



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: What's new in Horizon Europe *Introduction*

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What are the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

EU's reference programme for doctoral and postdoctoral training, contributing to:

- A highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle upcoming challenges, communicate scientific evidence to policy-makers and the public, and work across disciplines
- Provide researchers with skills needed in the labour market, to innovate and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
- Develop excellent doctoral programmes enhancing the global attractiveness and visibility of institutions involved in them
- Promote the EU's global attractiveness for talents

Budget under Horizon Europe: **6.6€ billion**

Key features



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working and employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes



Strong collaboration beyond academia

Key figures

+65,000

Researchers,
including
25,000 PhD
candidates

38%

Researchers
from outside
of the EU

6.2 billion €

Under
Horizon 2020

1,100

Doctoral
programmes

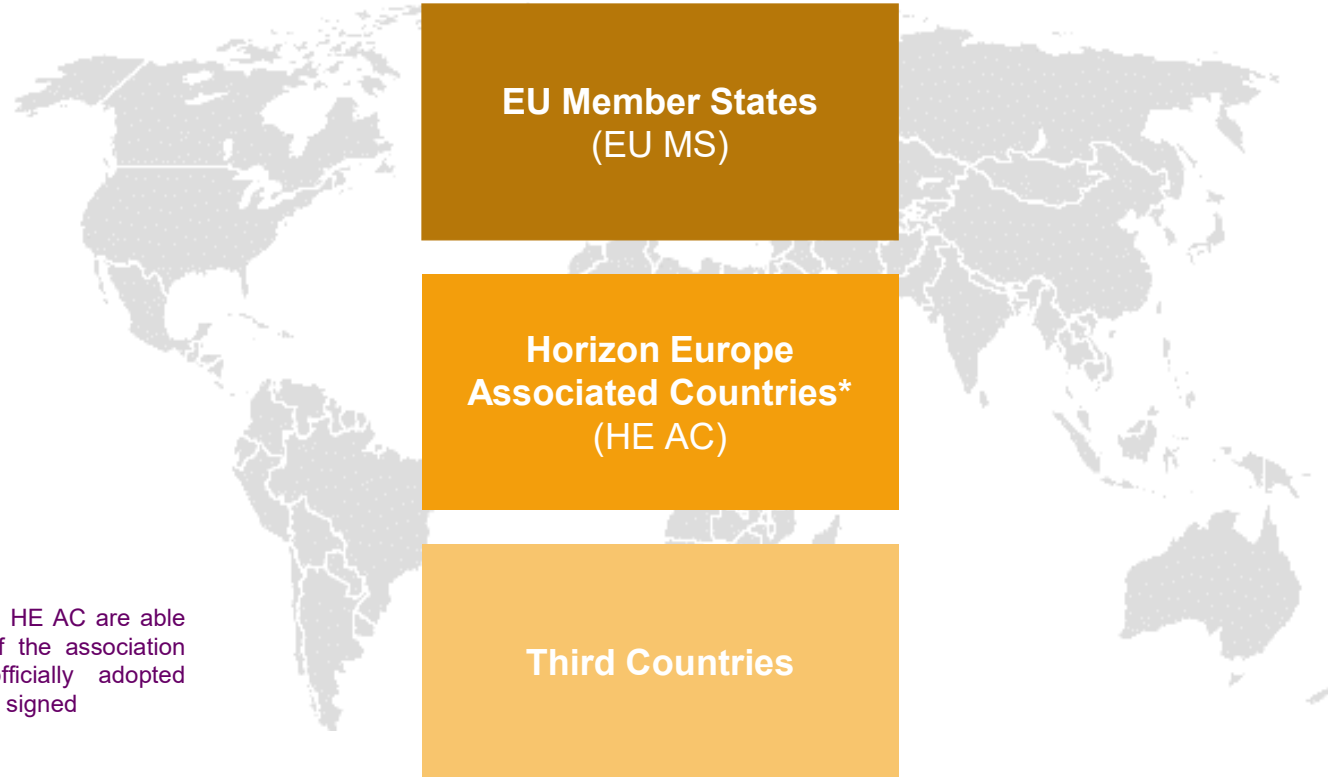
+5,000

Companies
supported

42%

Female
researchers

Before we start...



* Organisations from HE AC are able to participate only if the association agreements are officially adopted before the grants are signed

Beneficiary vs Associated Partner

- **Beneficiary**

- ✓ Signs the Grant Agreement with the EU
- ✓ Minimum number and geographical requirements
- ✓ Receives funding directly

- **Associated partners**

- ✓ Contributes to the action (e.g. hosts staff or researchers)
- ✓ Does not directly receive funding

Organisations vs Individuals

- **Organisations**

- ✓ Legal entities
- ✓ Academic or non-academic
- ✓ Specific geographical eligibility criteria as beneficiaries (EU Member States or HE Associated Countries)

- **Individual researchers**

- ✓ Any nationality (with additional conditions in some cases)
- ✓ Specific conditions (mobility rule; PhD obtained for actions targeting postdocs; PhD to be obtained for actions targeting doctoral candidates)

Worldwide participation in MSCA

- **13,420 researchers** from third countries (32% of total)
- **1300 organisations** from third countries participate in over **1800 projects** under MSCA, including:
 - 703 higher education institutions
 - 178 research centres
 - **288 companies**
- The participation of third country organisations in the MSCA represents over **50% of all participations** from these countries in **Horizon 2020** and **Horizon Europe**

The Actions

Doctoral Networks

Doctoral programmes in and outside academia incl. joint & industrial doctorates

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

Participation for third country organisations

Organisations from third countries can participate as:

Action	Beneficiary	Associated Partner
Doctoral Networks	Yes	Yes
Staff Exchanges	No	Yes
Postdoctoral Fellowships	No	Yes
COFUND	No	Yes

Participation for third countries individuals

Individuals from third countries can participate as:

Action	Eligible	Where to look for vacancies
Doctoral Networks	Yes	EURAXESS
Staff Exchanges	Yes	Sending institution
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Yes	Find host organisation EURAXESS
COFUND	Yes	EURAXESS

Call calendar

Year	Action	Opening	Deadline
2021	Doctoral Networks	22 June 2021	16 November 2021
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	22 June 2021	12 October 2021
	Staff Exchanges	7 October 2021	9 March 2022
	COFUND	12 October 2021	10 February 2022
	MSCA and Citizens (covers 2 editions)	22 June 2021	7 October 2021
2022	Doctoral Networks	3 May 2022	15 November 2022
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	13 April 2022	14 September 2022
	Staff Exchanges	6 October 2022	8 March 2023
	COFUND	11 October 2022	9 February 2023
	MSCA and Citizens	No call foreseen in 2022	

Funding opportunities

- All calls are published on the **Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal**
- Applications are submitted through the portal:
 - ✓ Find your call
 - ✓ Sign in to the portal and register your organisation (get a PIC number)
 - ✓ Find partners
 - ✓ Apply



European Commission | Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

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

⚠ Proposal Submission System will be unavailable on **Monday 22th from 17:30 to 20:00 (CET)**, while system maintenance is being performed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Find calls for proposals and tenders

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Key resources and guidance

- Check all **guidance documents**:
 - ✓ Guide for applicants: overview of rules, financial aspects, etc.
 - ✓ MSCA Work Programme and annexes
 - ✓ Proposal templates
 - ✓ Model Grant Agreements
 - ✓ Online manual on how to submit an application
 - ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
- Ask for advice to your **MSCA National Contact Point** (list available on Funding and Tenders Portal)
- Submit specific queries to the **Research Enquiry Service** (funding, validation of participants, etc.)
- Check how to apply throu the MSCA and European Research Executive Agency's website

Dedicated information sessions

- Check with your NCP to find out about the next information sessions in your country
- Check the Funding and Tenders Portal and social media to find out about the next webinars organised by the European Commission services
- Other partners organise dedicated sessions for individual researchers (Euraxess, Marie Curie Alumni Association, etc.)

Job offers for individual researchers



- Look for PhD and postdoctorate opportunities and hosting offers on **EURAXESS / Job portals**
- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>



- Ask for advice to your **MSCA National Contact Point**



- Check the **project's requirements** and **apply to your institution** of interest

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