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MSCA STAFF EXCHANGE 2026

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MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- Open to **all fields of knowledge and innovation**
- **Bottom-up** Approach
- **From basic to applied research:** orientated to **market + innovation service**
- **Strongly encourages the participation of the non-academic sector**, especially industry and SMEs – **promotes academia–industry collaboration**
- **Mobility as a key element:** funding linked to exchanges, fostering closer research collaboration and knowledge transfer
- **International dimension:** collaborative projects/networks involving at least three countries



OBJECTIVES



International, intersectoral, and interdisciplinary mobility of research and innovation staff. (secondments)



Knowledge transfer among participating organization



Collaboration between the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs)



International cooperation



EXPECTED RESULTS

For the Participants:

- Transferable skills and competences.
- Career development and employability.
- Transforming ideas into products, processes or services.
- International exposure.
- Networking and Communication.



For the Organizations:

- Exchange of knowledge.
- Collaborative networks.
- Research, development and innovation capacity.



CALL FOR PROPOSAL

- **It is offered** exchanges of research and innovation staff to develop collaborative projects and foster knowledge transfer
- International networks of research organizations from the academic and non-academic sectors **are eligible to submit a proposal**
- **Financial support:**
 - **On the European side:** researchers at all career stages, as well as administrative and technical staff
 - **On the Brazilian side:** depending on the funding modality, the relevant FAPs should be consulted



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TIMELINE:

- **16 December 2025:** launch of the call for proposals
- **16 April 2026:** deadline for submitting proposals
- **September 2026:** notification of call results to applicants (TBC)
- **November 2026:** grant agreement signature for successful projects (TBC)
- **January 2027:** first EU-funded projects start (TBC)

Indicative Budget: EUR 97.92 million

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/calls/msca-staff-exchanges-2026>



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ELIGIBLE ACTIVIDADES

The research and innovation activities proposed should promote:

- Complementary expertise among participants
- Activities of networking
- Organization of workshops and conferences to facilitate knowledge sharing
- Building new competences and supporting career development
- Mobility to European Union Member States or countries associated with Horizon Europe



CONSORTIUM

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

- At least 3 entities from 3 different countries, with 2 of them being European (Member States/Associated Countries).
- Participants from both sectors must be included
- Entities from outside Europe may be included



- Two types of roles: **beneficiary and associated partners**
- Only the beneficiaries receive funding and sign the Grant Agreement.
- There is no typical consortium size.
- From 3 to more than 20 organizations.
- Recommendation: 6 to 10 organizations.
- Always in line with the needs of the project.
- A reasonable number of associated partners, aligned with the size of the project.

Beneficiary

- EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country.
- They must participate in secondments.
- They can host secondments.
- They can offer training opportunities.

Associated Partner

- They can receive secondments
- They can offer training opportunities
- In a Third Country (TC).
- They can *secondments* (Low to Middle Income Countries)

[List of participating countries in the Horizon Europe](#)



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SECONDMENTS



Any type of staff involved in R&D&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff).

Between 1 and 12 months
(which may be divided into several periods and carried out at multiple destinations)

Research personnel at any stage of their career (e.g., from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers).

Full-time dedication to the project during the secondment.

For Brazil, depends on the type of modality used for co-financing



Under the supervision of the host institution
With adequate experience to successfully implement the proposal activity during the secondment

After the secondment, reintegration into the home institution must be ensured.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**For entities automatically eligible to receive Horizon Europe funding:
The budget is calculated based on unit costs, for each month of mobility of the staff involved.**

- Staff Unit Cost: 2.710 EUR/month
- Research, Training & Networking : 1.300 EUR/month
- Management: 1.000 EUR/month

A total unit cost of EUR 5,010 per month, to be multiplied by the total number of mobility months (maximum of 360 person-months, up to 4 years).

Para Brazilian entities:

- Administrative Arrangement among the European Commission, CONFAP, CNPq, and FINEP.
- Possibility to request co-financing from Brazilian agencies through existing mechanisms or regular calls of the FAPs.
- The counterpart contribution may also be provided through other means or from existing projects.
- Applicants should consult the funding agencies to verify the available support modalities.



CONFAP´ SUPPORT

- It is available a guideline for the Brazilian researchers request support of the following FAPs:
 - Fundação Araucária – Paraná
 - FACEPE – Pernambuco
 - FAPEAM – Amazonas
 - FAPEG – Goiás
 - FAPEPI – Piauí
 - FAPERGS – Rio Grande do Sul
 - FAPES – Espírito Santo
 - FAPESB – Bahia
 - FAPESQ – Paraíba
 - FAPESP – São Paulo
 - FAPESPA – Pará
- The FAPs define the funding modalities and the level of financial support allocated to this activity
- Researchers from states whose FAPs have not yet confirmed their support may participate in proposals with their own funding



Chamada
Marie Skłodowska-Curie
(Intercâmbio de Pessoal) 2026

The banner features a dark background with a 3D illustration of a laboratory setup, including a microscope and a petri dish. The text is in white and purple. At the bottom, there are logos for the European Union, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, and CONFAP.

 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**
Developing talents, advancing research

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Estaduais de Amparo à Pesquisa

Brazilian researchers:

- Must comply with the rules of the MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 call (Section 4, 4th paragraph).
- Advised to verify the eligibility of the participating FAP in their State before the proposal submission deadline (Section 5 – “Eligibility check”).
- May participate in proposals as associated partners (Section 5 – “Eligible participants”).
- Proposals involving Brazilian partners from more than one State must be submitted independently to the FAPs of all States involved in the proposal (Section 6.1(d)).

Assessment:

- The submitted proposal to the FAPs will follow their respective standard procedures for the assessment and selection of research proposals (Section 6.3.1).
- The proposal will be funded by the involved FAP(s) only if it is also selected for funding by the European Commission and the European Research Executive Agency (REA) (Section 6.1.2).

Submission to the FAPs:

- It will be defined by the FAP: It may have the same deadline as the MSCA SE 2026 call or a after the results are announced

Inquiries: internacional.confap@gmail.com

- Specific clarifications regarding eligibility issues and additional rules for participation and submission should be addressed to the respective FAPs (Section 7.2).

Guidelines: <https://confap.org.br/pt/editais/106/chamada-marie-sk-odowska-curie-intercambio-de-pessoal-2026>

(available in English and Portugues)

Suggestion of webinar:

<https://msca-glopol.eu/2026/02/12/marie-sklodowska-curie-staff-exchanges-msca-se-webinar-for-brazilian-institutions-successfully-held-on-10-february-2026/>



PROPOSAL



Part A - administrative forms

filled *on-line on the Funding & Tenders Opportunities Portal*



Part B1 - the proposal, max 32 pages (PDF uploaded)

Start page (1 page), table of contents (1 page), list of participating organisations

Excellence

Impact

Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

Excess pages
disregarded



Part B2 - no page limit, PDF uploaded

Participating organisations (including 1 pg per Beneficiaries and ½ pg per Associated partners and non-academic beneficiaries table)

Explanation for the use of generative AI in the preparation of the proposal

Environmental considerations in light of the MSCA Green



ASSESSMENT

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's research/innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Developing new and lasting research collaborations , achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contributing to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global level	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan , assessment of risks , and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed approach to foster international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary collaborations	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives of staff members and contribution to their skills development	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including 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 of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives.	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
50%	30%	20%



MAIN DOCUMENTS


- Guide of Applicants
- Work Programme & annexes
- Proposal templates
- Online manual on how to submit an application
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Model Grant Agreement



RADIANCE

- Project to facilitate the cooperation among the NCPs
- Useful for candidates:
 - Matchmaking Platform
 - Contact of the NCPs
 - Material regarding the calls for proposals

<https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/news/introduction-radiance>



**MSCA
STAFF
EXCHANGES**

Staff Exchanges Across Sectors and Borders

Staff Exchanges support international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of research and innovation staff. The action funds short-term exchanges (secondments) between organisations worldwide, enabling staff members to acquire new skills, share knowledge and build lasting collaborations.

By fostering cooperation between academic and non-academic sectors, Staff Exchanges strengthen institutional capacities, promote innovation and enhance the quality of research and innovation activities.

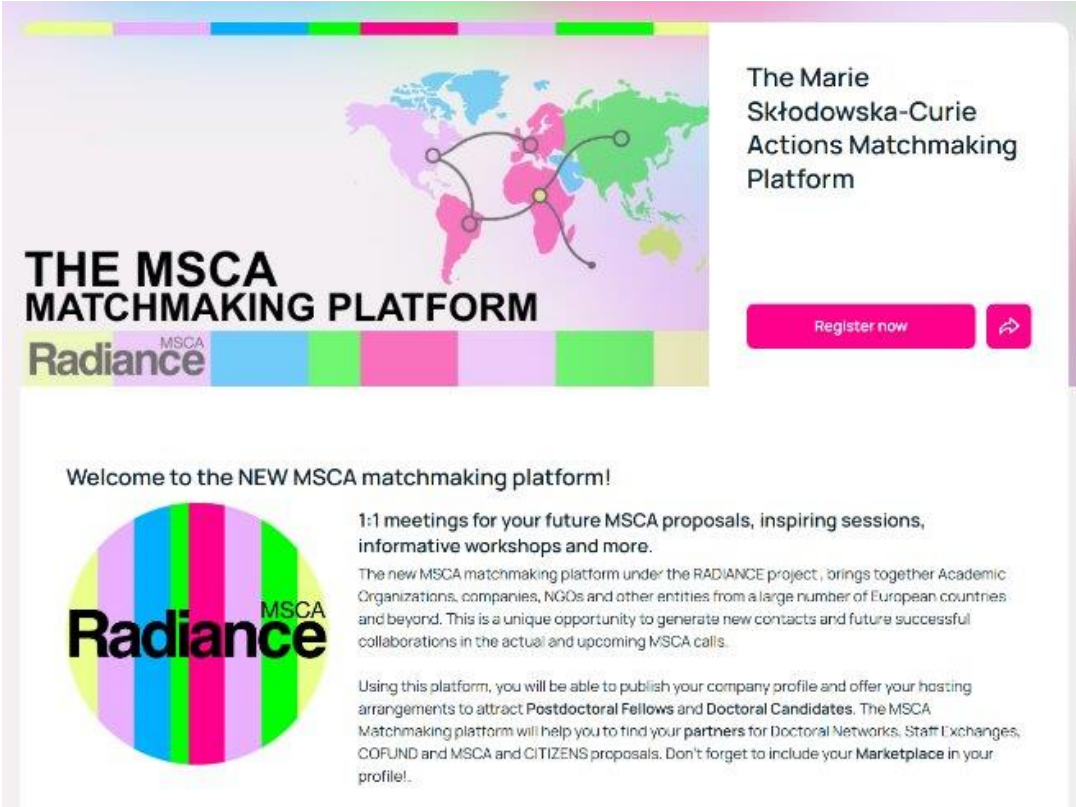
The 2026 call opened on 16 December 2025 with a deadline on 16 April 2026.

For more information or advice on the action, please contact the **NCP of your country**.

You find below all the documents related to Staff Exchanges call made by RADIANCE.

STAFF EXCHANGES DOCUMENTS MADE BY RADIANCE

- ▶ **RADIANCE Handbook 2025:**
<https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/sites/default/files/2025-07/radiance-se-handbook-2025.pdf>
- ▶ **RADIANCE Submission Guide 2025:**
https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/sites/default/files/2025-07/howtosubmit-se-proposal.2025.final_.pdf
- ▶ **SE Inspirational Story CropPrime:**
https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/sites/default/files/2025-08/widening-countries-inspirational-stories_se_cropprime.pdf



The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Matchmaking Platform

THE MSCA MATCHMAKING PLATFORM

Radiance

Register now

Welcome to the NEW MSCA matchmaking platform!

1:1 meetings for your future MSCA proposals, inspiring sessions, informative workshops and more.

The new MSCA matchmaking platform under the RADIANCE project, brings together Academic Organizations, companies, NGOs and other entities from a large number of European countries and beyond. This is a unique opportunity to generate new contacts and future successful collaborations in the actual and upcoming MSCA calls.

Using this platform, you will be able to publish your company profile and offer your hosting arrangements to attract **Postdoctoral Fellows** and **Doctoral Candidates**. The MSCA Matchmaking platform will help you to find your **partners** for Doctoral Networks, Staff Exchanges, COFUND and MSCA and CITIZENS proposals. Don't forget to include your **Marketplace** in your profile!





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