

Scene-setter:

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are open to all domains of research and innovation addressed under the Treaty, from basic research up to market take-up and innovation services. Research and innovation fields as well as sectors are chosen freely by the applicants in a fully bottom-up manner.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are open to researchers and innovation staff, as well as to universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, and other socio-economic actors from all countries, including third countries under the conditions defined in Regulation (EU) XX/2013 (Rules for Participation). Attention is paid to encourage a strong participation of enterprises, in particular SMEs, for the successful implementation and impact of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

Mobility is a key requirement in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Researchers receive funding on the condition that they move from one country to another to broaden or deepen their competences.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions support researchers to get established on a more stable career path and to ensure that they can achieve an appropriate work/life balance, taking into account their family situation. The principles of the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers¹ promoting open recruitment and attractive working conditions are recommended to be endorsed and applied by all the funded participants.

The gender dimension is addressed in all Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Equal opportunities are to be ensured, both at the level of supported researchers and that of decision-making within the projects. In research projects where human beings are involved as subjects or end-users, gender differences may exist. In these cases the gender dimension in the research content has to be addressed as an integral part of the proposal to ensure the highest level of scientific quality.

To further enhance dissemination and public engagement, beneficiaries of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are required to plan suitable outreach activities to the general public.

¹ Commission recommendation of 11 March 2005 on the European Charter for Researchers and on a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, C(2005) 576 of 11.3.2005.

Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

[H2020-2014-MSCA-ITN]

Objective: The Innovative Training Networks (ITN) aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.

The ITN will raise excellence and structure the initial and doctoral training of early-stage researchers, extending the traditional academic research training setting, equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences and providing enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and inter-sector mobility combined with the innovation-oriented mindset.

Scope: The action will be implemented by supporting competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

Partnerships may take the form of collaborative European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or Joint Doctorates (EJD). Eligibility conditions for the consortia are described in the annex XX of the Work Programme.

Each programme will have a clearly identified supervisory board co-ordinating network-wide training and establishing active and continuous communication and exchange of best practice among the partners to maximise the benefits of the partnership.

The programme should exploit complementary competences of the participants, and enable networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences to facilitate sharing of knowledge, new skills acquisition and career development of researchers.

Training will respond to well identified needs in defined scientific or technological areas, with appropriate references to interdisciplinary fields. It will be primarily focused on scientific and technological knowledge through research on individual, personalised projects.

In order to increase the employability of the researchers, the research training will be complemented by meaningful exposure of each researcher to other sectors and by substantial training modules addressing key transferable skills common to all fields (e.g. entrepreneurship, management and financing of research projects and programmes, management of intellectual property rights, other exploitation methods of research results, ethical aspects, communication, standardisation and societal outreach). The training will follow the EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training.

Attention will be paid to the quality of supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance. Joint supervision of the researchers is mandatory for EJD and for EID. In EID, the joint supervision of the researcher shall be done by at least one supervisor from the academic sector and one supervisor from the non-academic sector. Joint supervision is also encouraged in ETN.

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In EID and EJD the enrolment in the doctoral programme and a creation of joint governance structure with joint admission, selection, supervision, monitoring and assessment procedures is obligatory. In case of EJD, the enrolment shall result in the award of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees.

Recruited researchers will play an active role in shaping their own training programme and professional development. They will establish, together with their personal supervisor(s), an individual Career Development Plan. In addition to scientific objectives, this plan will comprise the researchers' training and career needs.

Expected impact: ITN will create and contribute to the structuring of high-quality initial research and doctoral training capacity throughout Europe and beyond. Through research training provided by the institutions from different countries, sectors and disciplines, this action will trigger cooperation between organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors. It will enhance skills development and knowledge-sharing, enhancing researchers' employability and providing them with new career perspectives. This will shape future generations of entrepreneurial researchers capable of contributing effectively to the knowledge-based economy and society. It will also add to the attraction of young people to a research career.

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CALL

Publication date: December 2013 (launch of Horizon 2020)²

Deadline(s): 08 April 2014 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 350.00 million from the 2014 budget. Of this amount, EUR 25 million are earmarked for European Industrial Doctorates and EUR 25 million are earmarked for European Joint Doctorates.

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Grants (100%) – Single stage

Duration: In principle, the maximum duration of the programme to be supported will be four years from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement.

Eligibility conditions: The eligibility conditions for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on eligibility conditions for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application

Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions criteria\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application.

Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\]](#)

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement³:

Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): October 2014

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: January 2015

Consortium agreement:

Participants in EID resulting from this call are required to conclude a consortium agreement. Participants in ETN and EJD resulting from this call are NOT required to conclude a consortium agreement.

³ Should the call publication postponed, the dates in this table should be adjusted accordingly.

Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF)

[H2020-2014-MSCA-IF]

Objective: The goal of the action is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. This action develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience. It provides opportunities to acquire new knowledge and to work on research projects in a European context (Member States and associated countries) or outside Europe. It also particularly supports the reintegration of researchers currently outside Europe who have previously worked here.

Scope: Support is foreseen for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers for employment in Member States or associated countries, based on an application made jointly by the researcher and host organisation in the academic or non-academic sectors.

There are three different mobility types: European and Reintegration Fellowships are held in Member States or associated countries, whereas Global Fellowships are based on a secondment to a third country. The country where the European or Reintegration Fellowship is held or where the Global Fellowship secondment takes place is subject to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie rule of mobility. For a Reintegration Fellowship, there must be mobility into Europe and the researcher must have previously been a long-term resident⁴ in Europe. Global Fellowships include a mandatory 12 month period in Europe upon return from the third country, which is not subject to the mobility rule (thus enabling sabbaticals).

The IF action may assist individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break. To ensure fair opportunities for such proposals, they can be submitted to a separate multi-disciplinary panel of the European Fellowship.

Researchers receiving an individual fellowship may opt to include a secondment phase, notably in the non-academic sector, within the overall duration of their Fellowship. For a Fellowship of 18 months or less, the secondment phase may last up to three months. For a Fellowship of more than 18 months, the secondment phase may last up to six months. The secondment phase can be a single period or be divided into shorter mobility periods. The secondments may only take place within Europe and should significantly add to the impact of the research project.

Fellows will play an active role in shaping their own training programme and professional development. Each researcher will establish, together with her/his personal supervisor in the host organisation, a Career Development Plan comprising his/her training needs (including transferable skills) and research objectives and will later report upon the progress towards these objectives.

⁴ Long-term residence means a period of at least three years.

Expected impact: Projects are expected to add significantly to the development of the best and most promising researchers active in Europe, in order to enhance and maximise their contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society. The action will also strengthen the contact network of both the researcher and the host organisation. The fellowship will contribute to release the full potential of researchers and to catalyse significant development in their careers in both the academic and non-academic sectors. Some fellows will be resuming a research career in Europe after a break, or reintegrating within Europe after living abroad.

Publication date: December 2013 (launch of Horizon 2020)⁵

Deadline(s): 10 April 2014 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 175.00 million from the 2014 budget. Of this amount, EUR 25 million are earmarked for Global Fellowships and EUR 20 million are earmarked for Reintegration Fellowships.

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Grants (100%) – Single stage

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Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions criteria\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application.

Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\]](#)

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement⁶:

Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): October 2014

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: January 2015

Consortium agreement:

Not applicable - this is a mono-beneficiary action.

⁵ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication

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Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

[H2020-2014-MSCA-COFUND]

Objective: The action aims at stimulating regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. This will be achieved by co-funding new or existing regional, national, and international programmes to open-up to, and provide for, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sector mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.

Scope: Each project funded under this action shall have a sole participant that shall be responsible for the availability of the necessary matching funds to execute the project. Eligibility conditions for the participant are described in the annex XX of the Work Programme.

Participant will submit multi-annual proposals for new or existing doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes that may be run on regional, national or international level. The evaluation will be organised in two different panels: A) Doctoral programme and B) Fellowship programmes.

Doctoral programmes will address the development and broadening of the research competencies of early-stage researchers. The training will follow the EU Principles on Innovative Doctoral Training. Collaboration with a wider set of partners, including from the non-academic sector, which may provide hosting or secondment opportunities or training in research or transferable skills, as well as innovative elements of the proposed programme, will be positively taken into account during the evaluations. Each researcher shall be enrolled in a doctoral programme. Attention will be paid to qualitative and quantitative supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance.

Fellowship programmes will fund individual research training and career development fellowships for experienced researchers. Fellowships shall not be awarded to researchers who are already permanently employed at the host organisation. The programmes supported should have regular selection rounds following fixed deadlines or regular cut-off dates allowing a fair competition between applying researchers. The selections must be based on open, widely advertised competition, with transparent international peer review and selection of candidates on merits. Mobility types supported by fellowship programmes may be similar as the ones supported under MSCA IF. On top of transnational mobility, applicants are encouraged to include elements of cross-sectoral mobility into their programmes. Fellowship programmes should be based on individual-driven mobility, i.e., researchers should be able to freely choose a research topic and the appropriate host organisation fitting their individual needs.

Limitations regarding the researchers' origin and destination should be avoided. Given that the aim of the co-funded fellowship programmes is the support of individual fellows, research teams will not be funded.

Proposed fellowship programmes are encouraged to cover all scientific disciplines ("bottom-up"), but can also focus on specific disciplines. In this case the range of covered disciplines should allow reasonable flexibility for the researchers. Programmes that prioritise specific scientific disciplines

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based on national or regional Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3 strategies) will also be supported.

All researchers supported under this action will comply with the mobility rule of the MSCA. Existing programmes can deviate from this rule if duly justified in the proposal by the applicant.

Expected impact: This action will on a voluntary basis exploit synergies between European Union actions and those at regional and national level, as well as with other actions at international level. The action will have leverage effect on regional, national or international funding programmes for early-stage researchers and experienced researchers. This impact is expected to extend to:

1. enabling the relevant regional, national and international actors to contribute significantly to the development within their own setting of high quality human resources, by introducing and/or further developing the trans-national dimension of their offers;
2. increasing the numerical and/or qualitative impact, in terms of supported researchers or working/employment conditions;
3. combating fragmentation in terms of objectives, evaluation methods and working conditions of regional, national or international offers in this area.

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CALL

Publication date: 08 July 2014⁷

Deadline(s): 18 November 2014 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 80.00 million from the 2014 budget. Of this amount, EUR 25 million are earmarked for Doctoral Programmes.

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

The European Union contribution has maximum overall of EUR XX million⁸ to a single applicant legal entity for one call. Participants having benefited from COFUND under previous calls (under FP7 or under Horizon 2020) shall explain in their proposals how the latest proposal relates to and goes beyond the earlier grant and provide evidence for its quality (e.g., if appropriate, by external evaluations).

Instrument: Programme co-fund action. Grants (up to 70%) – Single stage

Duration: Selected programmes shall have a duration of 36 to 60 months, which includes the time that is needed to select or recruit the researchers..

Eligibility conditions: The eligibility conditions for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on eligibility conditions for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application

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⁸ approximately 10% of the call budget

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Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully the provisions [[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions criteria](#)] under Annex X before the preparation of your application.

Evaluation procedure: [[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)]

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement⁹:

Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): May 2015

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: August 2015

Consortium agreement:

Not applicable - this is a mono-beneficiary action.

⁹ Should the call publication postponed, the dates in this table should be adjusted accordingly.

Call: European Researchers' Night (NIGHT)

[H2020-2014-MSCA-NIGHT]

Objective: This action aims to bring the researchers closer to the public at large and to increase public awareness of the research and innovation activities, with a view to supporting the public recognition of researchers, creating an understanding of the impact of researchers' work on daily life, and encouraging young people to embark on scientific careers.

Scope: The European Researchers' Night takes place yearly, on the last Friday of the month of September and is the occasion for a European wide public and media event for the promotion of research careers, in particular towards young people and their parents. Supported events can start early Friday afternoon and last until early morning the next Saturday.

Activities should focus on the public at large, addressing and attracting people regardless of the level their scientific background, with a special focus on pupils and students. Activities can combine education aspects with entertainment, especially when addressing young audience. They can take various forms, e.g. hands-on experiments, science shows, simulations, debates, games, competitions, quizzes, etc.

Activities should promote the European dimension of research and innovation and should be organised with researchers actively involved and directly in contact with the public. Where appropriate, involvement of researchers funded by Horizon 2020 projects, including Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, should be ensured.

Participants can be any legal entity in the Member States and associated countries, and/or if relevant, constituting a partnership at regional, national or international level. Each project will set up of at least one European corner.

Expected impact: The action will help tackling the existing stereotypes about researchers and their profession, and make the public at large better understand the central role of researchers and the key benefits they bring to society. At long-term, the action will convince young people that research careers are fascinating and will stimulate them to embark on research careers.

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Publication date: December 2013 (launch of Horizon 2020)¹⁰

Deadline(s): 04 March 2014 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 7.80 million from the 2014 budget

¹⁰ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Coordination and Support Action - Grants (100%) – Single stage

Duration: In principle, the maximum duration of the programme to be supported will be two years from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement. The grant agreement should cover two editions of the Night, in two subsequent years. If appropriate, projects of 12 month duration may also be considered.

Eligibility conditions: The standard eligibility conditions for cooperation and support action apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on eligibility conditions for cooperation and support action\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application

Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for for cooperation and support action apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for cooperation and support action\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application.

Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for cooperation and support action\]](#)

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement¹¹:
Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): June 2014

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: July 2014

Consortium agreement:

Participants in actions resulting from this call are NOT required to conclude a consortium agreement.

¹¹ Should the call publication postponed, the dates in this table should be adjusted accordingly.

Call: Tran-national cooperation among Marie Skłodowska-Curie National Contact Points (NCP)

[H2020-2014-MSCA-NCP]

Objective: This action aims to reinforce the network of National Contact Points (NCP) for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), by promoting trans-national co-operation.

Scope: The action will focus on identifying and sharing good practice. This may entail various mechanisms such as benchmarking, joint workshops, training sessions, etc. Practical initiatives to benefit cross-border audiences should be encouraged. In this first call under Horizon 2020, special attention will be given to helping MCSA NCPs to rapidly acquire the know-how in the implementation of the new framework programme.

Expected impact: An improved NCP service across Europe, therefore helping simplify access to Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, lowering the entry barriers for newcomers, and raising the average quality of submitted proposals; a more consistent level of NCP support services across Europe

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CALL

Publication date: December 2013 (launch of Horizon 2020)¹²

Deadline(s): 31 March 2014 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 1.50 million from the 2014 budget

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Coordination and Support Action - Grant (100%) – Single stage

Duration: The maximum duration of the project will be three years from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement.

Eligibility conditions: Eligibility conditions: The standard eligibility conditions for cooperation and support action apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on eligibility conditions for cooperation and support action\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application

Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for for cooperation and support action apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for cooperation and support action\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application.

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Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for cooperation and support action\]](#)

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement¹³:

Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): May 2014

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: September 2014

Consortium agreement:

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Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

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Objective: The Innovative Training Networks (ITN) aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.

The ITN will raise excellence and structure the initial and doctoral training of early-stage researchers, extending the traditional academic research training setting, equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences and providing enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and inter-sector mobility combined with the innovation-oriented mindset.

Scope: The action will be implemented by supporting competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

Partnerships may take the form of collaborative European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or Joint Doctorates (EJD). Eligibility conditions for the consortia are described in the annex XX of the Work Programme.

Each programme will have a clearly identified supervisory board co-ordinating network-wide training and establishing active and continuous communication and exchange of best practice among the partners to maximise the benefits of the partnership.

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Attention will be paid to the quality of supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance. Joint supervision of the researchers is mandatory for EJD and for EID. In EID, the joint supervision of the researcher shall be done by at least one supervisor from the academic sector and one supervisor from the non-academic sector. Joint supervision is also encouraged in ETN.

In EID and EJD the enrolment in the doctoral programme and a creation of joint governance structure with joint admission, selection, supervision, monitoring and assessment procedures is obligatory. In case of EJD, the enrolment shall result in the award of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees.

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Expected impact: ITN will create and contribute to the structuring of high-quality initial research and doctoral training capacity throughout Europe and beyond. Through research training provided by the institutions from different countries, sectors and disciplines, this action will trigger cooperation between organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors. It will enhance skills development and knowledge-sharing, enhancing researchers' employability and providing them with new career perspectives. This will shape future generations of entrepreneurial researchers capable of contributing effectively to the knowledge-based economy and society. It will also add to the attraction of young people to a research career.

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CALL

Publication date: 02 September 2014¹⁴

Deadline(s): 21 January 2015 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 386.00 million from the 2015 budget. Of this amount, EUR 27 million are earmarked for European Industrial Doctorates and EUR 27 million are earmarked for European Joint Doctorates.

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Grants (100%) – Single stage

Duration: In principle, the maximum duration of the programme to be supported will be four years from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement.

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Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\]](#)

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement¹⁵:

Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): July 2015

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: October 2015

Consortium agreement:

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The IF action may assist individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break. To ensure fair opportunities for such proposals, they can be submitted to a separate multi-disciplinary panel of the European Fellowship.

Researchers receiving an individual fellowship may opt to include a secondment phase, notably in the non-academic sector, within the overall duration of their Fellowship. For a Fellowship of 18 months or less, the secondment phase may last up to three months. For a Fellowship of more than 18 months, the secondment phase may last up to six months. The secondment phase can be a single period or be divided into shorter mobility periods. The secondments may only take place within Europe and should significantly add to the impact of the research project.

Fellows will play an active role in shaping their own training programme and professional development. Each researcher will establish, together with her/his personal supervisor in the host organisation, a Career Development Plan comprising his/her training needs (including transferable skills) and research objectives and will later report upon the progress towards these objectives.

¹⁶ Long-term residence means a period of at least three years.

Expected impact: Projects are expected to add significantly to the development of the best and most promising researchers active in Europe, in order to enhance and maximise their contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society. The action will also strengthen the contact network of both the researcher and the host organisation. The fellowship will contribute to release the full potential of researchers and to catalyse significant development in their careers in both the academic and non-academic sectors. Some fellows will be resuming a research career in Europe after a break, or reintegrating within Europe after living abroad.

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CALL

Publication date: 12 November 2014¹⁷

Deadline(s): 14 April 2015 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 190.00 million from the 2015 budget. Of this amount, EUR 27 million are earmarked for Global Fellowships and EUR 22 million are earmarked for Reintegration Fellowships.

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Grants (100%) – Single stage

Duration: In principle, the maximum duration of the programme to be supported will be four years from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement.

Eligibility conditions: The eligibility conditions for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on eligibility conditions for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application

Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions criteria\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application.

Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\]](#)

- Proposal page limits and layout: A maximum length of the proposal is of 25 pages. There is no automatic check in the system. Experts will be instructed to disregard any excess pages in each section in which the maximum number of pages is indicated.

The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers). Ensure that the font type chosen is clearly readable (e.g. Arial or Times New Roman).

- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement¹⁸:

¹⁷ The Director-General responsible for the call may publish it up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date of publication

¹⁸ Should the call publication be postponed, the dates in this table should be adjusted accordingly.

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Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): October 2015

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: January 2016

Consortium agreement:

Not applicable - this is a mono-beneficiary action.

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Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

[H2020-2015-MSCA-RISE]

Objective: The RISE action will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and development of innovation.

The action will encompass an intersectoral or an international dimension, as well as combinations of both. It is designed to involve institutions from the academic sector and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe (Member States and Associated Countries) and outside Europe (third countries).

The action fosters a culture of innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

Scope: Support is provided for the creation, development, reinforcement and execution of partnerships in the form of a joint research and /or innovation programme between the participants, aimed at knowledge sharing and international as well as inter-sector mobility, based on two-way secondments of research and innovation staff with in-built return mechanism.

The organisations constituting the partnership shall directly contribute to the implementation of the joint research and innovation programme by seconding and/or hosting eligible staff members. Eligibility conditions for the participants are described in the annex XX of the Work Programme.

The proposed programme should exploit complementary competences of the participants, as well as other synergies, and enable networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences to facilitate sharing of knowledge, new skills acquisition and career development for research and innovation staff members.

Exchanges can be for both early-stage or experienced researchers' levels and can also include administrative, managerial and technical staff. The exchanges between institutions in Europe will cover only inter-sector secondments. The mobility towards countries outside Europe and vice-versa can cover both inter-sector and intra-sector secondments.

No intra-national secondments and no secondments between institutions located outside Europe (i.e. Member States and associated countries) can be supported.

Expected impact: Research and innovation projects under this action are expected to construct new and enhance existing networks of international and cross-sector cooperation. They will structure effectively and significantly enhance the interaction at human resources level between organisations in the academic and non-academic sector, and between Europe and third countries, in terms of knowledge sharing and broad skills development, bringing closer together their different cultures and expectation patterns, with a view to more effectively advancing the contributions of research to Europe's knowledge economy and society.

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A – Calls for proposals

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CALL

Publication date: 30 September 2014¹⁹

Deadline(s): 15 January 2015 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Indicative budget: EUR 80.30 million from the 2015 budget

[\[Link to the relevant option on "margin of manoeuvre"\]](#)

Instrument: Grants (100%) – Single stage

Duration: In principle, the maximum duration of the programme to be supported will be four years from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement.

Eligibility conditions: The eligibility conditions for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on eligibility conditions for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application

Evaluation criteria: The selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions apply. Please read carefully [the provisions \[Link to the annex on selection and award criteria for Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions criteria\] under Annex X](#) before the preparation of your application.

Evaluation procedure: [\[Link to the annex on standard evaluation procedure for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions\]](#)

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- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement²⁰:

Information on the outcome of the evaluation (*one stage*): July 2015

Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: October 2015

Consortium agreement:

Participants in actions resulting from this call are NOT required to conclude a consortium agreement.

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²⁰ Should the call publication be postponed, the dates in this table should be adjusted accordingly.

MSCA – Policy support actions not subject to calls for proposals

1 – Appointment of independent experts

The Commission and the Research Executive Agency, each for the actions managed by them, will appoint independent experts to assist with the evaluations of proposals and the review of indirect actions financed under Horizon 2020 and the previous framework programmes, in accordance with Article XX of the Horizon 2020 rules for participation.

Funding scheme: Coordination and Support Action – Expert contracts

Indicative budget: **EUR 10 million from the 2014 budget and EUR 10 million from the 2015 budget**

2 – Support for EU Presidency event

Support for EU presidency event

Legal entity: *to be specified at a later stage*

Evaluation criteria: The Coordination and Support Action will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria set out in Article XX of the Horizon 2020 rules of participation [\[Link to the annex\]](#).

Rate of co-financing: The maximum possible rate of co-financing is set out in Article XX of the Horizon 2020 rules of participation [\[Link to the annex\]](#).

Funding scheme: Coordination and Support Action – Grant to identified beneficiary

Indicative budget: **EUR 0.15 million from the 2014 budget and EUR 0.30 million from the 2015 budget**

3 – Studies on researcher mobility and careers

To study aspects of high relevance for the successful implementation of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: dual careers in research, promotion measures of research careers towards potential future researchers, career restart in research, industrial doctorates.

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B – Other actions

Funding scheme: Framework contract. Maximum four specific contracts.

Timeframe: Third quarter of 2014 for two first specific contracts and 2 quarter of 2015 for two other specific contracts

Indicative budget: **EUR 0.25 million from the 2014 budget and EUR 0.25 million from the 2015 budget**

4 – Alumni services

To further increase the impact of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, the networking between Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellows (current and past) will be enhanced. through the implementation of alumni services.

Funding scheme: Maximum one specific contract.

Timeframe: Third quarter of 2014

Indicative budget: **EUR 0.567 million from the 2014 budget and EUR 0.530 million from the 2015 budget**