



# *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)*



## PART 1 : **MSCA: Training, Mobility & Career Development Opportunities for Researchers**

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# Horizon Europe

## EURATOM



**Budget: EUR 95.5 billion**

# Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

## European Research Council

Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

**€16 billion**

## Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

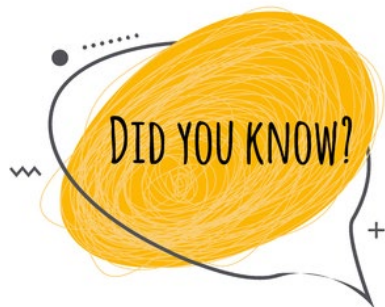
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

**€6.6 billion**

## Research Infrastructures

Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

**€2.4 billion**



**23 Nobel Prize winners** either backed by or involved in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions between 2012 and 2025



# 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**

# The Actions

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## **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*

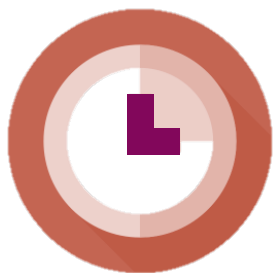
## **COFUND**

*Co-funding doctoral  
and postdoctoral  
programmes*

## **MSCA and Citizens**

*Public outreach  
events (Night)*

# MSCA Doctoral Networks



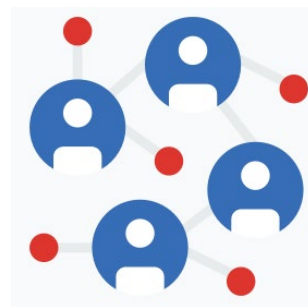
## DURATION

4 years (5 years  
for Joint  
Doctorates)



## COMPOSITION

Min 3 organisations  
in 3 different EU MS  
or HE AC (at least 1  
MS)



## FELLOWSHIP

Between 3 and 36  
months (3-48 months  
for Joint Doctorates)



## BUDGET

540 Person/Month

# Post-Doctoral Fellowships

## European Fellowship

For fellows coming to  
EU MS / HE AC

"incoming"

or

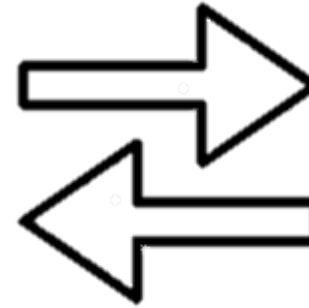
moving within  
EU MS / HE AC  
"intra-European"

**12-24 months**



## Global Fellowship

**12-24 months**



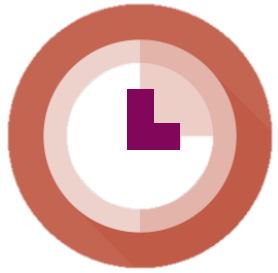
For fellows from  
Europe  
going to third  
countries

and then  
returning to  
Europe/HE AC

**12 months**

**+ 6 months**  
in non-academic  
sector in MS/AC  
(optional)

# MSCA Staff Exchanges



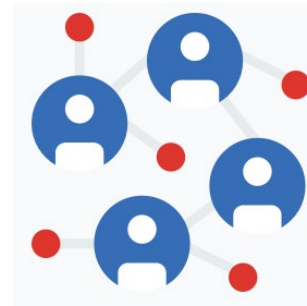
## DURATION

4 years



## COMPOSITION

Min 3 organisations  
in 3 different  
countries (min. 2  
EU MS or HE AC)



## SECONDMENTS

1-12 months per staff



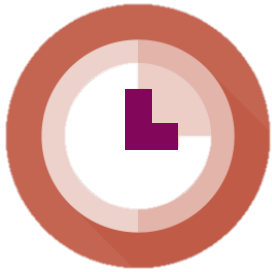
## BUDGET

Max EUR 1.6 million  
(360 PM per project)



# MSCA COFUND

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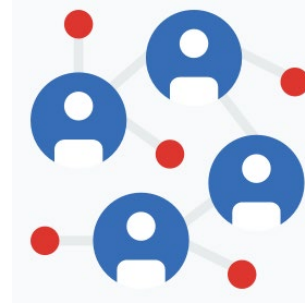
## **DURATION**

Max 5 years



## **COMPOSITION**

1 beneficiary from EU  
MS or HE AC



## **FELLOWSHIP**

For doctoral and  
postdoctoral researchers  
for minimum 3 months



## **BUDGET**

Co-funding  
Max EUR 10 million per  
beneficiary per call

# Value of MSCA for Algerian Organisations & Researchers

- Boosting **training and careers** of Algeria's researchers
- Becoming part of a **large network** with Europe and the world
- Broadening Access to **research resources** and amplifying professional contacts
- Building stable and **lasting international collaborations** at institutional level
- Triggering a positive ripple **effect on R&I policies** in participating institutions
- Generate **innovation outputs** (patents, start-ups, etc.)

# Algeria's Participation in MSCA So Far

# Algeria's Participation in Horizon 2020 MSCA (2014-2020)

- Projects Awarded: **11** projects
- Number of participations by Algerian Organisations: **11**  
(by 10 organisations)
- Top fields: Environment, Life Sciences, Social Sciences
- Algerian researchers benefiting from MSCA: **140**

# Algeria's Participation in Horizon Europe Calls so far: 2021-2024

- 3 successful projects:
  - 1 Staff Exchange project
  - 2 COFUND (as an associated partner – no direct funding)
- 3 successful participations by **2** distinct organisations
- Participants: Univ D'ALGER 2 and Univ. DE BEJAIA (2 projects)
- Funds received: **EUR 92K**

# WP2026-2027 relevant novelties\*

- Relaxing rules on duration of secondments (DN/PF/COFUND)
- Significant simplification for Staff Exchanges eligibility conditions
- Abolishing the “1 month rule” for Staff Exchanges
- Simplify MSCA proposal template for all actions
- Adjusting financial aspects to inflation

| Year | Action                   | Opening*                | Deadline*         |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 2025 | Doctoral Networks        | 28 May 2025             | 25 November 2025  |
|      | Postdoctoral Fellowships | 9 April 2025            | 10 September 2025 |
|      | Staff Exchanges          | 27 March 2025           | 8 October 2025    |
|      | COFUND                   | 23 January 2025         | 24 June 2025      |
|      | COFUND-Choose Europe     | 1 October 2025          | 3 December 2025   |
| 2026 | Doctoral Networks        | 28 May 2026             | 24 November 2026  |
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|      | Staff Exchanges          | 16 December <b>2025</b> | 16 April 2026     |
|      | Staff Exchanges          | 15 December 2026        | 15 April 2027     |
|      | COFUND                   | 16 December <b>2025</b> | 8 April 2026      |
|      | COFUND                   | 8 December 2026         | 6 April 2027      |
|      | COFUND: Choose Europe    | 8 December 2026         | 6 April 2027      |



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## PART 2 : Focus on MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN)

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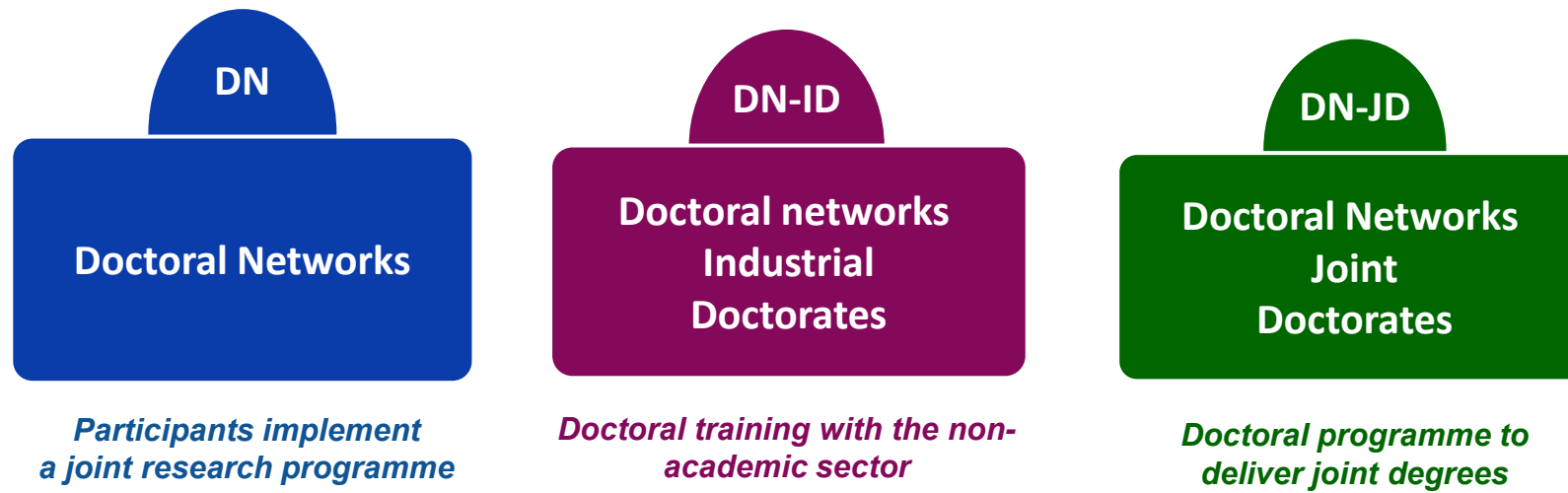


# What is a Doctoral Network (DN) ?



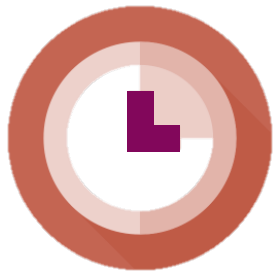
- ✓ One consortium
- ✓ Proposing a research project
- ✓ With interlinked individual PhD research projects
- ✓ For doctoral candidates

# Implementation modes



➡ *All 3 modes compete within the same scientific panels*

# MSCA Doctoral Networks



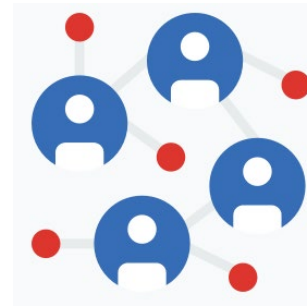
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# Eligible participants

## Who can apply?

- ✓ Any Legal Entity worldwide
- ✓ But not all applicants are eligible for funding

Min. 3 entities from 3 ≈ MS/AC  
of which 1 from a MS  
as **beneficiary**



## Consortia

- ✓ Universities, research institutions and research infrastructures
- ✓ Businesses including SMEs
- ✓ Other socio-economic actors

*No minimum / maximum number of **Associated Partners***

# Eligible size and duration

## Size

- ✓ Up to **540 person-months** for all type of actions



## Duration

- ✓ **Proposal**: max. 48 months for DN and DN-ID  
- incentive for DN-JD **60 months**
- ✓ **Fellowship**: 3 to 36 months for DN and DN-ID  
- incentive for DN-JD **48 months**
- ✓ **Secondments**: worldwide, any sectors, up to 1/2 of the fellowship duration for Standard DN  
- incentive for DN-ID and DN-JD **no secondment limitation** – for DN-ID min **50%** in non-academic sector

## Other eligibility conditions

**All beneficiaries must recruit at least one doctoral candidate**, host and supervise in own premises, or use associated partners linked to them to do so

**Max. 40% of budget allocated to the same country** or to a single international organisation.

**Re-submission restrictions** for proposals scoring below 80% in the previous year's call

*Specific eligibility conditions for Industrial and Joint Doctorates*

# Eligible researchers

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## Doctoral candidates

- ✓ **No doctoral degree** at the date of recruitment
- ✓ **Open, merit-based and transparent recruitment** procedure
- ✓ **Enrolled in a PhD** from min 1 EU MS/AC
- ✓ Any nationality
- ✓ fulfill the **MSCA mobility condition**:

DCs must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date.

# Cost categories\*

| A. Contributions for recruited researchers |                            |  |   |                                       | B. Institutional contributions                        |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| A1. Living allowance (€)                   | A2. Mobility allowance (€) | A3. Family allowance (if applicable) (€) | A4. Long term leave (if applicable) (€) | A5. Special needs (if applicable) (€) | B1. Research training and networking contribution (€) | B2. Management and indirect contribution (€) |
| 4250**                                     | 710                        | 660                                      | 4960 x % covered by the beneficiary     | requested unit x 1/ number of PM      | 1600  | 1200   |

*\*gross amount multiplied by country correction coefficient*



*Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

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Thank you!



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