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

MSCA Doctoral Networks and Staff Exchanges: Opportunities for Institutions in the United States and Canada 18 February 2026

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Research Infrastructures



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Clusters

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

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Pillar III INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation
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European Innovation
Ecosystems

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Innovation & Technology*

Fusion

Fission

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Research
Center

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

2021-2027

Budget: EUR 95.5 billion



European
Commission

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

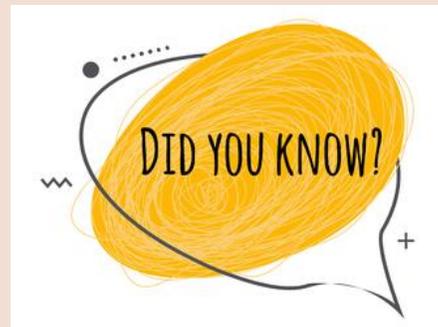
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€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



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

MSCA Actions

Doctoral Network

- Intl Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Single Researcher

Staff Exchange

- Intl Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Participate

COFUND

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

Choose Europe for Science

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

MSCA & Citizens

- Single Beneficiary or Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Participate



Researcher applies directly to our call



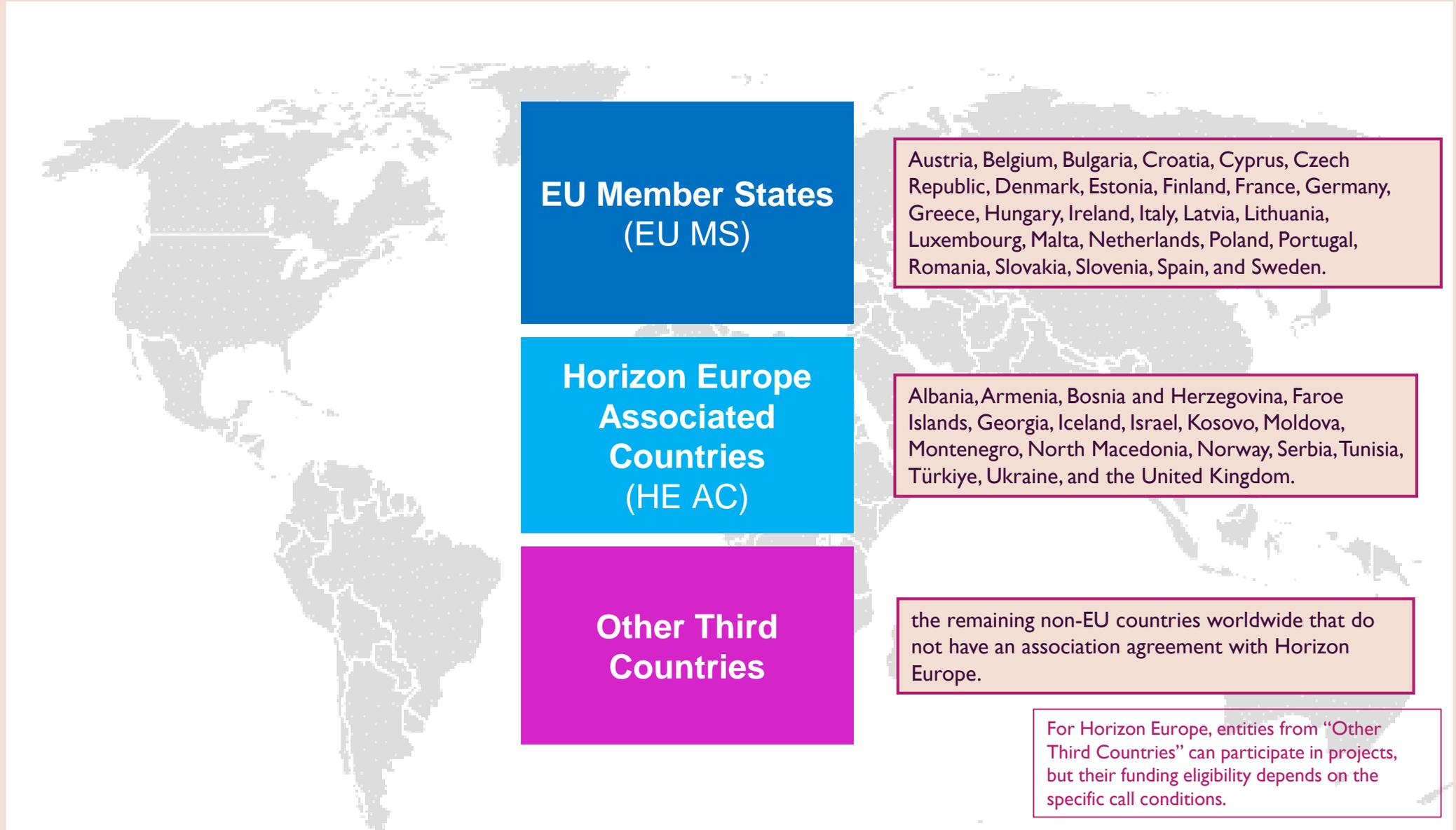
Researcher applies to vacancies in selected projects



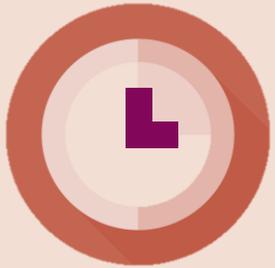
Researcher participates in the project activities



Some Terminology



MSCA Staff Exchanges



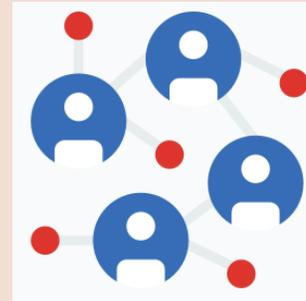
DURATION

4 years



COMPOSITION

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



SECONDMENTS

1-12 months per staff



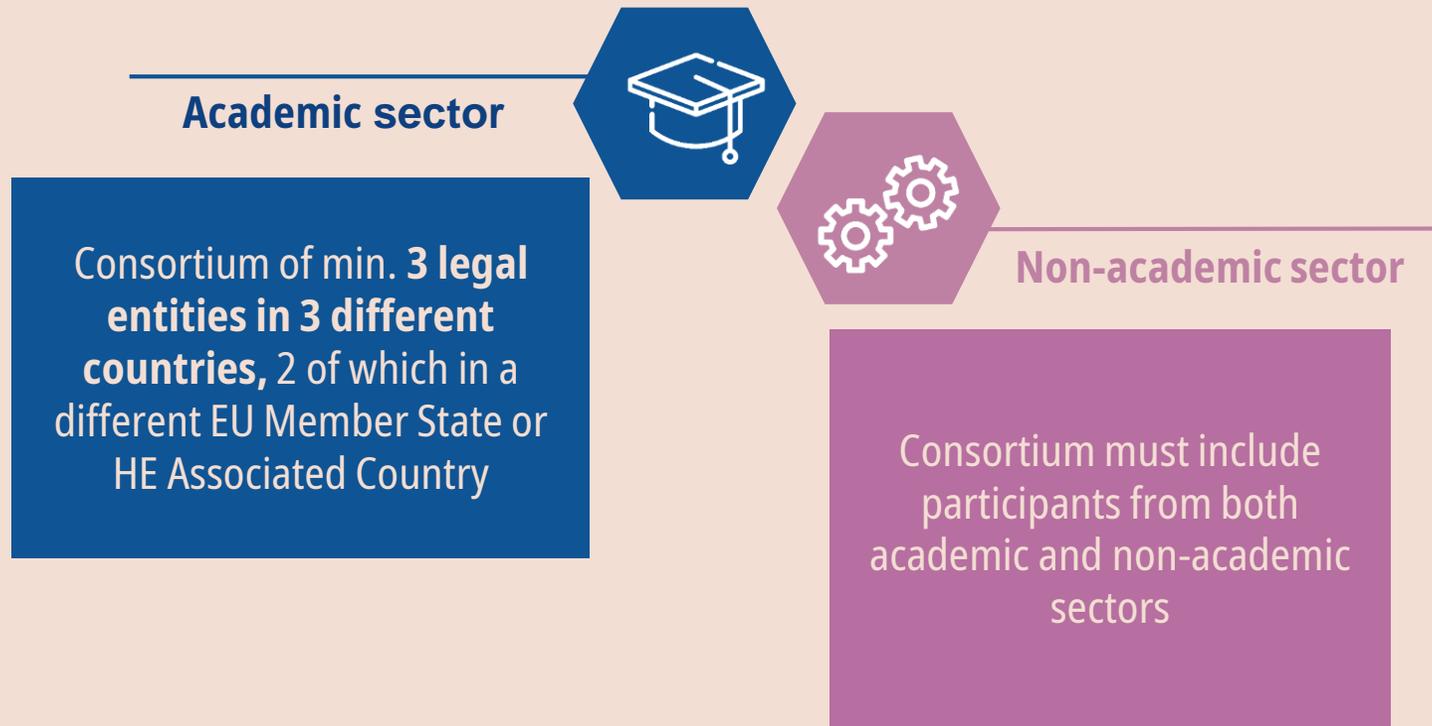
BUDGET

Max EUR 1.6 million
(360 PM per project)

The SE action funds short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities of participating organisations.

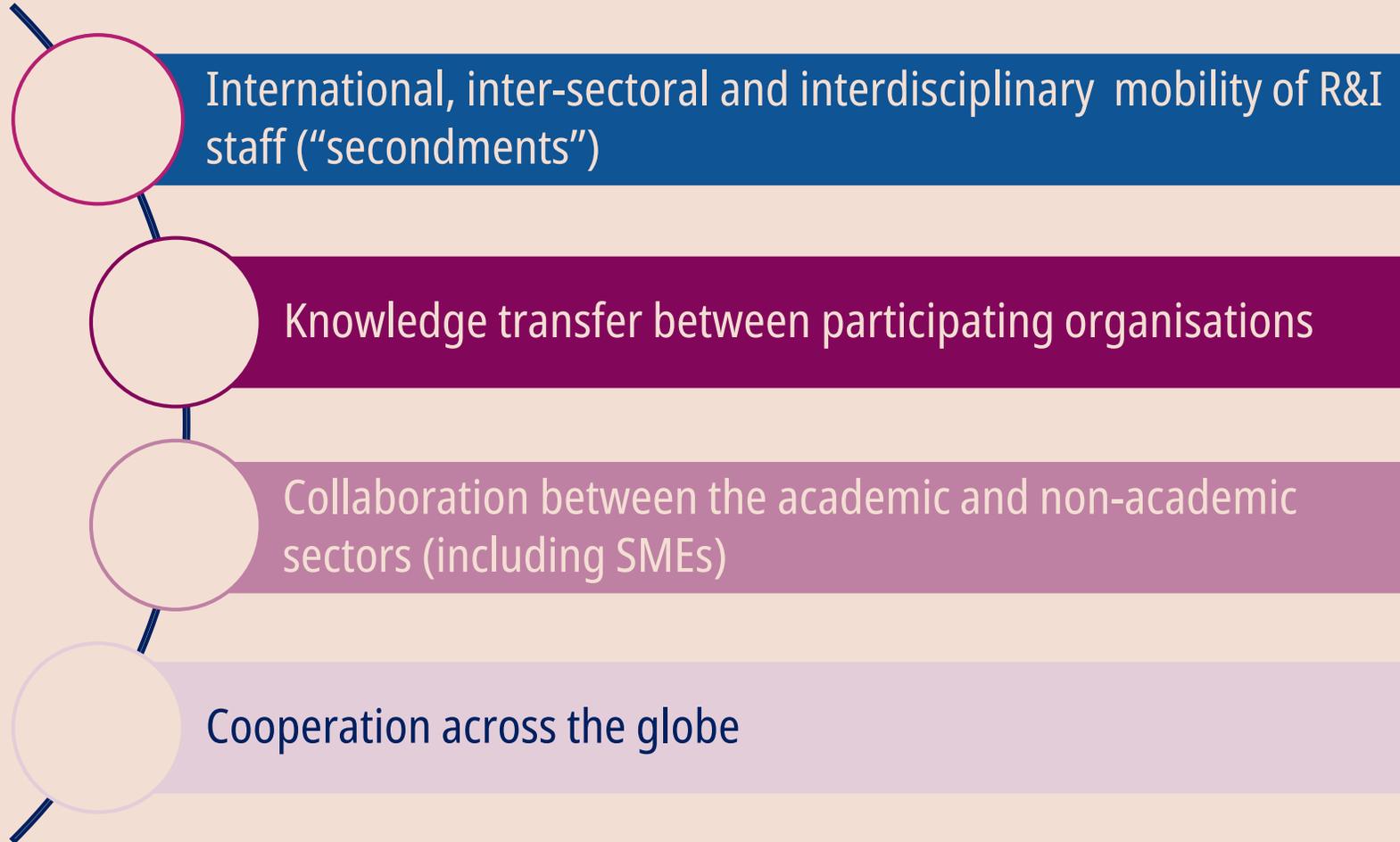
Exchanged staff benefit from new knowledge, skills and career development perspectives, while participating organisations increase their research and innovation capacities.

Eligible participants



- Only **legal entities** that are established in **EU MS or HE AC** can be **beneficiaries**.
- Secondments between non-associated third countries are not possible.
- As explained previously, **secondments within EU MS or HE AC must be between different sectors** (between academic and non-academic), except for **interdisciplinary secondments**.
- Obviously, secondments must always be **between different countries**.

MSCA Staff Exchanges: Objectives



MSCA Staff Exchanges

Institutions:

- Consortium with minimum 3 organisations in 3 different countries
- Associated partners

Target:

- Researchers at any career stage linked to the sending organisation as well as administrative, managerial, or technical staff supporting the R&I activities under the project

Funding:

- A top up allowance (€2870 to cover a researcher's costs related to the secondment)
- Institutional unit cost (management €1000, research, training and networking costs €1300)

Length:

- Min 1 month exchange per staff member
- Max 12 month exchange per staff member
- Max 48 month project

Participation of third country organisations

Organisations from non-associated third countries can participate as:

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

*Organisations established in non-associated third countries are eligible 1) for automatic funding as beneficiaries if based in low- and medium-income countries listed in the [Horizon Europe General Annexes](#) or 2) for exceptional funding as beneficiaries if based in countries not listed in the General Annexes provided that their participation is considered essential for implementing the action.

Beneficiary vs Associated Partner



Beneficiary

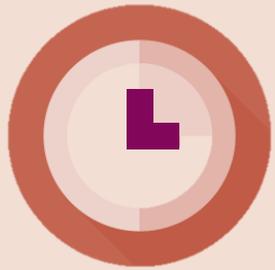
- Signs the Grant Agreement with the EU
- Minimum number and geographical requirements
- Receives funding directly



Associated partner

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

MSCA Doctoral Networks



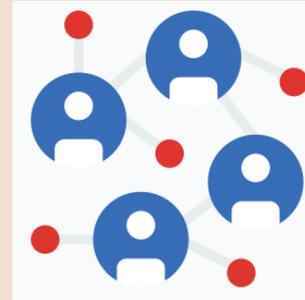
DURATION

4 years (5 years for Joint Doctorates)



COMPOSITION

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



FELLOWSHIP

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



BUDGET

540 Person/Month

The Doctoral Networks (DN) action funds international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral doctoral programmes, aiming to train highly skilled doctoral candidates through joint research, transferable skills training and international mobility.

Participating organisations strengthen their cooperation and research excellence while developing the next generation of researchers.

MSCA Doctoral Networks

Institutions:

- Consortium with minimum 3 organisations in 3 different countries
- Associated partners

Target:

- Researchers without a doctoral degree

Funding:

- Researcher unit cost (living €4250, mobility €710 and if relevant family allowance €660)
- Institutional unit cost (management €1200, research, training and networking costs €1600)

Length:

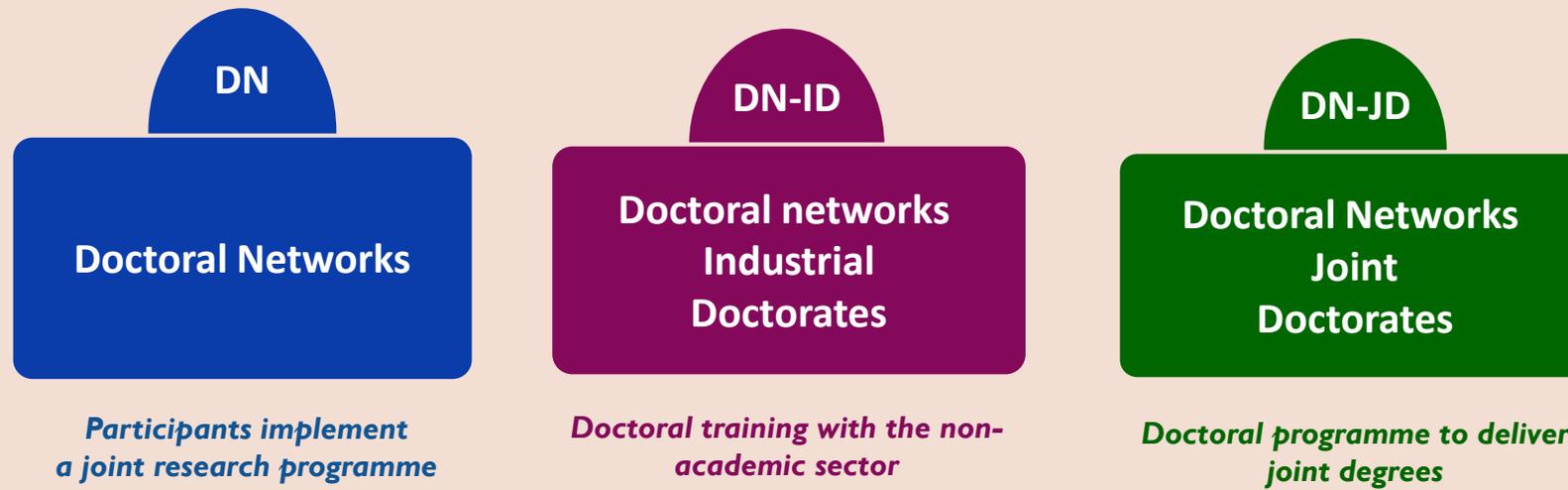
- Max 48 months for standard Doctoral Networks and Industrial Doctorates (3yr fellowships)
- Max 60 months for Joint Doctorates (4yr fellowships)

MSCA Doctoral Networks: What is a Doctoral Network (DN) ?



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

MSCA Doctoral Networks: Implementation modes



 *All 3 modes compete within the same scientific panels*

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**

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



Consortia

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

Year	Action	Opening*	Deadline*
2026	Staff Exchanges Staff Exchanges	16 December 2025 15 December 2026	16 April 2026 15 April 2027
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	9 April 2026	9 September 2026
	Doctoral Networks	28 May 2026	24 November 2026
	COFUND COFUND COFUND: Choose Europe	16 December 2025 8 December 2026 8 December 2026	8 April 2026 6 April 2027 6 April 2027

Funding opportunities

- All calls are published on the **Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal**
- Applications are submitted through the portal by the coordinators:
 - They find the call
 - They sign in to the portal and register their organisation (get a PIC number)
 - They find partners (from USA and Canada for instance)
 - They apply

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

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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Looking for a partner?

Some useful resources and links

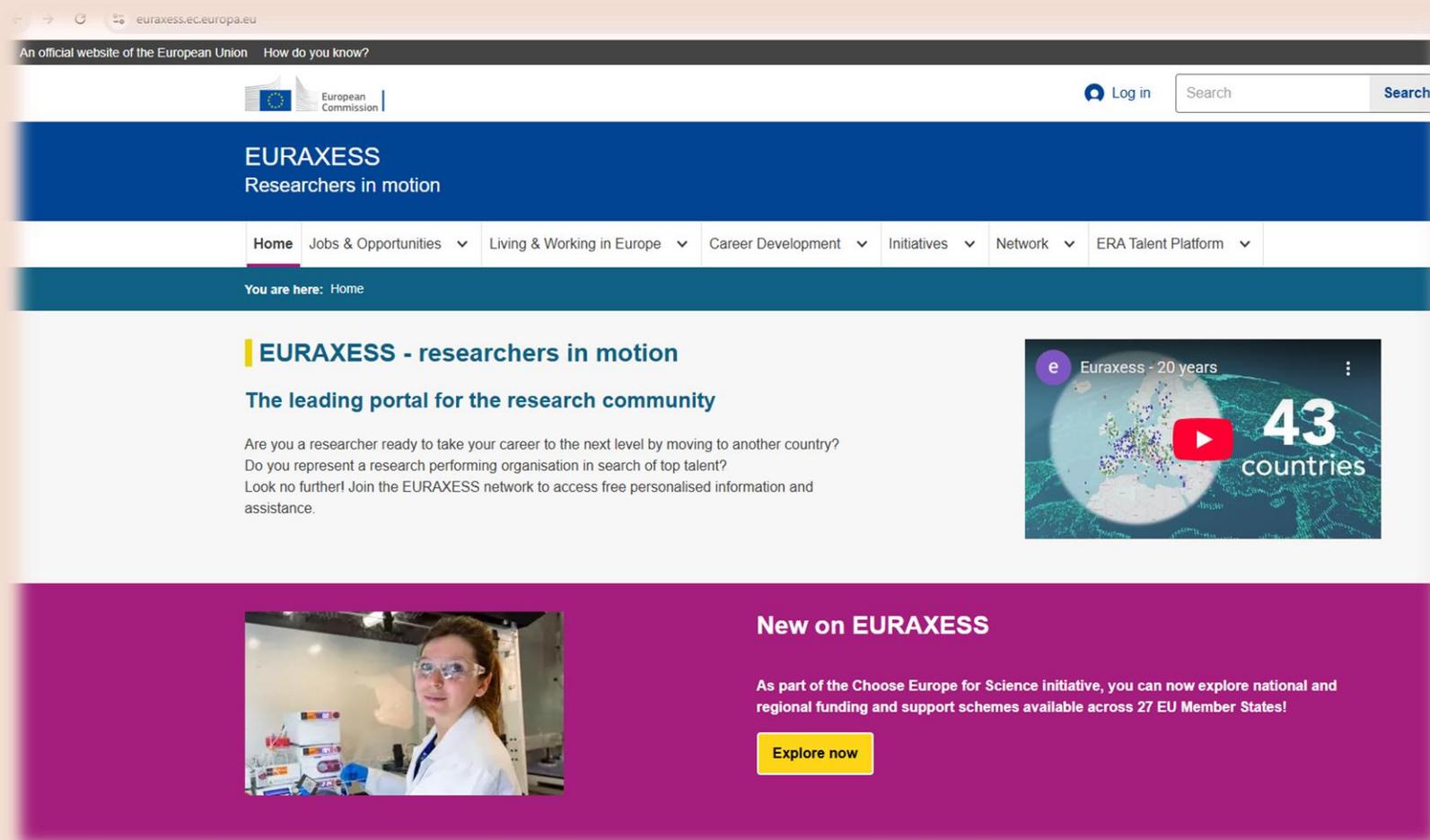
- [MSCA Matchmaking platform](#) for researchers and organisation to find relevant partners and host institutions
- “[Partner search](#)” tool on Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal
- [Enterprise Europe Networks](#) (for non-academic partners)

(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))

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

EURAXESS



The screenshot shows the EURAXESS website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo, a 'Log in' button, and a search bar. Below this is a blue header with the text 'EURAXESS Researchers in motion'. A horizontal menu contains links for 'Home', 'Jobs & Opportunities', 'Living & Working in Europe', 'Career Development', 'Initiatives', 'Network', and 'ERA Talent Platform'. A breadcrumb trail indicates 'You are here: Home'. The main content area features a section titled 'EURAXESS - researchers in motion' with the subtitle 'The leading portal for the research community'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: 'Are you a researcher ready to take your career to the next level by moving to another country? Do you represent a research performing organisation in search of top talent? Look no further! Join the EURAXESS network to access free personalised information and assistance.' To the right of this text is a video thumbnail titled 'Euraxess - 20 years' showing a globe with '43 countries' highlighted. Below the main content is a purple banner with the heading 'New on EURAXESS' and a sub-heading: 'As part of the Choose Europe for Science initiative, you can now explore national and regional funding and support schemes available across 27 EU Member States!'. A yellow 'Explore now' button is positioned below the text. On the left side of the banner is a photograph of a female scientist in a lab coat and safety glasses.

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

How to find partners to work in MSCA?

EURAXESS Partnering

Browse for organisations

Enter keywords

ORGANISATION TYPE

COUNTRY

COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTIONS

COLLABORATION WITH RESEARCHERS

- Higher Education Institute (9554)
- International / Intergovernmental Organisation (259)
- Large Company (373)
- Other (2896)
- Private with public mission (465)
- Public Research Institution (2747)
- Research Laboratory (1350)
- Small Medium Enterprise, Start-up (1370)

SEARCH NEED HELP?

Organisation Search Results (19014)

FILTER BY SORT BY

SAVE SEARCH LIST

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EURAXESS

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Browse for organisations

Enter keywords

ORGANISATION TYPE

COUNTRY

COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTIONS 3 selected

COLLABORATION WITH RESEARCHERS

- Co-found a startup (34)
- EU funded grant (ERC/Marie Skłodowska-Curie, for hosting) (278)
- Experience in EU funded projects (e.g. H2020) (451)
- Find a partner for a startup (35)
- International Experts for national recruitment selection panels (OTM Recruitment) (32)
- Joint Research Projects/Agreements/Partnerships (with EU funding) (593)
- Joint Research Projects/Agreements/Partnerships (without EU)

SEARCH NEED HELP?

NEED HELP?

Your search results (772)

Selected: Experience in EU funded projects (e.g. H2020) × EU funded grant (ERC/Marie Skłodowska-Curie, for hosting) ×

Mobility schemes (with EU funding, e.g. MSCA) ×

FILTER BY SORT BY

SAVE SEARCH LIST

How to find partners to work in MSCA?

MSCA-NET matchmaking platform

- ✓ Enables collaboration between researchers, enterprises, research centres ...
- ✓ Possibility to have bilateral meetings with companies, NCPs
- ✓ Need to include your interest and idea



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International Brokerage Event on Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchanges

23 FEBRUARY 2026 VIRTUAL EVENT

MSCA SE 2026 Call

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2024 Call Brokerage

Register now



MSCA STAFF EXCHANGES 2024
ON-LINE BROKERAGE EVENT - 15 November 2024
12:30 - 20:00 (CET)



<https://www.b2match.com/e/international-brokerage-event-on-msca>

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026

HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01-01

Topic Call for proposal

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- Topic updates
- Destination
- Conditions and documents
- Budget overview

General information

Programme

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call

[MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 \(HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01\)](#)

Type of action

HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges

Type of MGA

HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

[Open For Submission](#)

Deadline model

single-stage

Opening date

16 December 2025

Deadline date

16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

Partner search announcements

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Searches of partners to collaborate on this topic

[View / Edit](#)

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

Thank you..



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