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Global Cooperation Policy Enhancement and Strategic Promotion

Strengthening Europe's position in international research collaboration
through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme
across 20 countries and 6 regions

MSCA National Info day in Egypt

1 December 2025, Monday

Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)

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Horizon Europe

EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

- European Research Council
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Research Infrastructures

Pillar II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre

Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

- European Innovation Council
- European Innovation Ecosystems
- European Institute of Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

- Widening participation & spreading excellence
- Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

EURATOM

- Fusion
- Fission
- Joint Research Center

2021-2027

Budget: EUR 95.5 billion

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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

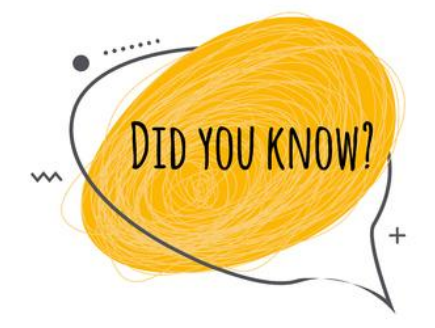
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

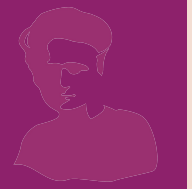
Research Infrastructures

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 2024



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Key features

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

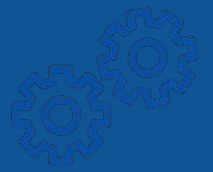
Excellent research in all domains

(bottom-up approach)

International, inter-sectoral (academic/non-academic) & interdisciplinary mobility

Attractive working and employment conditions

Structuring impact on organisations across the EU and beyond



Contributing to EU competitiveness

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Horizon 2020: key figures (2014-2020)

+65,000 Researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates	**37%** Researchers from outside of the EU	**6.2 billion €** Under Horizon 2020
+1,000 Doctoral programmes	**+4,500** Companies supported	**42%** Female researchers

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MSCA 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

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

Global Fellowship

12-24 months

12 months

For fellows from Europe going to third countries

and then returning to Europe/HE AC

The current member states of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

Associated countries to Horizon Europe: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, **Egypt**, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Republic of Korea.

Third Country: Any country that is not an EU Member State (MS) and not a Horizon Europe Associated Country, so it refers to all other non-EU, non-associated countries.

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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Lead institutions:	• Single beneficiary • Associated partners (including a third country host in the case of Global Fellowships)
Eligibility:	• Researchers with a doctoral degree and up to 8 years of post-PhD experience • Recruited researchers must comply with the following **mobility rule**: they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.
Funding:	• Researcher unit cost (living, mobility and family allowance) • Institutional unit cost (management, research, training and networking costs)
Length:	• Max 24 months for European Fellowships • Max 36 months for Global Fellowships (incl. a mandatory 12 month return phase) • Optional additional 6 months for a non-academic placement

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MSCA Post-Doctoral Fellowships

MSCA-PF: One Programme, Two Schemes

European Postdoctoral Fellowships	Global Postdoctoral Fellowships
Duration: 12-24 months (+ NAP, if applicable)	**Duration:** 24-36 months (+ NAP, if applicable)
Mobility: moving (or recently moved) to or between EU MS/AC	**Mobility:** 12-24 months **outgoing phase** (Third Country) + **mandatory** 12 month **return phase** to EU MS/AC
Beneficiary: Host institution in an EU MS/AC**	**Beneficiary:** Return phase host in an EU MS/AC

Optional:

- ✓ **Secondment(s):** up to max. [redacted] of the project duration (EF)* or max [redacted] of outgoing phase (GF) to academic/non-academic institution(s), anywhere in the world. Can be split into multiple periods. Must be in the Grant Agreement
- ✓ **Short stays**: limited periods – to anywhere in world – for field work, short research visits, conferences, etc
- ✓ **Non-Academic Placement (NAP):** additional period of up to 6 months in a non-academic institution (in an EU MS/AC) after the end of the standard project duration (for EF) or after the end of return phase (for GF). Must be in the original proposal and in the Grant Agreement

* *Excluding NAPs*
** *EU MS/AC: EU Members States/Associated Countries*

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Budget – MSCA-PF – Unit Contributions*

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	Contributions for the recruited researcher Per person-month					Institutional unit contributions Per person month	
	Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	*Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)*	*Special needs allowance (if applicable)*	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
	€6,350*	€710	€660	*€7060 x % covered by beneficiary*	*Requested unit x (1/number of months)*	€1,000	€650

***Living Allowance (a gross amount) corrected by a country correction coefficient (CCC)**
Egypt = 70%

* Pending formal adoption of WP 2026-2027

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Budget – MSCA-PF
(Contributions for Recruited Researchers)

What do the Costs Cover?

Contributions for Recruited Researchers Per person-month				
Living Allowance	**Mobility Allowance**	**Family Allowance** *(if applicable)*	**Long-Term Leave Allowance** *(if applicable)*	**Special Needs Allowance** *(if applicable)*
Monthly gross salary before compulsory deductions & taxes, e.g. employer & employee social security contributions (net amount varies)	**Researcher's private mobility** Note: Project-related costs are covered by the RTN contribution	**Family obligations** acquired **before or during the project** • **Marriage or equivalent** (legally recognised) • **Dependent children**	Researcher's **leave longer than 30 consecutive days:** • **Maternity leave** • **Parental leave** • **Sick leave** • **Special leave**	Acquisition of special needs items & services for **researchers with certified disabilities**

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What do the Costs Cover?
(Institutional Unit Contributions)

Institutional Unit Contributions
Per person-month

Research, Training & Networking (RTN)

Costs related to the **training & research expenses** of researchers & costs related to the **networking activities**

For example:
- Attendance at conferences, seminars
- Lab material, laptops, disposables…
- Visa-related fees (even if before the recruitment date)
- Costs for secondments, non-academic placements & outgoing phase travel for GF

Management & Indirect Contribution

Beneficiary's additional costs in connection with the **implementation of the project**

For example:
- Personnel costs for project management
- Indirect costs related to project implementation
- Overheads

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Key Points to Remember about MSCA-PF

The Grant Agreement is a legal contract between REA and your Host Institution

- ✓ You & your host institution are together supposed to deliver the project as proposed
- ✓ Any problems or changes need to be communicated to REA

Your Employment Contract is with your Host Institution, not with REA

- ✓ Your host is your first point of contact in case of questions, problems, etc

You must work full-time and exclusively on your project

- ✓ Unless you have agreed otherwise with your Host & REA (e.g. part-time work, suspension)

Secondments

- ✓ To academic/non-academic institution(s) anywhere in the world
- ✓ Must be indicated in grant agreement

For European Fellowships:

- ✓ Up to max. 1/3 of project duration

For Global Fellowships:

- ✓ Maximum 1/3 of the outgoing phase
- ✓ Not permitted during the return phase

Non-Academic Placements

- ✓ Up to 6 months at non-academic host, after the "normal" end of the project.
- ✓ Cannot be added later (must be in original proposal)

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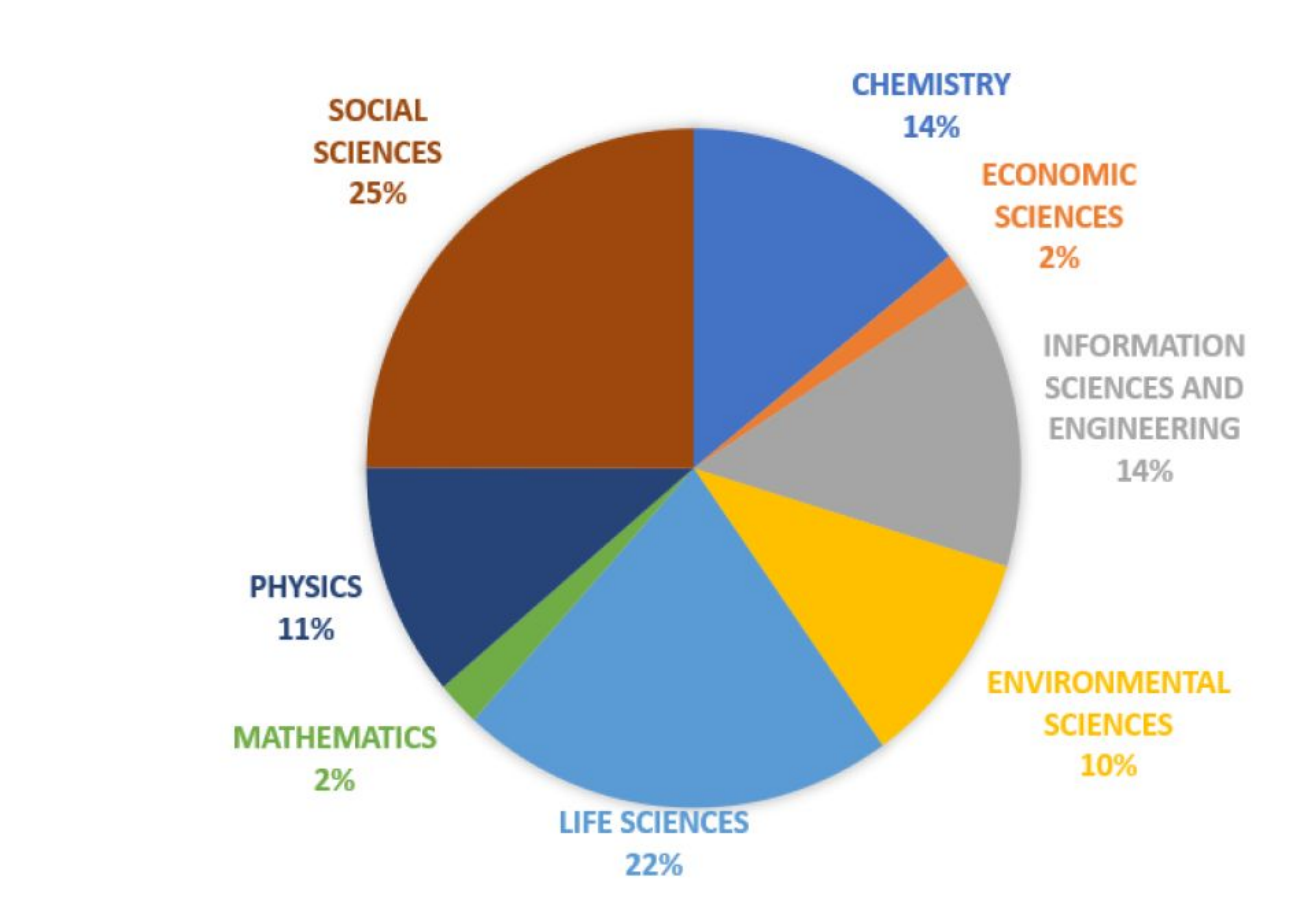
Bottom-up Approach..



*MSCA-PF 2023 Submission Statistics

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Project Life Cycle

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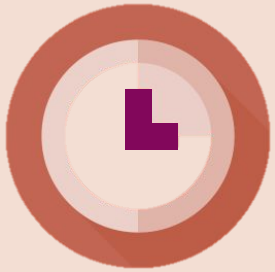
MSCA COFUND (2026 and 2027)



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

MSCA COFUND

Institutions:	• Single beneficiary • Implementing partners • Associated partners
Target:	• Doctoral programmes: Researchers without a doctoral degree • Postdoctoral programmes: Researchers with a doctoral degree
Funding:	• COFUND allowance per person-month (70% living + mobility allowance in DN or PF) • Co-funded by beneficiary with salaries set at attractive levels above the minimum remuneration
Length:	• Minimum 3 month fellowships • Maximum 60 month project duration

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COFUND Budget – EU contribution

For recruited researchers & institutional contributions per person-month*

Doctoral Programmes
EUR 3,500**

Postdoctoral Programmes
EUR 4,980**

Any cost item of the programme supported

** Fixed-amount fellowship: 50% of the standard rate

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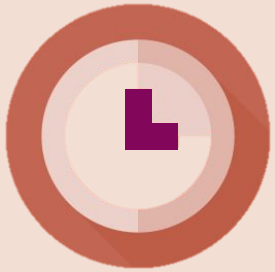
COFUND Pilot: MSCA Choose Europe for Science



DURATION

2-3 years first phase
2 years second phase

COMPOSITION

1 beneficiary from EU MS or HE AC

RECRUITMENT

For at least 3 researchers at postdoctoral level

BUDGET

Co-funding with a front-loaded EU contribution
Max EUR 3.5 million per beneficiary per call

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MSCA Choose Europe for Science

Institutions:	• Single beneficiary • Associated partners
Target:	• Researchers with a doctoral degree
Funding:	• Allowance per person-month in the 1st phase (living + mobility allowance in PF) • Co-funded by beneficiary with salaries set at attractive levels in the second phase
Length:	• 24 or 36 month 1st phase with EU funding • 24 month 2nd phase funded entirely by the institution

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MSCA Choose Europe for Science pilot 2025

How it works?

- The fellowships last for max. 5 years, in two phases:
  EU funded phase: 2 or 3 years (phase 1)
  Beneficiary funded phase: 2 years (phase 2)

- **Post-project career prospects** for recruited researchers will be considered in the evaluation
- **Choose Europe allowance** (for EU funded phase): 6700€ per person/month
- Pilot **call for organisations** to apply for funding closing on 3rd December 2025

Selected projects are expected to start publishing positions to recruit researchers on *Euraxess* from **second half of 2026.**
Individual researchers will **apply directly with the host institutions** publishing the vacancy.

To find out more: Choose Europe for Science - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

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Changes: Choose Europe for Science 2025 vs 2027

	Choose Europe for Science 2025	Choose Europe for Science 2027
BENEFICIARY TYPE	**Mono-beneficiary** where only the beneficiary can recruit and host fellows • **WITHOUT** Implementing Partners • WITH Associated Partners (support without recruitment or claiming costs)	**Mono-beneficiary** • WITH Implementing Partners (recruit and host researchers and claim costs) • WITH Associated Partners (support without recruitment or claiming costs)
FUNDING	Two phases with a pre-set order - **1st phase** (24 or 36 months): **EU co-funding** at a fixed flat rate of **EUR 6700 / person-month** (equivalent to PF living + mobility allowances) A corresponding min. gross monthly remuneration - **2nd phase** (24 months): **beneficiary covers all costs** and sets the remuneration at national level	Two phases with order to be specified by the beneficiary - **EU-funded phase** (24 or 36 months): Coverage of Researcher and Institutional Unit Costs corresponding to **full PF unit contributions** CCCs applied to living allowances - **Phase fully funded by the beneficiary** (24 months): **beneficiary covers all costs** and sets the remuneration at national level
BUDGET	Total budget: 22.5 M EUR Per beneficiary per call: Max 3.5 M EUR	Total budget: 51.25 M EUR Per beneficiary per call: Max 5 M EUR

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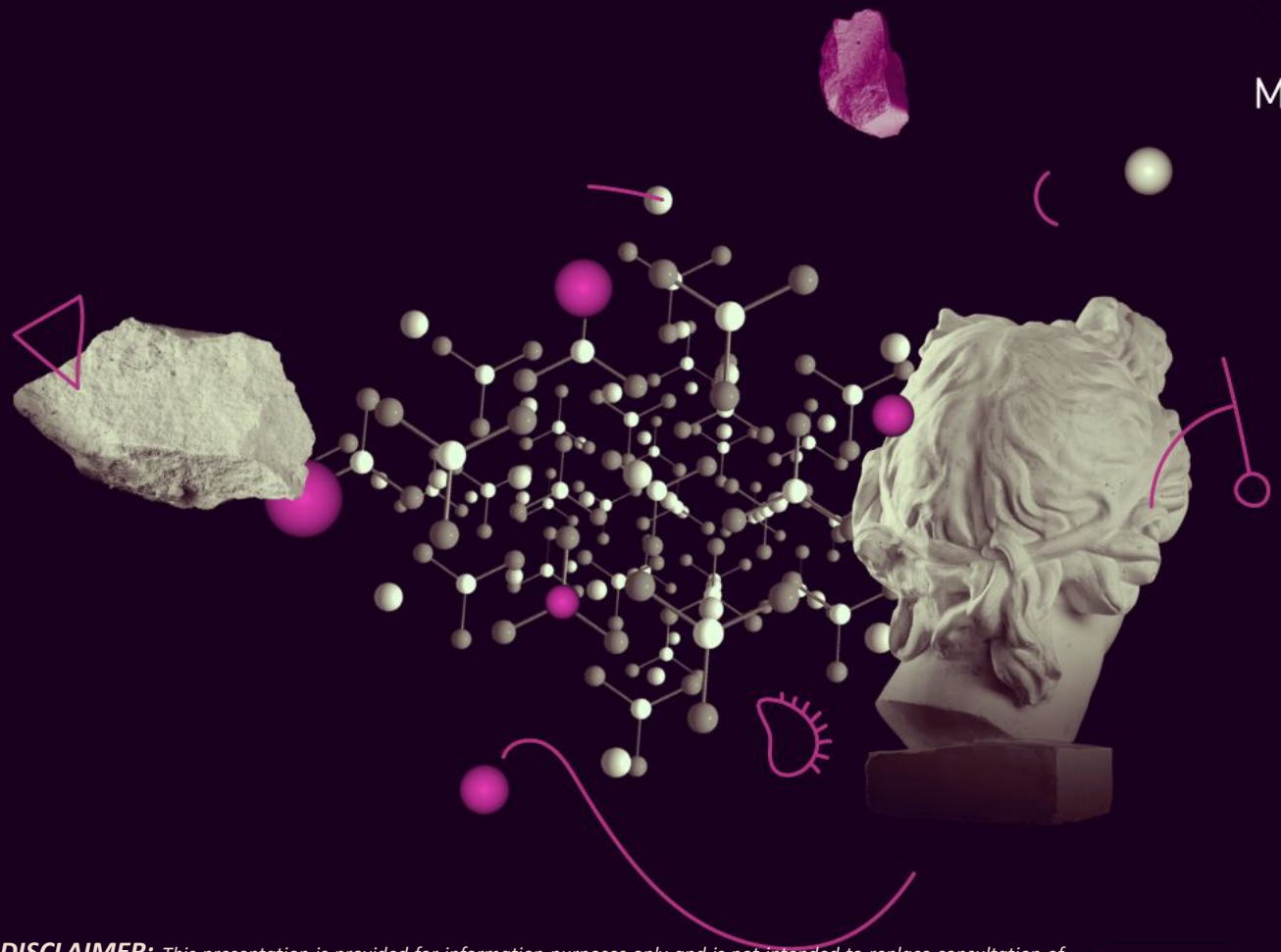

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Main objectives

- **Bring research and researchers closer to the public.**
- **Show the role of the researcher for the society and economy**. *Raise the interest of young people in research careers.*
- **Address the general public**, *with a specific focus on families, pupils, students.*
- **These objectives will be pursued through** *the organisation of the* **European Researchers' Night** *and the implementation of the* **Researchers at Schools initiative.**

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Types of European Researchers' Night activities:

- Activities can combine **education with entertainment.**
- They can take various forms, such as **exhibitions, hands-on experiments, science shows, simulations, debates, games, competitions, quizzes, etc**
- Where appropriate, **engagement with educational institutions should be sought**

Researchers at Schools activities:

- Activities will allow **researchers to showcase their work and interact with pupils**
- Researchers will engage with teachers and pupils on challenges related to **climate change, sustainable development, health and other European Commission priorities,** such as the European Green Deal or the EU **Missions**

Opening: 09 Mar 2027

Deadline(s): 08 Jun 2027

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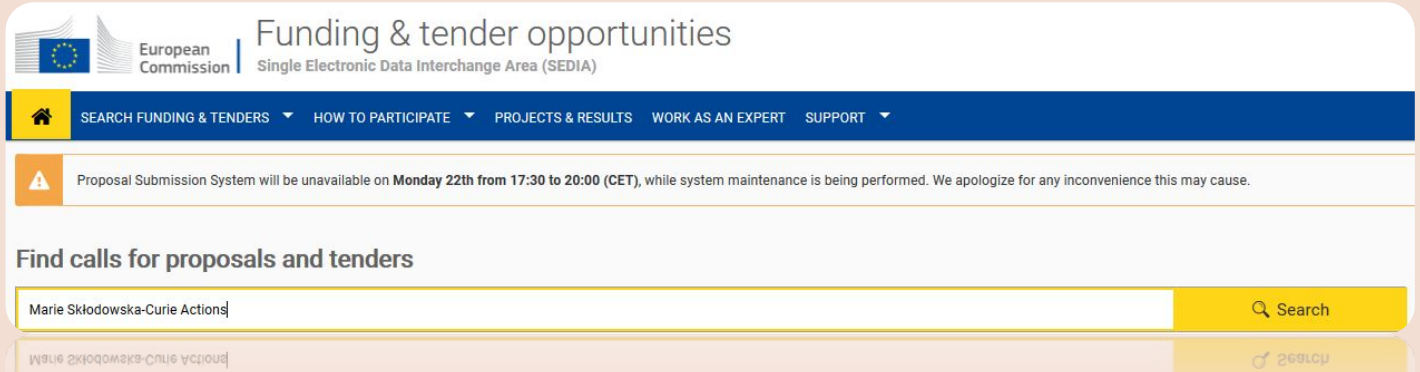
Funding opportunities

- 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

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/



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Looking for a partner?

Some useful resources and links

- Vacancies under MSCA Doctoral Networks and COFUND programmes are published on the Euraxess portal (as well as some offers from host institutions for Postdoctoral Fellowships)
- MSCA Matchmaking platform for researchers and organisation to find relevant partners and host institutions
- "*Partner search*" tool on Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal
- Enterprise Europe Networks (for non-academic partners)
- Seal of Excellence schemes for unsuccessful excellent projects in PF or COFUND

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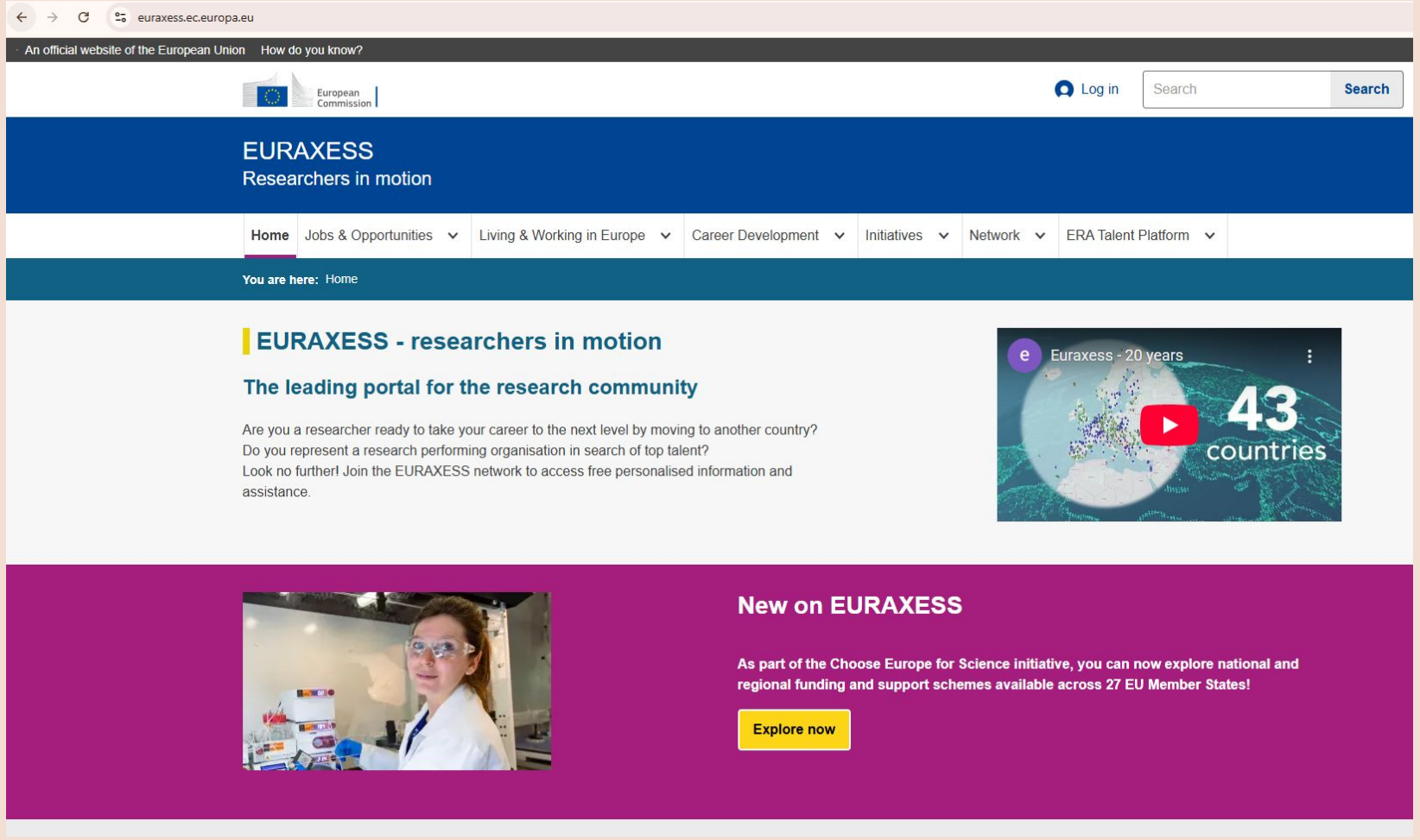

https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/

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How to find partners to work in MSCA?

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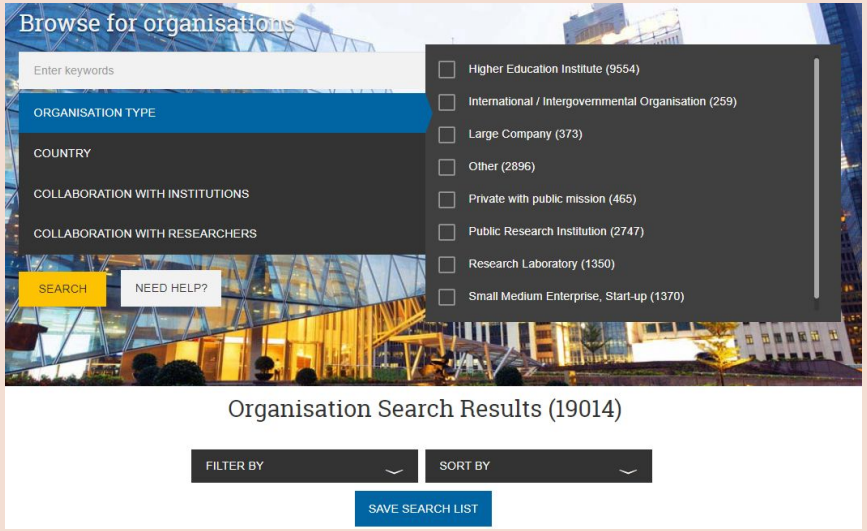

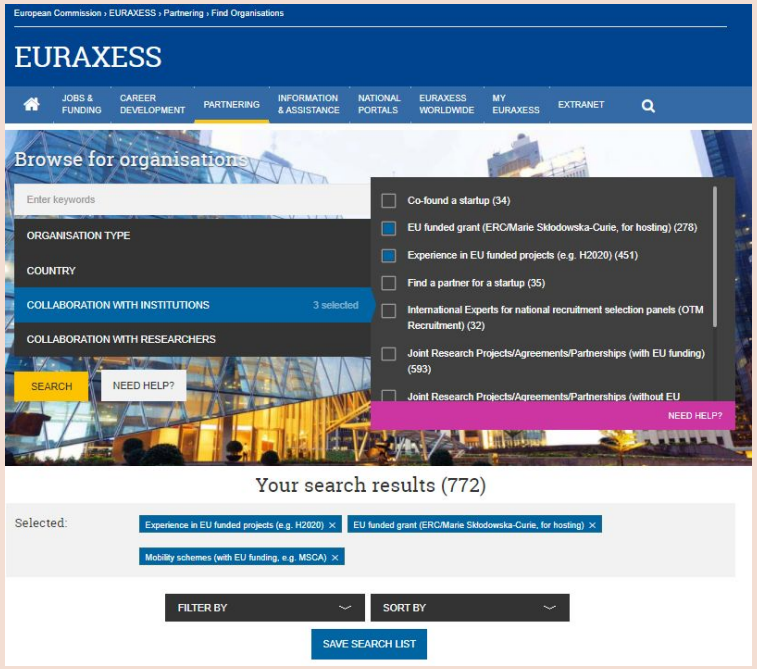

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[MSCA-NET matchmaking platform]

- ✔ Enables collaboration between researchers, entreprises, research centres …
- ✔ Possibility to have bilateral meetings with companies, NCP …
- ✔ Need to include your interest and idea

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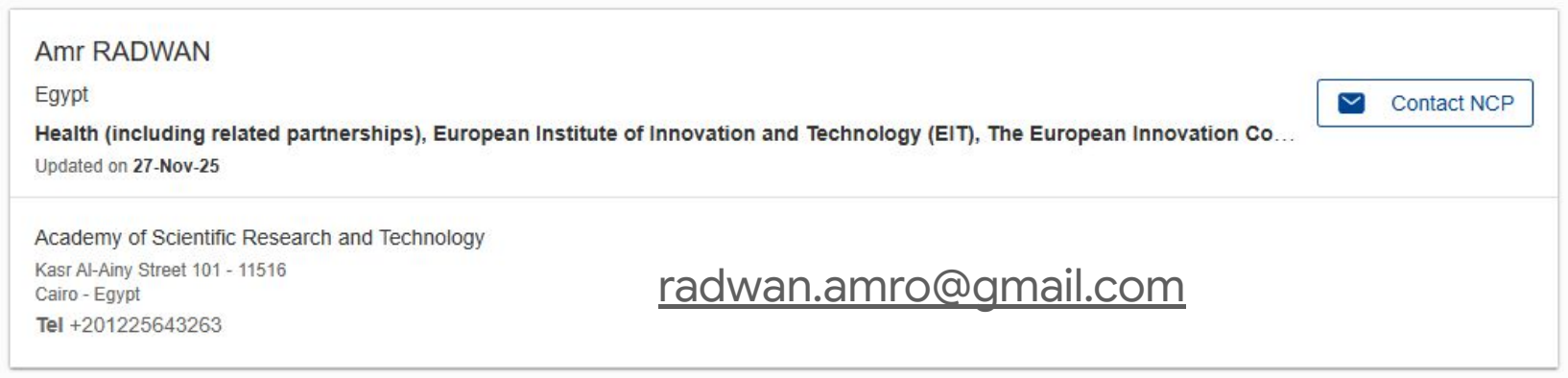
Key resources and guidance

- Check all **guidance documents** available on Funding and Tenders Portal :
  - Guide for applicants: overview of rules, financial aspects, etc.
  - MSCA Work Programme and annexes
  - Proposal templates
  - Model Grant Agreements
  - Horizon Europe Programme Guide
  - Online manual on how to submit an application
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Partner search
- Ask for advice to your **MSCA National Contact Point** where available



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