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MSCA Individual Funding in Horizon Europe

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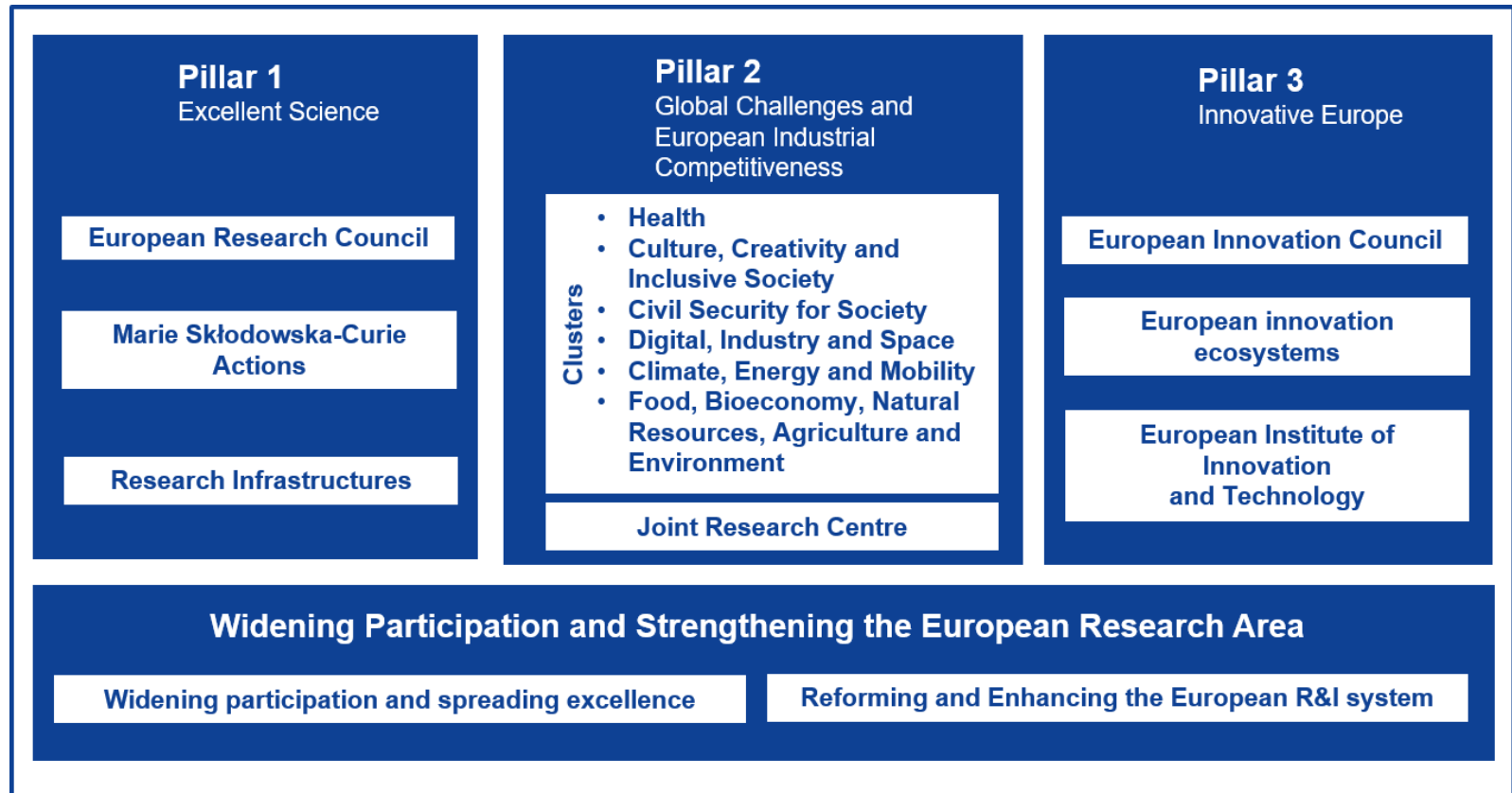
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(Preliminary) Structure Horizon Europe: 2021-2027

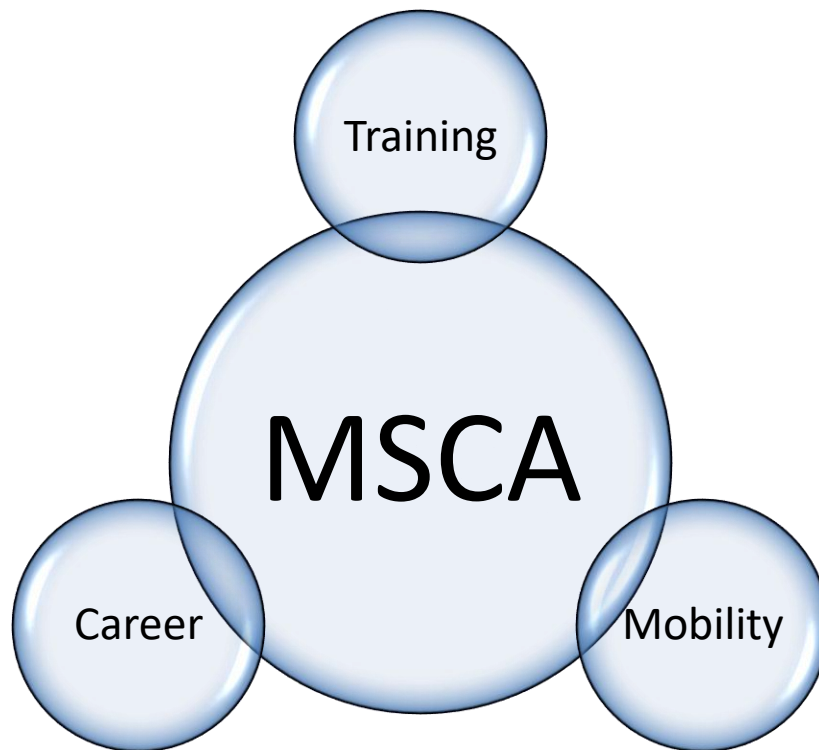




Overview of the MSCA

- **Doctoral Networks (DN)**
Research training of doctoral candidates
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (IF):**
Career development of postdocs
- **Staff Exchanges (SE):**
Cooperation through staff exchange
- **Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND):**
Co-Funding by the EU of national Doctoral or Fellowship Programmes
- **MSCA and Citizens:**
Pan-European Researchers' Night to promote research careers

MSCA: Basic Principles



- **Career development** and **innovative research training**
- **Bottom-up: all disciplines**
- **Transnational / Intersectoral Mobility** required
- Open to hosts from **academic and non-academic sector**
- **Employability** in academia **and** industry as an aim



MSCA: mobility rule

NEW! Single mobility rule

Researchers **must not** have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than **12 months in the previous 3 years** before the call deadline (15.09.2021)



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Career development of Postdocs

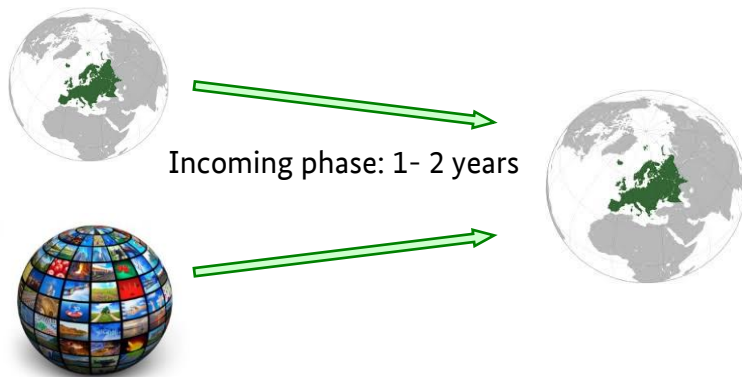
General Information PF Call 2021

- **Eligibility:**
NEW! Postdocs only:
successfully defended doctoral thesis at the call deadline (15.09.2021)

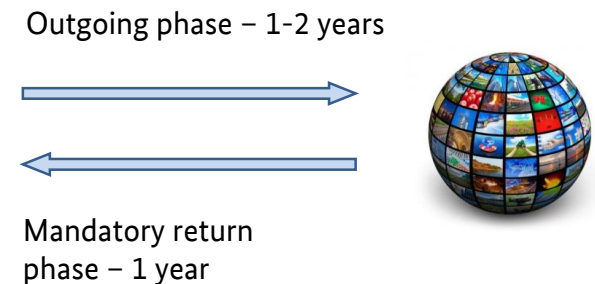
NEW! Scientific age:
up to 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research after PhD
career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave), will not be taken into account
- **Working conditions:** Generally full-time employment contract including social security benefits; in Germany, MSCA scholarships are not possible!
- **Application:** researcher with the host institution active in Research & Development

PF Programme lines: Overview

European Fellowships (EF)



Global Fellowships (GF)



NEW! Possibility for additional period of up to six months to support researchers seeking a placement at the end of the project to work on research projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector.



European Fellowships (EF)

Career development of Postdocs in Europe

European Fellowship: Overview

- 1 to 2-year **research stay in Europe** (MS/AC)
+ optional additional placement
in non-academic sector (MS/AC; max. 6 months)
- **Postdocs of any nationality**
(→ mobility rule)
- **Host institution:**
must be active in Research & Development,
e.g. university, research organisation, company (incl. SMEs), NGOs, ...
- Submission and evaluation in eight **scientific panels**: CHE, SOC, ECO,
ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY





Global Fellowships (GF)

Career Development of Postdocs outside of Europe

Knowledge transfer back to Europe

Global Fellowships: Overview

- One to two-year **research stay outside of Europe** (→ mobility rule) + **mandatory** one-year **return phase in Europe** (MS/AC) + optional additional placement in non-academic sector (MS/AC; max. 6 months)
- **Postdocs** with **MS/AC nationality or MS/AC long-term residents** (at least five consecutive years; absence: max. 6 consecutive months + 10 months in total)
- **Two host institutions:**
 - One in a Third Country (partner organisation)
 - One in MS/AC (return phase), contractual partner of the EU (employer for the whole time)
- Submission and evaluation in eight scientific panels: CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY



Postdoctoral Fellowships: Secondments

- **NEW!** Optional secondment phase in **any country worldwide**, preferably **inter-sectoral**
- Dividable into several shorter stays
- Significant contribution to the fellowship's impact
- To be justified in the proposal
- **NEW!** Cannot exceed **1/3 of the fellowship duration**; for GF up to 1/3 of the outgoing phase, no secondments during GF return phase

Postdoctoral Fellowships: Financial aspects

- Only unit costs; allowances are **employer's gross** amount
- Living Allowance is multiplied by the country correction coefficient (CCC) of the host country (**NEW!** DE: 98.3 %)
- **NEW!** long-term leave allowance for leaves (e.g. parental/sick leave etc.) > 30 consecutive days (minus the rate covered by the host institution)

Researcher unit costs [person/month]				Institutional unit costs [person/month]	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	NEW! Long-term leave allowance	Research, Training and Networking	Management and indirect contributions
5080 €* 5080 €	600 €	660 €	5680 € - the rate covered by the beneficiary	1000 €	650 €

NEW! Family Allowance: Can be adapted now if the researcher acquires family obligations during the action duration



Financing Example Incoming EF for Germany

A researcher without family obligations applies for a 12-month fellowship at a German university or research institution:

Term	Calculation	Contribution
Living Allowance*CCC	$12 * 5080 \text{ €} = 60.960 \text{ €}$ CCC: 98.3 %	59.924 €
Mobility Allowance	$12 * 600$	7.200 €
Employer's gross amount		67.124 €
Institutional Unit Costs	$12 * 1000 + 12 * 650$	19.800 €
Maximum EC Contribution		86.924 €

Success Rates IF Call 2019

	Submitted	Evaluated	Selected for funding	Success rate in %
EF	7.706	7.602	997	13,1
EF-CAR *	458	440	89	20,2
EF-RI *	655	647	132	20,4
EF-SE *	200	196	54	27,5
GF	856	824	203	24,6
Total	9.875	9.709	1.475	15,2

* **NEW!** No multi-disciplinary sub-panels within EF in Horizon Europe !

Application Procedure & Documents

- One call for applications per year, exact dates can be found in the respective work programme (WP)
- Tentative dates for the 2021 call
 - **15.04.2021 – 15.09.2021** until 5 p.m. (Brussels local time)
- [Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#) → Search funding & tenders
 - Programming period 2021- 2027 → Programme “Horizon Europe”
- **Call MSCA-PF-2021:** All necessary information and manuals: (WP, Guide for Applicants, proposal templates, Model Grant Agreement)
- **EU Login account** required to download the templates and submit your application



Submission & Evaluation

- Submission by researchers (in agreement with the host organisation) or by host organisations
- Proposals are submitted in a single stage and evaluated in one step
- The host organisation signs the Grant Agreement with the EC
- The fellow receives a national employment contract (social security)
- **NEW! Restricted re-submission in Horizon Europe:**
Proposals submitted to the previous call of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships in Horizon Europe and having received a score of less than 70% should not be resubmitted the following year

Evaluation and Time Frame

- Evaluation: max. 5 months (results: 15 February 2022 at the latest)
- Grant Preparation: max. 3 months to sign the grant agreement

Earliest possible starting date: beginning of the following month after signing the grant agreement

Latest possible starting date: 12 months after signing the grant agreement (exceptions are possible)



Evaluation Criteria

Excellence 50%

Impact 30%

Implementation 20%

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
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)	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 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 and appropriateness of open science practices)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	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		
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		

Online source of help: Net4Mobility+

<https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/>

Section Scientific Community:

- Handbooks with tips for proposal-writing
- Records of webinars
- FAQs
- Statistics
- Success stories
- Expressions of Interest to host PF fellows





Mobility-related issues: EURAXESS Germany

- National Coordination Point in the EU-wide EURAXESS network facilitating international researchers' mobility
- Information and personal assistance for mobile researchers and their host institutions
- Questions on visa and residence, taxation, social security benefits etc.
- Portal: www.euraxess.de;
- E-Mail: euraxess-bho@dlr.de
- FB: www.facebook.com/euraxessgermany





The German National Contact Point for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (NCP MSCA)

The **German NCP MSCA** offers guidance and assistance to researchers applying with a German host organisation.

The services offered:

- Information on funding opportunities and deadlines
- Advice during the entire project lifecycle
- Proof reading of proposals and tips on optimization
- Analyses and statistics
- Information events

Newsletter in German: <http://www.nks-msc.de/de/service-newsletter.php>



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