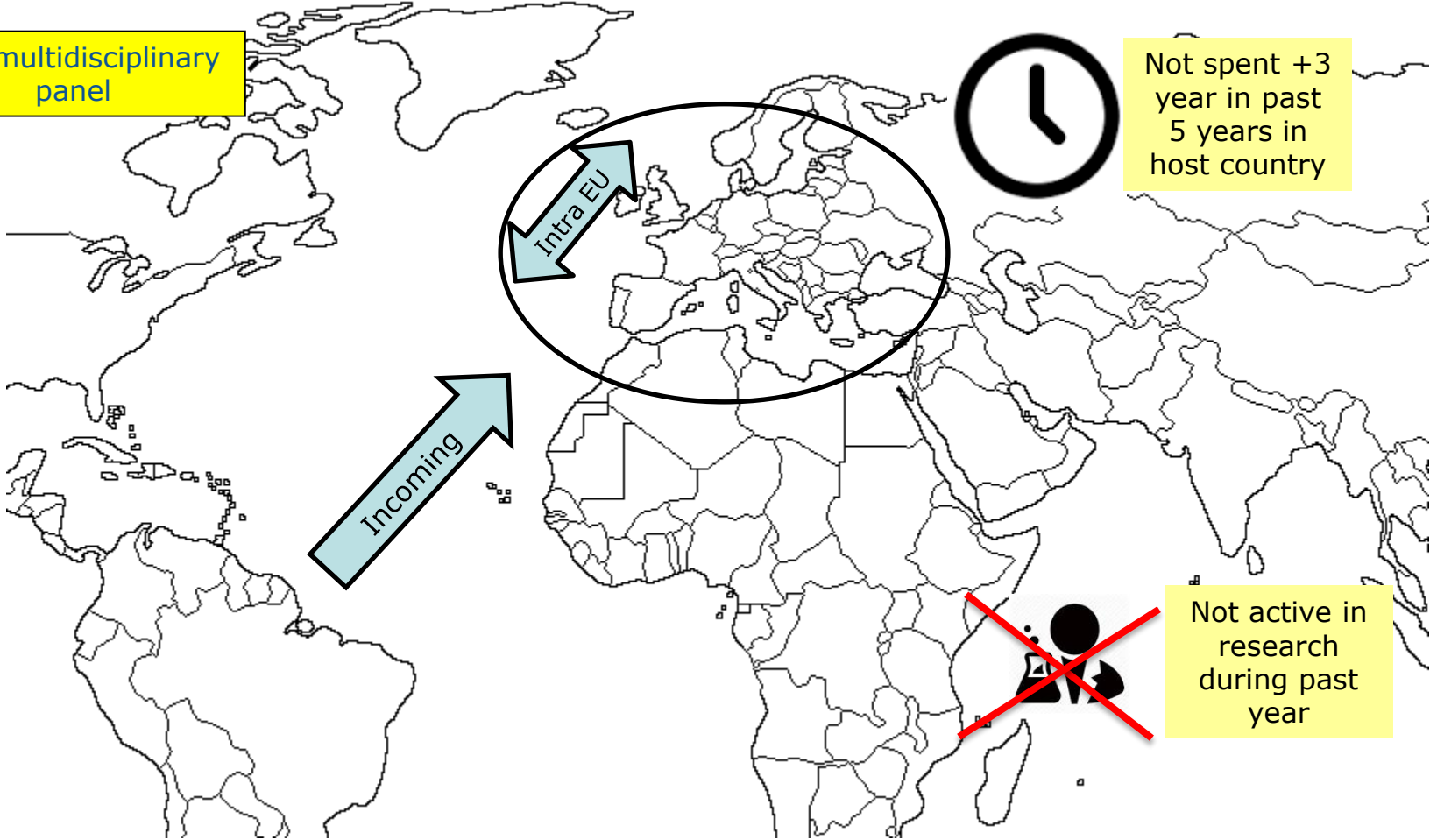
8 panels

- CHE
- SOC
- ECO
- ENG
- ENV
- LIF
- MAT
- PHY

EF – Career Restart Panel



One multidisciplinary panel



Not spent +3 year in past 5 years in host country

Not active in research during past year



Definition of **career break in research**:

not have been *active in research* for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals (15/09/16 to 14/09/17).

Active in research: determined on the basis of

A. fellowships in research domain or

B. employment contracts in research domain

The **professional status** should be clearly explained in the proposal, both **in part A and B**:

e.g. unemployment, parental/sick leave, no fellowship/employment contract in research

EF – Re-integration Panel



One multidisciplinary panel



If not European, researcher must have spent at least 5 years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)



Not spent +3 year in past 5 years in host country



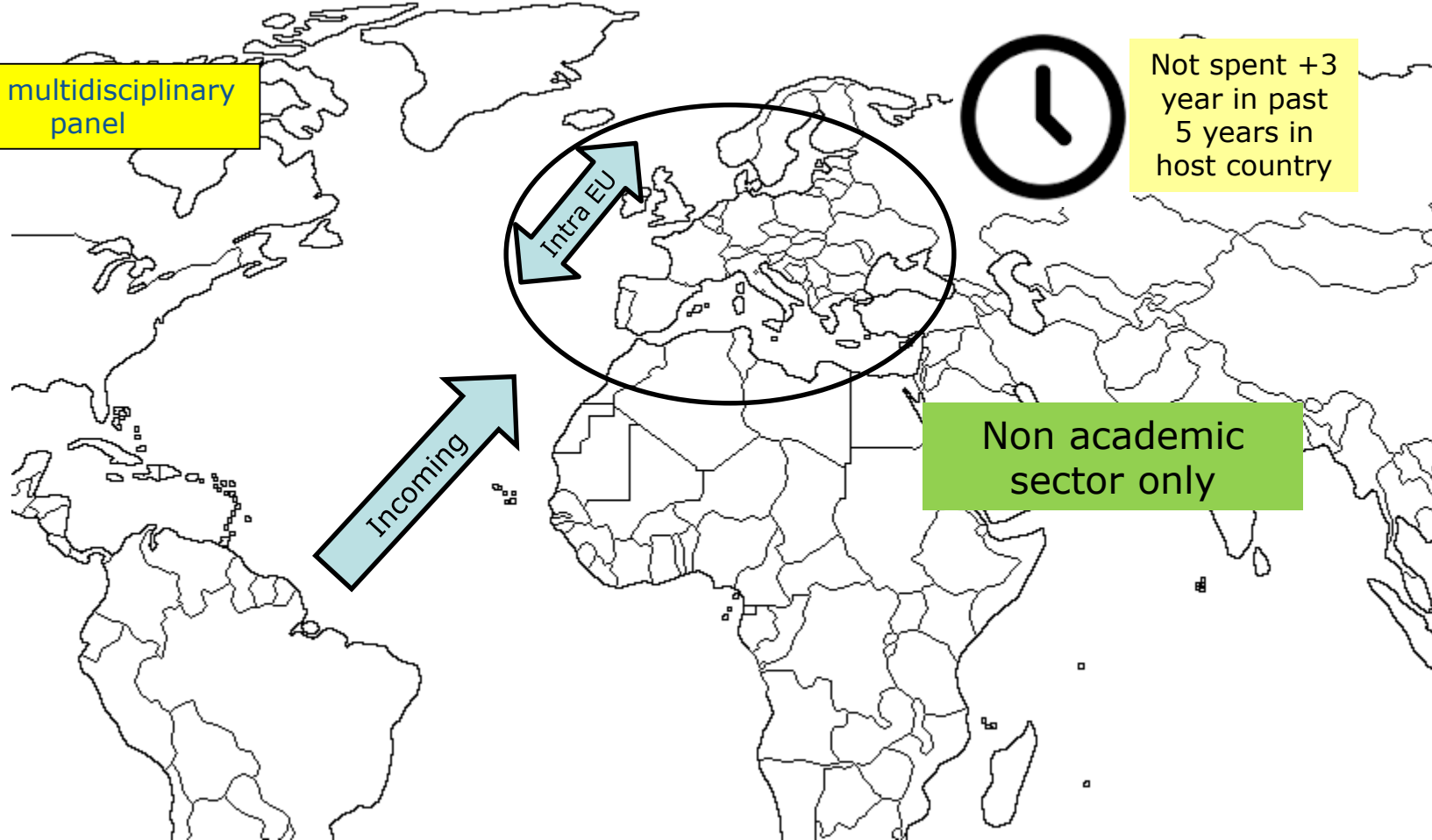
No minimum time spent outside EU

EF – Society & Enterprise Panel

NEW!



One multidisciplinary panel



Not spent +3 year in past 5 years in host country

Non academic sector only

Incoming

Intra EU

Beneficiary only **from non-academic sector** :

- from industry to business (including SMEs),
- government,
- civil society organisations (NGOs, trusts, foundations, etc.),
- cultural institutions and museums,
- hospitals,
- international organisations (like the UN or WHO), etc.

Mobility rule is to not have spent more than 3 years in the last 5 years in the country of the beneficiary

Earmarked budget of **10 million €**



One experienced researcher applies with one host institution for a research project that can last between 24 and 36 months (12-24 months initial outgoing phase in a in a Third Country + 12 months of mandatory return phase)

Host Institution (future Beneficiary)

Same as in EF!

- Location: MS or AC
- Sector: Academic or Non-academic
- Can be International European Interest Organisation (IEIO)
- Can be International Organisation (*exceptional cases*)

Appoints the Supervisor

Recruits the experienced researcher (contract of employment)



Partner Organisation

- Location: Third Country (not MS or AC)
- Sector: Academic or Non-academic
- Can be International Organisation
- Nominates a Supervisor for the researcher
- Provides a signed Letter of Commitment* (in the proposal)

- **DOES NOT sign the Grant Agreement**
- **DOES NOT recruit the researcher**
- **DOES NOT claim costs directly from the action**

Global Fellowships – Letter of Commitment



!!!!!!! Document needed only for Global Fellowships !!!!!!!

- no specific template
- has heading or stamp from the partner organisation
- is up-to-date (i.e. issued after the call publication, 11 April 2017)
- the text must demonstrate the will to actively participate in the proposed action and the precise role
- is signed by the legal representative of the partner organisation



Researcher (future Fellow)

Mobility: from ANY country to the partner organisation in the Third Country

Mobility rule: not more than 3 years in the last 5 years in the Third Country of the partner organisation

Nationality: national of MS/AC *or*
long-term resident of a MS/AC

! Under the direct supervision of *two* Supervisors.

Duration

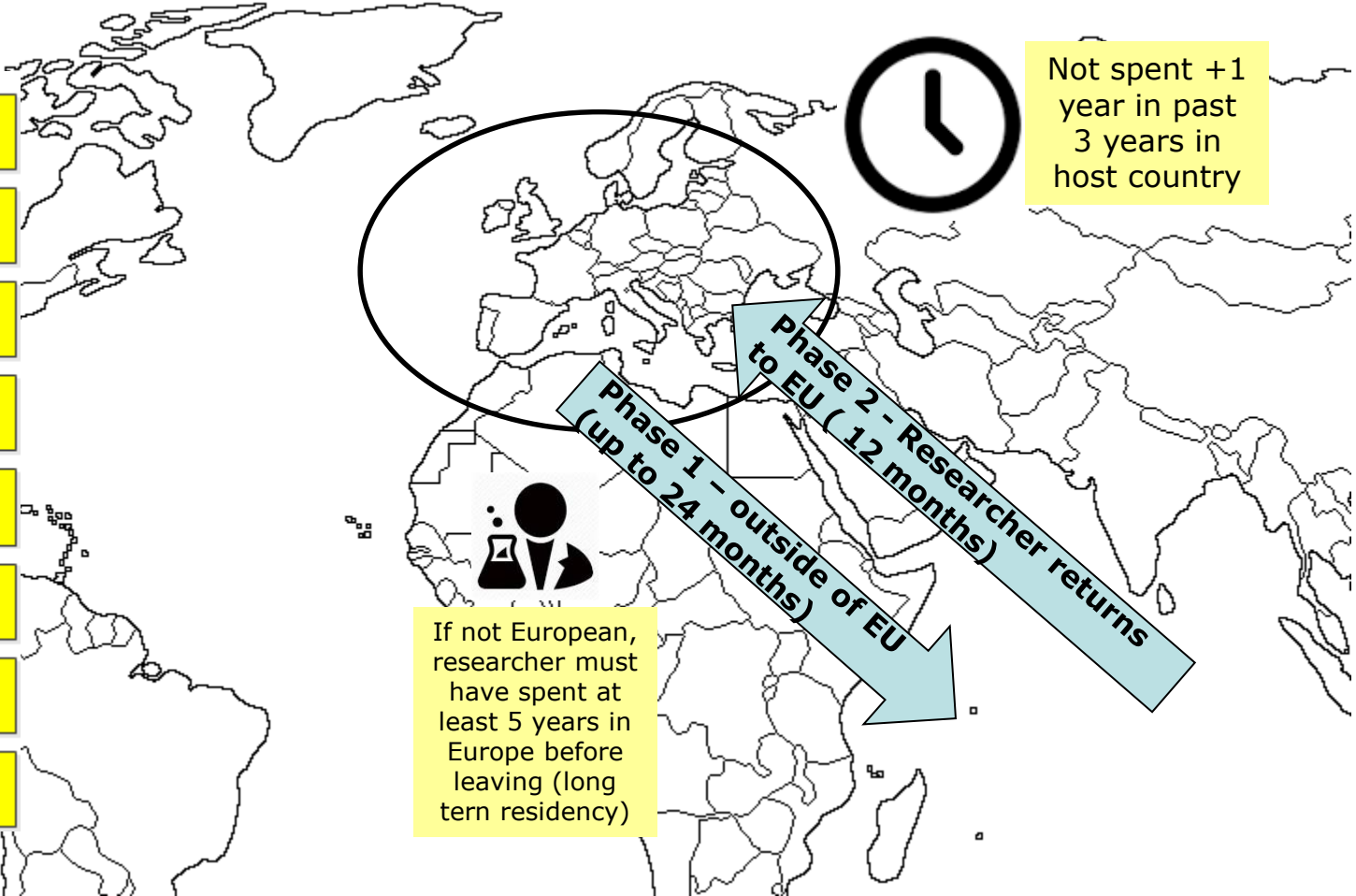
Phase GF	Duration (months)
1. Outgoing to TC	12 - 24
2. Return to MS or AC	12 (mandatory)
TOTAL	24 - 36

Global Fellowships



8 panels

- CHE
- SOC
- ECO
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- LIF
- MAT
- PHY



If not European, researcher must have spent at least 5 years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)

INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS		EUROPEAN				GLOBAL
		Standard EF	CAR	RI	SE	GF
EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS	Nationality	ANY	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents
	Mobility	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to MS or AC	From TC to MS or AC (location of host institution)	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to TC then to MS/AC
		< 12 months in the last 3 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 12 months in the last 3 years
	Career break in research	-	≥ 12 mm before 14/09/17	-	-	-
PARTICIPANTS	Beneficiary	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC <u>Non-academic only</u>	MS or AC
	Entity with capital or legal link	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC <u>Non-academic only</u>	MS or AC
	Partner Organisation	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	outgoing phase (mandatory) TC
optional secondment MS or AC						
DURATION (months)		12 / 24	12 / 24	12 / 24	12 / 24	24 / 36 (12 / 24 + 12)
SCIENTIFIC PANELS/AREAS		8 panels	8 areas	8 areas	8 areas	8 panels
NUMBER OF RANKING LISTS		8	1	1	1	8
BUDGET (total € 218.5 million)		205 million			€10 million	€ 33.70million



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Evaluation Criteria and IF proposals



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Evaluation Criteria



Excellence	Impact	Quality and Efficiency of Implementation
<p>Quality and credibility of the research / innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter-/multidisciplinary and <i>gender aspects</i></p>	<p>Enhancing the potential and <i>future career prospects of the researcher</i></p>	<p>Coherence and effectiveness of the <i>work plan</i></p>
<p>Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to <i>exploit and disseminate</i> the project results</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the allocation of <i>tasks and resources</i></p>
<p>Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to <i>communicate</i> the project activities to different target audiences</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management</p>
<p>Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence</p>		<p><i>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</i></p>

Each criterion will be scored out of 5. Decimal points may be given.

Award Criteria



Excellence	Impact	Quality and Efficiency of Implementation
Weighting		
50%	30%	20%
Priority in Case of Ex Aequo		
1	2	3

The total score is weighted, the maximum is 100.

An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.

- **Further Prioritization**

- if necessary based on other appropriate characteristics that are
 - * decided by the panel
 - * related to the contribution of the proposal to the European Research Area and/or general objectives mentioned in the Work Programme
- depends on available budget and call conditions

Proposal Part A



Proposals: submitted exclusively electronically, using the Participant Portal.

Part A: administrative details

Section 1 – General Information

Section 2 – Administrative data of participating organisations (supervisor(s), researcher)

Section 3 – Budget: information on the duration (person-months) to calculate the total requested EU contribution.

Section 4 – Ethics: identifies any ethical aspects of the proposed work. Even if there are no issues, you must simply confirm that none of the ethical issues apply to the proposal.

Section 5 – Call specific questions request declarations related to eligibility and personal data, together with questions on any secondment in Europe.

Proposal Part B



The "core" of the proposal – the structure below is mandatory

DOCUMENT 1 (13-PAGE LIMIT APPLIED)

START PAGE (1 page)

LIST OF PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

START PAGE COUNT (MAX 10 PAGES SECTIONS 1-3)

- 1. EXCELLENCE**
 - 2. IMPACT**
 - 3. IMPLEMENTATION**
- MAX 10 pages**

STOP PAGE COUNT (MAX 10 PAGES SECTIONS 1-3)

DOCUMENT 2 (NO OVERALL PAGE LIMIT APPLIED)

- 4. CV OF THE EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER**
- 5. CAPACITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS**
- 6. ETHICAL ASPECTS**
- 7. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS (only for GF)**

Descriptors



Chosen by applicants to guide REA in selection of experts and allocation of proposals to the experts.

Number of descriptors ranges from 3 to 5. Applicants select the descriptors **in order of importance** with 1st being the most important

Annex 6 of the GfA contains a breakdown of scientific areas into descriptors. ***The list has been updated to better reflect the scientific domains.*** **NEW!**

Applicants must:

- 1) Select one of the 5 types of fellowship (EF-ST, EF-CAR, EF-RI, EF-SE, GF)
- 2) Select the area of research (e.g.: CHE), i.e. the core discipline of the proposal
- 3) Within the most relevant sub-area of research (e.g.: C1-Synthetic Chemistry and Materials), select the **first descriptor** that best characterises the subject of the proposal
- 4) Select the **second descriptor** within the same area of research (e.g.: CHE)
- 5) **Third descriptor:** from **any of the eight (8) areas of research** is mandatory.
- 6) If needed applicants **may add further two (2) additional descriptors** chosen freely.

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The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020.

What is the NCP network?

NCPs are national structures established and financed by governments of the 28 EU member states and the states associated to the framework programme. NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages. The NCP systems can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies to private consulting companies.

NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").

NCP Services

As the NCPs are national structures, the type and level of services offered may differ from country to country. In general, the following basic services are available in accordance with the [NCP Guiding Principles](#) agreed by all countries:

- Guidance on choosing relevant H2020 topics and types of action
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance on proposal writing
- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- Assistance in partner search

Search for your NCP

Find the contact details of your national H2020 National Contact Point or those of your potential partner's country. You can search for NCPs in Member States, Associated Countries and third countries. You can also search for NCPs by thematic areas or functions; for instance, you can look for an NCP who is specialised in Marie Curie actions. Hover over the NCP functions to view the explanation of their specific responsibilities.

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- easy navigation by process steps;
- a brief descriptions on how to complete your tasks.

Links and references to:

- Guidance notes, templates
- User manuals of the relevant tools
- Frequently asked questions

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