



# **The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions under Horizon 2020**

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## Overview

- **Researcher training through international mobility**
- **Strong "brand" within the research community**
- **€6bn of funding under Horizon 2020 (+30% from FP7)**
- **100k+ researchers and 5k+ organisations since 1996**
  
- **5 Nobel Prize winners & 1 Oscar winner**

***"You cannot hope to build a better world  
without improving the individuals."***

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

## **Key Characteristics**

- 1. Researcher mobility**
- 2. "Bottom-up" approach**
- 3. Open to all nationalities & career stages**
- 4. Open to all types of organisations**
- 5. High number of applications = low success rates**

# The MSCA under Horizon 2020



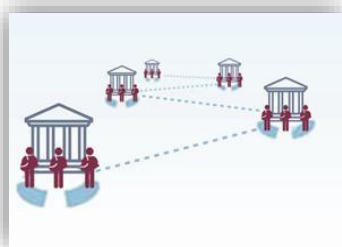
**ITN**

Innovative Training  
Networks



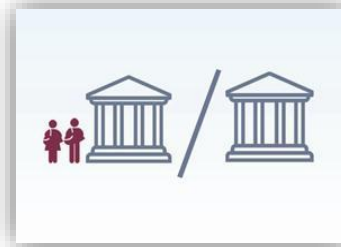
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Individual Fellowships



**RISE**

Research and  
Innovation Staff  
Exchange



**COFUND**

# ITN

## "Innovative Training Networks"

**Objective:** *Training creative, entrepreneurial "Early Stage Researchers" and raising the excellence of doctoral training in Europe*

- Budget for 2017: **€ 430 Million**
- **Host-driven:** networks of academic and non-academic organisations propose a coherent research project and recruit the fellows.
- Recruitments of ESRs up to 36m
- Project duration normally **4 years**
- Funding for max. **540 researcher-months**
- Funding covers 100% of eligible costs

## **ETN – "European Training Networks"**

- At least 3 beneficiaries from 3 different EU MS or AC.
- Non-academic sector participation encouraged
- Each beneficiary recruits an ESR

## **EID – "European Industrial Doctorates" (€28mn ring-fenced)**

- At least 2 beneficiaries established in 2 different MS or AC.
- At least one beneficiary must come from the non-academic sector.
- Each researcher enrolled in a doctoral programme and spending at least 50% in the non-academic sector.
- Joint supervision of fellows by supervisors from each sector is mandatory.

## **EJD – "European Joint Doctorates" (€32mn ring-fenced)**

- At least 3 beneficiaries from different EU MS or AC which are entitled to award doctoral degrees.
- Creation of joint doctoral programmes, leading to the delivery of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees.

# RISE

## "Research and Innovation Staff Exchange"

**Objective:** *Promoting international and inter-sector research collaboration through the exchange ("secondment") of research staff*

- Budget in 2017: **€ 80mn**
- **Host-driven:** networks propose a research project to be implemented through the international secondment of research staff
- Project duration up to **4 years**
- Funding for maximum **540 researcher-months**
- Funding covers costs associated with mobility, not salary

## Two possible set-ups:



- **"International"**

Secondments can be intra- or inter-sectoral



- **"European"**

Secondments must be inter-sectoral



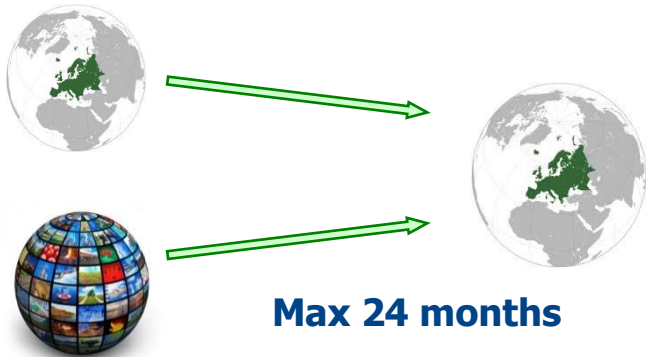
## IF

# "Individual Fellowships"

**Objective:** *Enhancing the potential of Experienced Researchers through advanced training , international & inter-sectoral mobility.*

- Budget for 2017: **€ 248.7 Million**
- Individual applications: Experienced Researchers only (any nationality)
- Funding covers 100% of eligible costs
- **1. European Fellowships (12-24 months):** *Mobility b/w or to EU/ AC*
- **2. Global Fellowships (36 months):** *Mobility from EU/AC to a TC with compulsory return phase to EU/AC*
- Ring-fenced budget for non-academic beneficiaries (€10mn), and for Global Fellowships (€33.7mn)

# 1. European Fellowships

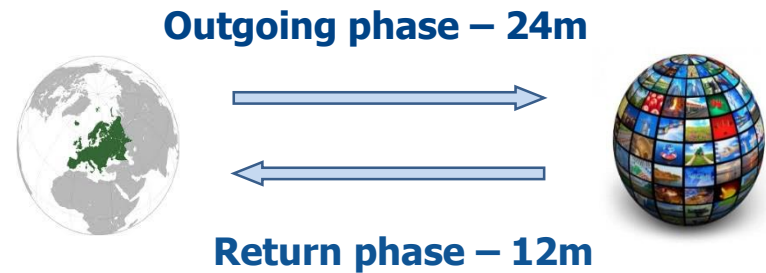


Society and Enterprise Panel

Reintegration Panel

Career Restart Panel

# 2. Global Fellowships



## COFUND

### "Cofunding of Regional, National and International Programmes"

**Objective:** *Stimulating – through EU cofunding – new or existing regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researcher training, mobility and career development.*

- Budget for 2017: **€ 80mn** (Doctoral Programmes: €30mn)
- **Host-driven, but mono-beneficiary:** organisations in EU MS or AC which fund or manage doctoral or post-doctoral fellowship programmes can apply (researchers then apply to the organisation).

- **Duration of projects:** up to 5 years
- **Duration of Fellowships:** min. 3 months / max. 36 months
- **EU contribution** to cover living allowances for researchers and management costs (minimum income rule applies)
- **50% co-funding** for established unit costs

**Doctoral  
Programmes**

*For:  
Early Stage  
Researchers*

**Fellowship  
Programmes**

*For:  
Experienced  
Researchers*

## Advice

1. Consult the MSCA Work Programme and Guides for Applicants.
2. "Partner Search" on *Participant Portal* and *Enterprise Europe Network* (EEN) can help you find project partners.
3. National Contact Points (NCPs) can offer support with applications.

# Questions?