





MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: tool for international mobility of researchers

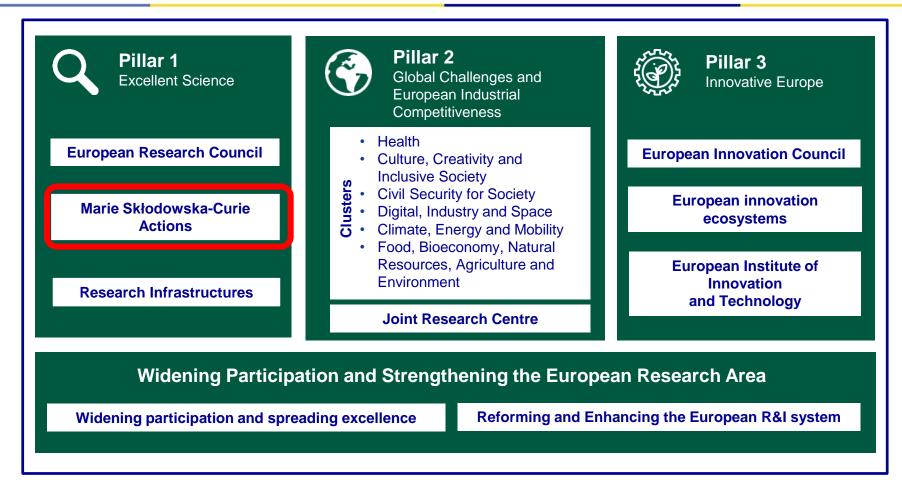
MSCA NCP from Czech Republic, Slovakia and France







Horizon Europe structure:

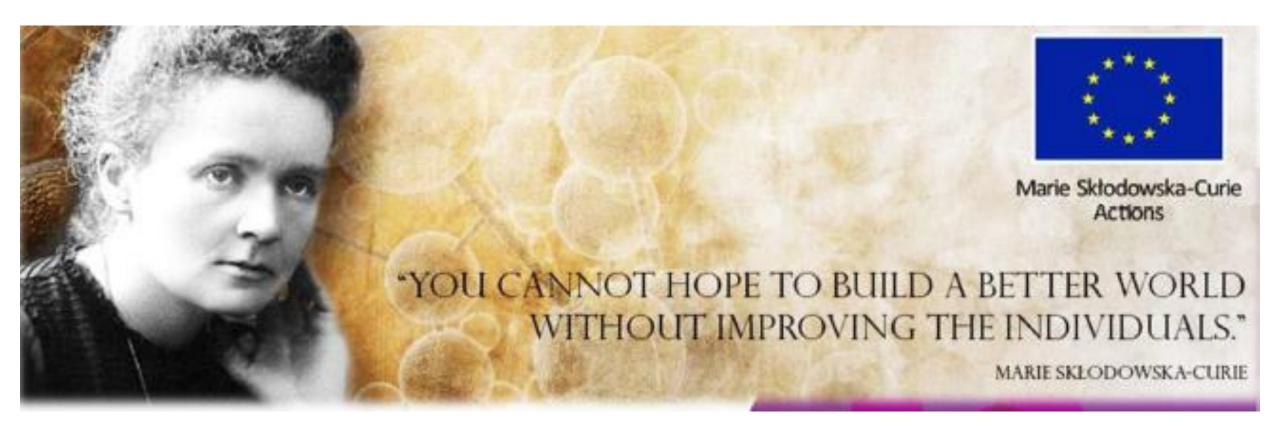


Excellent Science (Pillar 1): reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base















MSCA key features:

- Support the training and career development of researchers from all over the world through excellent doctorates, postdoctoral fellowships and collaborative projects
- Stimulating international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation. Participation of non-academic sector, especially industry and SMEs
- For researchers at every stage of their career
- Support excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)
- Promotion of attractive working and employment conditions (financing rate of up to 100%)









MSCA in 2021-2027:



- 1. MSCA Doctoral Networks
- 2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships → postdoctoral researchers
- 3. MSCA Staff Exchanges
- 4. MSCA COFUND
- 5. MSCA and Citizens

- → networks training doctoral candidates
- → any type of research(-related) staff
- → co-funding training programmes
- → public outreach events







MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: Main features

Mono-beneficiary action

Individual research projects undertaken abroad under supervision

• In line with the **mobility rule** (not resided, worked, studied > 12 months in the last 3 years in the country of the Host Institution or the third country host for the GF)

Supports postdoctoral research and career development

- On any topic (bottom-up approach)
- Min. defended PhD title, max. 8 years (FTE) of research experience after obtaining the PhD degree

Develop skills for academia and beyond – secondments and a non-academic placement







MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: Types of fellowships

European Fellowships (EF)

- → HI located in a Member State or Associated Country
- → Duration: 12 to 24 months
- → Fellow of any nationality



Global Fellowships (GF)

- → Mobility towards a third coutry
- → 24 to 36 month (incl. a mandatory 12-month return phase in a Member State or Associated Country)
- → Fellow of an EU/AC nationality, or a long-term resident (5 consecutive years)



12-24 months













Eligible countries:

EU Member States (MS):

27 countries

Associated Country (AC): Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Third Countries (TC): any other country (can host the outgoing phase in Global Fellowships or a secondment)

List of participating countries in Horizon Europe:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf







Additional opportunities:

Secondment

Maximum 1/3 of the total project duration

(except for the return phase of the GF)

In any sector

Worldwide



Non-academic placement

Maximum 6 months

(after the end of the fellowship)

In the non-academic sector only

In EU MS/AC only









Eligible organisations:

Academic sector

Higher education establishments (awarding academic degrees)

Non-profit research organisations (primary mission research)

International European interest organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL)



Non-academic sector

Any entity not included in the academic sector:

e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals, international organisations (e.g. UN, WHO)









MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: Funding

Unit contributions

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	a				Institutional unit contributions per person-month		
	l IIIOdif	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions
	EUR 5 080	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit ⁵² x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650

The pre-defined categories are as follows: EUR 3 000, EUR 4 500, EUR 6 000, EUR 9 500, EUR 13 000, EUR 18 500, EUR 27 500, EUR 35 500, EUR 47 500 and EUR 60 000.







MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: 2024 call



Call Opening: 10 April 2024

Call Deadline: 11 September 2024

Evaluation of proposals: **November 2024 - January 2025**

Launch Grant preparation: Early March 2025

Starting dates: 1 April 2025 - 1 September 2026

Call budget : 270,752 M €















MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships: evaluation procedure

- Evaluation by independent experts: 3 evaluators and one "rapporteur" by proposal
- Award criteria: 'excellence', 'impact' and 'quality and efficiency of the implementation'
- Each criterion is scored out of 5
- Applications scoring equal to or above 70% will be considered for funding (within the limits of the available budget)

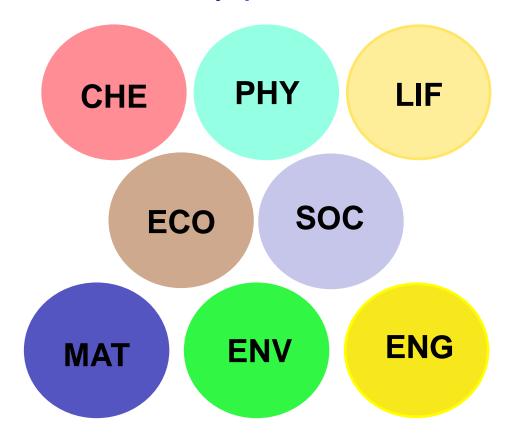






8 evaluation panels

Projects will be evaluated by pairs, in 8 scientific panels:









Evaluation criteria

Excellence 50%	Impact 30%	Mise en œuvre 20%
Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills		





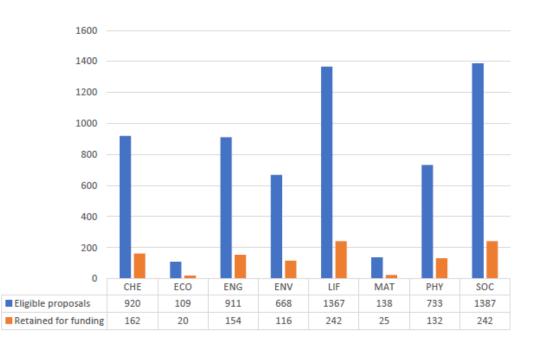


Success rates - 2022

Proposals retained for funding - EF

Action	Eligible proposals	Main list
PF-EF	6233	1093
Grand total	6909	1235

Panel	Success rate EF
CHE	17,61%
ECO	18,35%
ENG	16,90%
ENV	17,37%
LIF	17,70%
MAT	18,12%
PHY	18,01%
soc	17,45%
Grand Total	17,54%







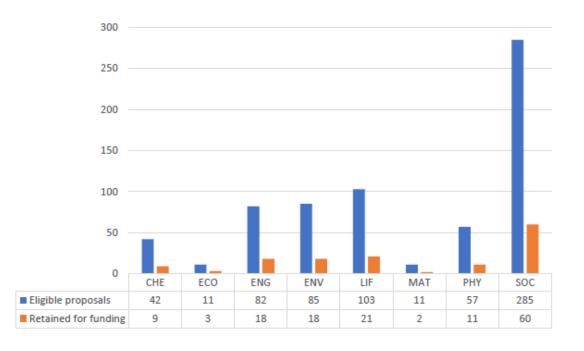


Success rates - 2022

Proposals retained for funding - GF

Action	Eligible proposals	Main list
PF-GF	676	142
Grand total	6909	1235

Panel	Success rate GF
CHE	21,43%
ECO	27,27%
ENG	21,95%
ENV	21,18%
LIF	20,39%
MAT	18,18%
PHY	19,30%
soc	21,05%
Grand Total	21,01%





















Proposal structure



Part A - administrative forms

are filled on-line



Part B1 - the proposal, m

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- **#Excellence**
- #Impact
- #Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart



Part B2 - no page limit, PDF uploaded

- **#CV** of the Researcher
- **#Capacities of the Participating Organisations**
- #Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations \rightarrow GF
- #Additional info concerning ethics & security



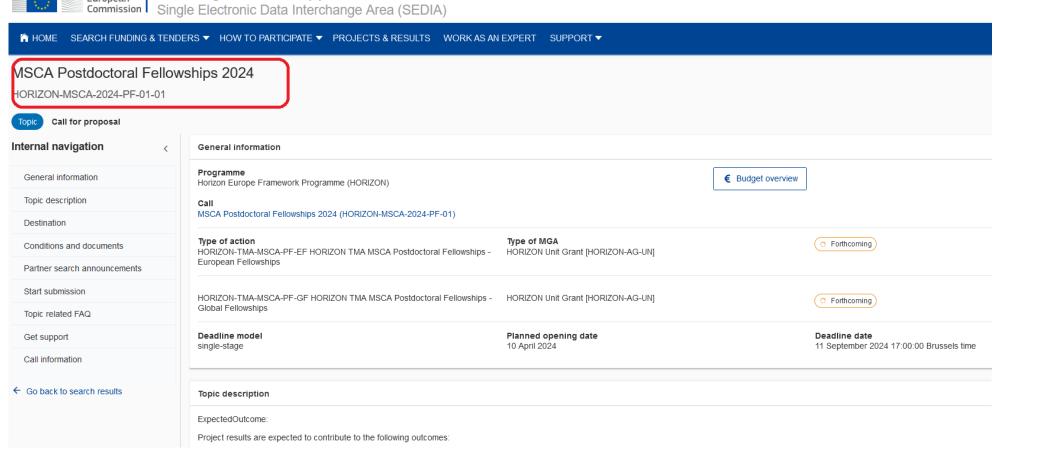


Funding & tender opportunities



How to apply?

Step 1 Check your eligibility: Calls for proposals are published on the European Commission Funding and Tenders Portal. Read carefully the call text and the Guide for Applicant







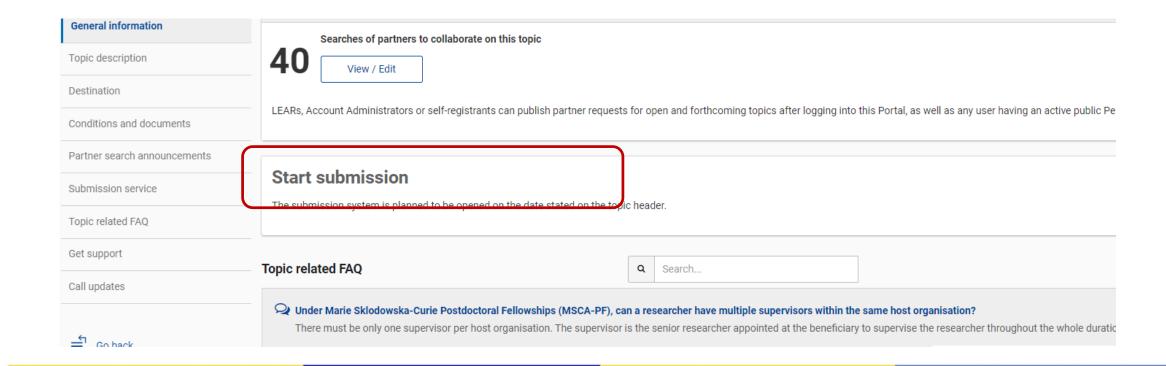




How to apply?

Step 2 Identify your future host institution and your supervisor, and get in contact with them (both the supervisor and the grants support office)

Step 3 Register your proposal through the call page, by using the Participant Identification Code (PIC) of your future Host Institution



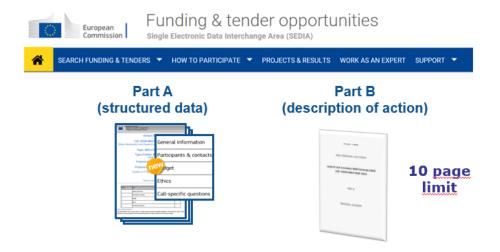






How to apply?

Step 4 Download the Template (Part B), write your project proposal with the support of your supervisor and your Host Institution EU Grants Office



Step 5 Fill in administrative forms online (Part A) with the support of your EU Grants Office, upload your proposal (Part B) in PDF, and submit it before the call deadline







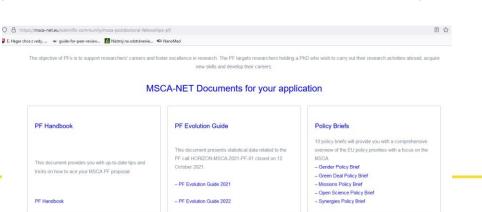
Useful documents

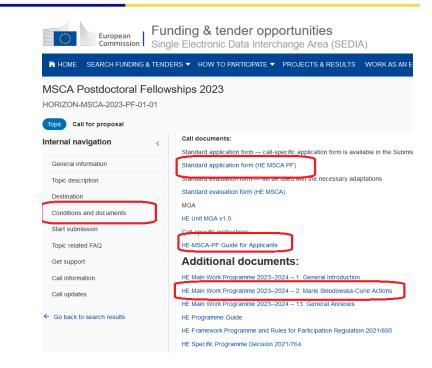
Official documents:

- Guide for Applicants
- MSCA Work programme 2023-2024
- Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal online manual
- MSCA Guidelines on supervision
- MSCA Green Charter

Unofficial documents:

- MSCA-NET Handbook
- materials from trainings by your NCP or the project office of your host organisation













Practical tips

Start writing early enough - you will rewrite your proposal over and over

several months before the deadline

Ensure cooperation with the supervisor/host institution

you will need a lot of information

Make a checklist with all evaluation criteria

respond all of them dilligently

Let others (non-experts as well) read your proposal

- they must at least get a clue what your proposal is all about
- test your proposal with different audiences colleagues, collaborators, your future supervisor and perhaps some of his/her colleagues, project office at your host institute

See if you can get a proofreading help from MSCA NCP

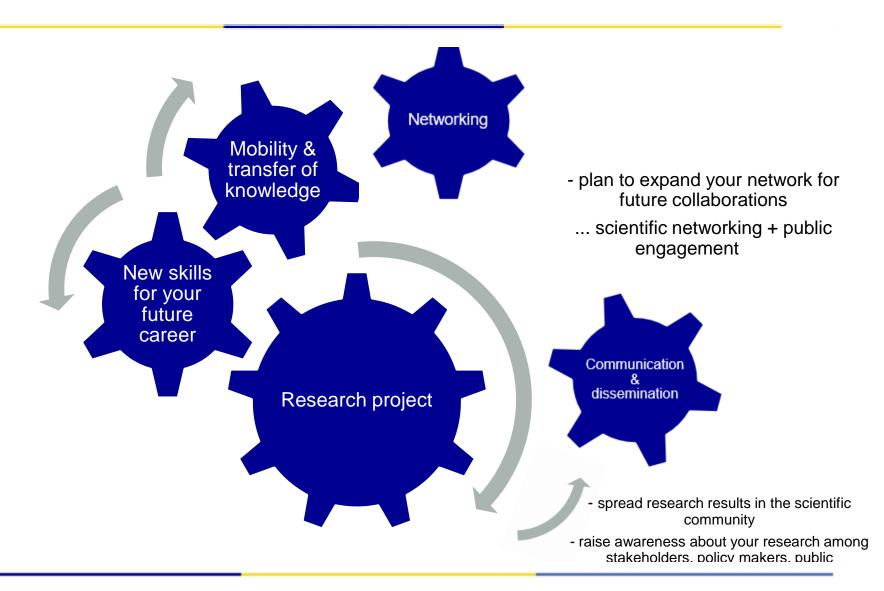






Practical tips

- find a matching place and suitable supervisor(s)
- two-way knowledge transfer between researcher and host
 - interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral knowledge
- align the project components with your career plans
- plan to aquire new skills, additional scientific as well as transferable skills













Available support to applicants







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- Your Host Institution. Most host institutions have dedicated support both on proposal preparation stage (coaching sessions, proofreading, proposal writing assistance etc) and on project implementation stage (reporting, feedback and assistance with project implementation, training, communication, practical aspects).
 - As soon as possible, contact the **EU Grants Office** of your future Host Institution
- The NCP. National Contact Point provide advice and resources to proposers and supervisords (guidelines, coaching sessions etc.).
 - ➤ If you have questions on the programme rules or need advice on proposal writing, you can send your questions by e-mail or ask an individual online interview with the NCP
- Euraxess France https://www.euraxess.fr/information/centres/search/country/france-1104
- Euraxess Czech Republic https://www.euraxess.cz/
- Euraxess Slovakia https://www.euraxess.sk/
 - > Information on visa, accomodation, health insurance and other practical aspects on life the country







Czech MSCA NCP Team





We offer trainings, proposal pre-screening, recommendations on ethics, advice on budgetary and implementation issues,...

For issues related to visas and residing in Czechia, contact the Czech branch of EURAXESS:

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Slovak portal dedicated to Horizon Europe:

www.horizont-europa.sk

- trainings on proposal writing (online and onsite)
- individual couching sessions, guidance on cross-cutting issues
 - mentoring scheme for applicants SK4ERA
 - pre-screening

Euraxess Slovakia:

https://www.euraxess.sk/

Information on visa, accomodation, health insurance and other practical aspects on life the country