

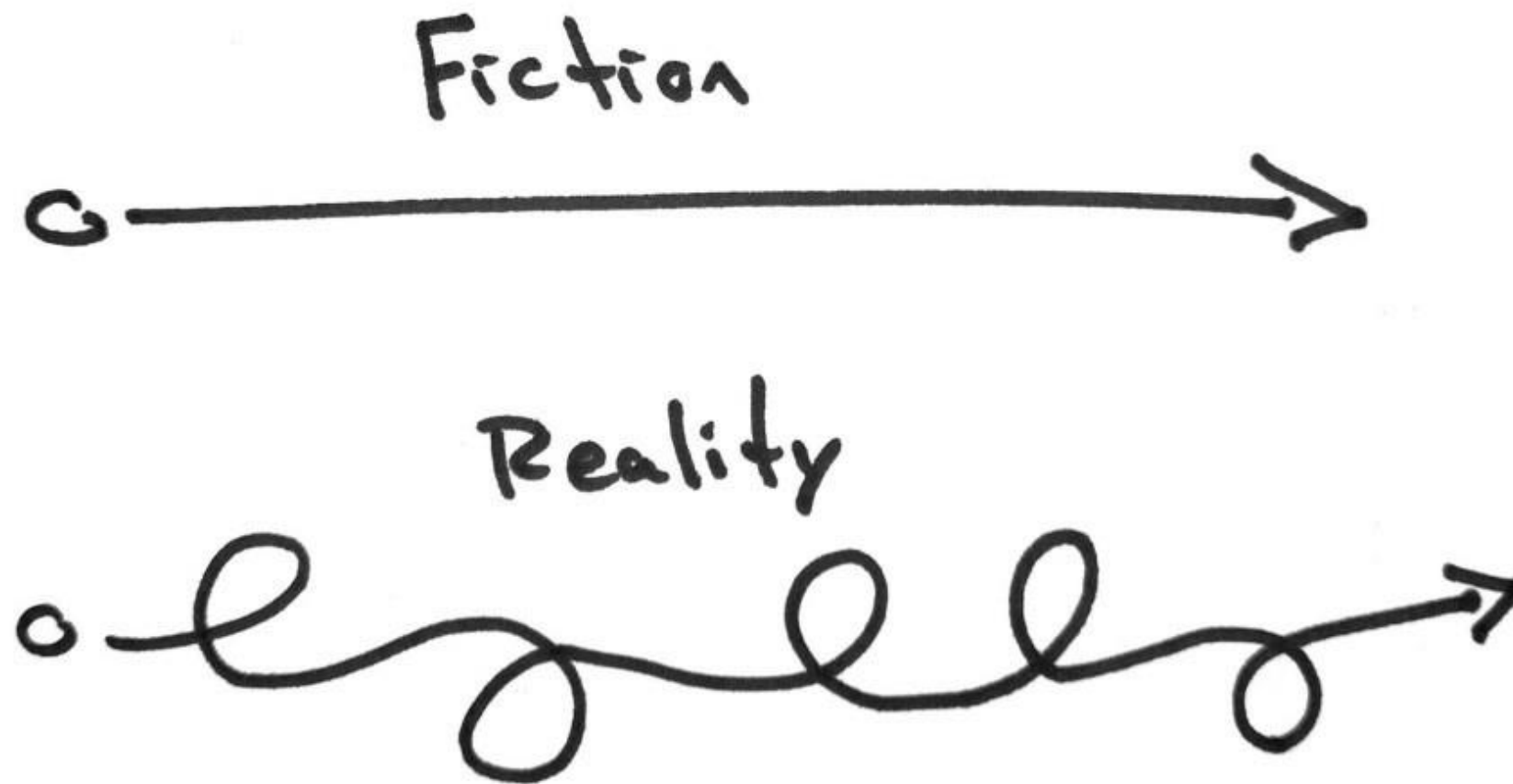
Info-day Postdoctoral Fellowships

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- What are my career goals? How will I reach them?
- What sort of research do I want to do?
- What questions drive me?
- What sort of organisations/institutes/research groups I want to work in?
- Where do I want to work? Where do I not want to work?



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- Lots of discussions with project members shaped a clearer project idea



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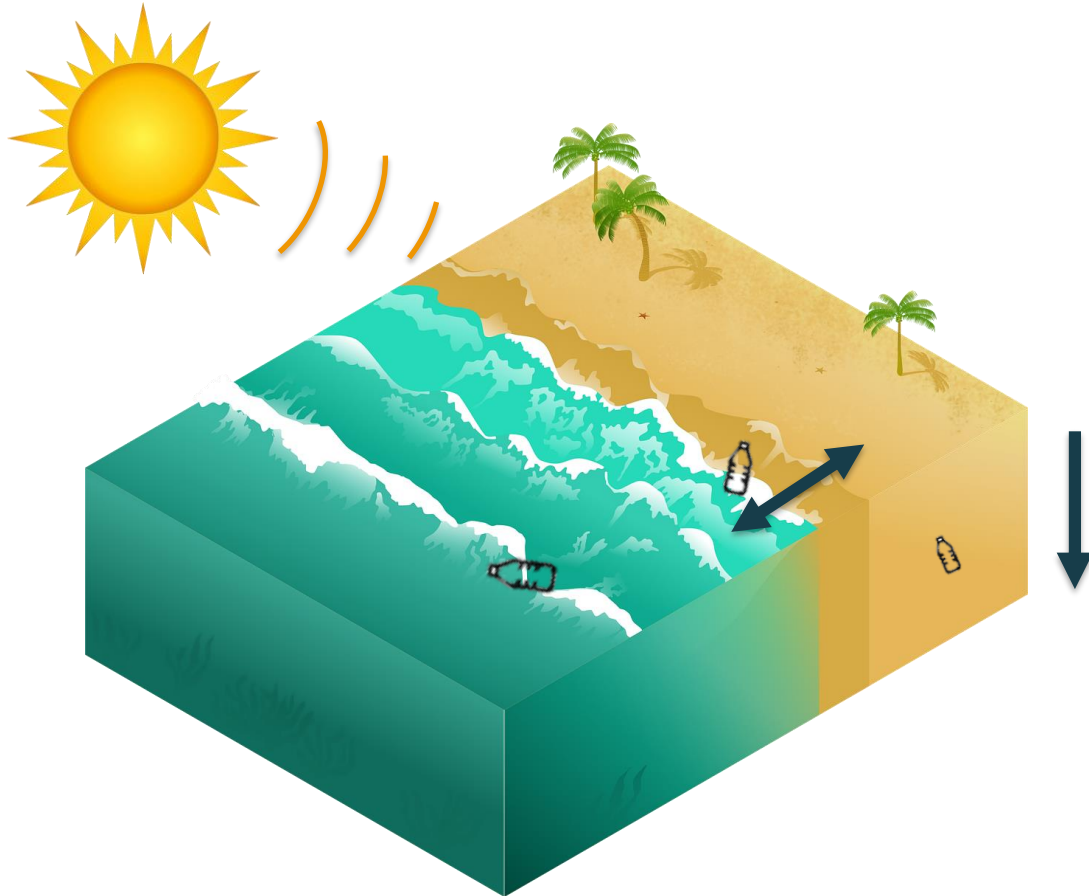


STORAGE - predicting the fate of plastic on beaches by their 3D-distribution and weathering processes

- Applied for the MSCA-**Global Fellowship** under the **Chemistry** Panel
 - GF-CHEM
 - Applied first in 2020 and then in 2021 with the same project and **got accepted on the 2nd round**
- Hawaii Pacific University = **Third Country host, associated partners**
- Clermont-Auvergne INP = **EU host, beneficiary**
- The Ocean Cleanup = **Secondment host, Partners**
 - Involves a **21-months** stay at Hawaii Pacific University in the U.S.
 - Followed by a **3-months** Secondment at The Ocean Cleanup in the Netherlands
 - A final **1-year** stay at Clermont-Auvergne INP (and ICCF) in France



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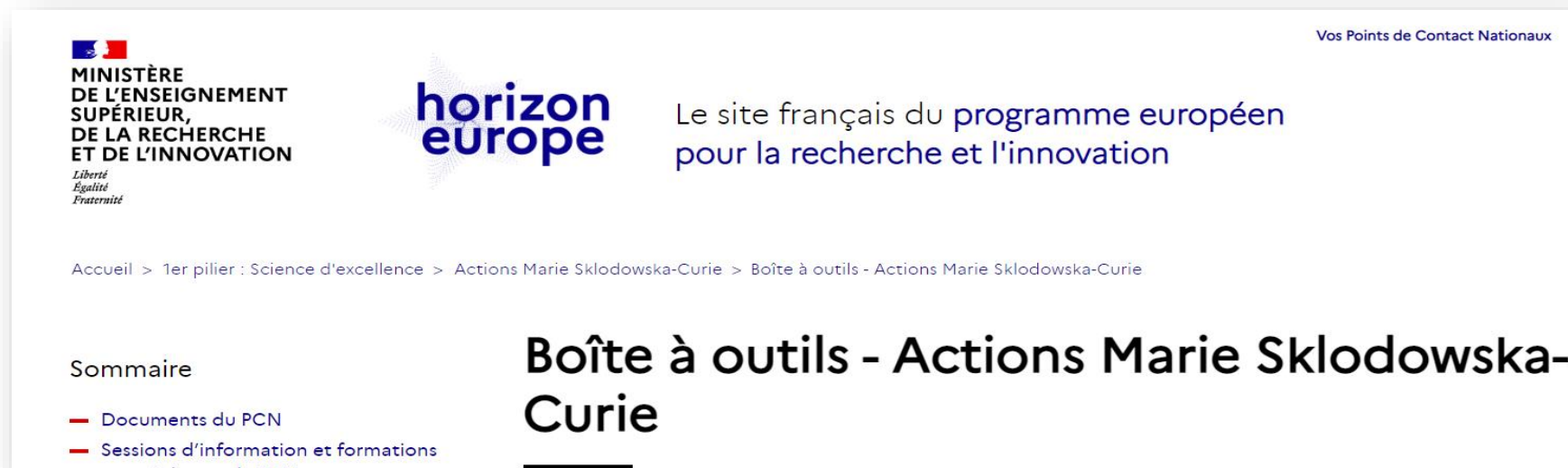
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<https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/boite-outils-actions-marie-sklodowska-curie-27980>



Vos Points de Contact Nationaux

 **MINISTÈRE
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ET DE L'INNOVATION**
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Égalité
Fraternité*

 **horizon
europe**

Le site français du programme européen
pour la recherche et l'innovation

Accueil > 1er pilier : Science d'excellence > Actions Marie Skłodowska-Curie > Boîte à outils - Actions Marie Skłodowska-Curie

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- Downloaded and read carefully the **MSCA applicant guide**
- Checked the **eligibilities** of hosts, career background, mobility...
- Checked **requested information** – start collecting

The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Documents de la Commission Européenne". Under the heading "Programmes de Travail", there is a link for "Programme de travail 2021-2022 - PDF | 1.93 MB". Below this, under the heading "Guides for Applicants", there are five links for different MSCA schemes: "Guide for applicants - PF 2021 - PDF | 577.06 KB", "Guide for applicants - DN 2021 - PDF | 735.02 KB", "Guide for applicants - Citizens 2021 - PDF | 707.25 KB", "Guide for applicants - SE 2021 - PDF | 687.42 KB", and "Guide for applicants - COFUND 2021 - PDF | 718.44 KB". The link for the PF 2021 guide is highlighted with a dark blue border.

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<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

- Created a Log in on the **Funding & Tenders portal**

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Find calls for proposals and tenders

Search calls for proposals and tenders by keywords, programmes... Search

EU Programmes

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)	Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI)	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Creative Europe (CREA)
Customs Programme (CUST)	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Europe Direct (ED)	European Defence Fund (EDF)	European Parliament (EP)	EU Anti-fraud Programme (EUAF)
European Solidarity Corps (ESC)	Erasmus+ Programme (ERASMUS)	EU4Health Programme (EU4H)	European Social Fund + (ESF)	European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	Euratom Research and Training Programme (EURATOM)
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EU External Action (RELEX)	Interregional Innovation Investments (I3)	Justice Programme (JUST)	Protection of the Euro against Counterfeiting Programme (PERICLES)	Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PPPA)	Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

News

06 May, 2022
Making Results Matter for the EU Missions – e-pitching events brought to you by the HRP!
The 'Angels Week' is now online! The series of e-pitching events highlight innovative research companies from the Horizon Results Platform that address the EU M...

04 May, 2022
Invitation to the on-line information session
A second call for proposals for establishing ESF+/EaSI strand National Contact Points in the Member States and third countries is open between 21 April – 29 Sep...

19 Apr, 2022
A new HRP TV video is ready for you!
This brand new Horizon Results Platform TV video featuring the experts from the Technology Transfer Office at Coimbra University addresses the critical phase wh...

Events

Avoiding errors in declaring personnel costs in Horizon 2020 grants
22 Jun 2022 10:00

Horizon Europe Coordinators' Day: Grant Agreement Preparation
15 Jun 2022 10:30

Info session on Horizon Results Booster – steering research towards a strong societal impact
25 May 2022 10:00

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SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS HOW TO PARTICIPATE PROJECTS & RESULTS WORK AS AN EXPERT SUPPORT

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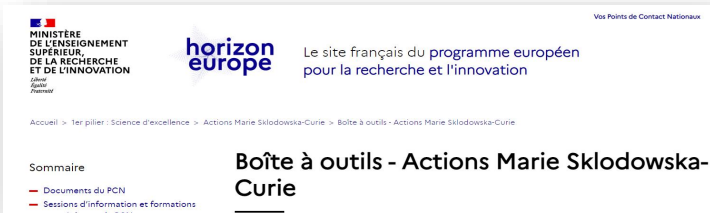
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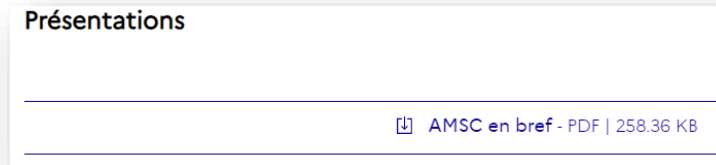
General information	General information		
Topic description	Programme Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)		
Destination	Call MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022 (HORIZON-MSCA-2022-PF-01) See budget overview		
Conditions and documents	Type of action HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships	Type of MGA HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]	Forthcoming
Partner search announcements	HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]	
Submission service	Deadline model single-stage	Planned opening date 13 April 2022	Deadline date 14 September 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time
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○ Use the available information to become an expert on MSCA documents



MSCA-Proposal Drafting: my top tips

- **Start drafting the proposal** as soon as you have a rough project idea and pinned down Third Country and/or EU host
 - Write checklist for each of the **headings and sub-headings**
 - Check the **criteria and evaluation** forms
 - Criterion 1. Excellence: 50%
 - Criterion 2. Impact: 30%
 - Criterion 3. Implementation: 20%
- 10 pages ≈ 5 pages Excellence, 3 pages Impact, 2 pages Implementation
- **Ask colleagues** to send you their proposals to serve as an example
 - Use the **Boîte à Outils** and the **National Contact Points**
 - **Read it over 1,000,000 times** – every word counts
 - Ask for project members and colleagues to read it over



Difficulties I experienced

- 2nd on the **Reserve List** in 2021 – need to be patient and use the feedback from the evaluators
- End of postdoc contract, looking for other postdoc positions and **back-up options**
- Third Country host never participated in EU project as an official **associated partner**
 - Need to register a **PIC** number on the funding & tenders portal
 - Get the **letter of commitment** written and signed by the right people
- **Ask for help!**
- **National Contact Points**
 - **Thank you!**



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