

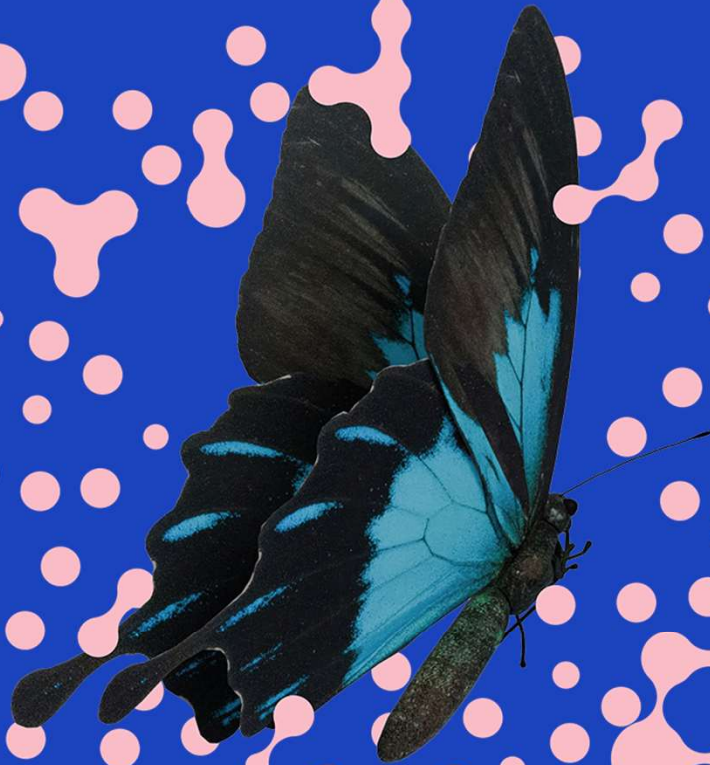


MSCA as an instrument of international and institutional collaboration

MSCA Doctoral Networks Info Session for the Western Balkan Countries

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MSCA: A world reference for research and training



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stage 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 with industry and SMEs



The MSCA in Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe budget: EUR 95.5 billion



2021-2027

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

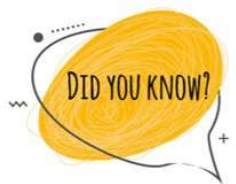
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€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

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

1 Doctoral Networks

Doctoral programmes in and outside academia incl. joint & industrial doctorates

Total budget DN 2026: €593,03 million

Opening call: 28/05/2026

DL 24/11/2026

2 Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

2026: €399,05 million

Opening call: 09/04/2026

DL 09/09/2026

3 Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

2027: €95,04 million

Opening call: 15/12/2026

DL 15/04/2027

4 COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

2027: €51,25 million

Opening call: 08/12/2026

DL: 06/04/2027

5 MSCA & Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

2027: €15.71 million

DL: 08/06/2027

6 Choose Europe for Science

Supporting attractive & sustainable research careers in Europe for top talent

2027: €51.25 million

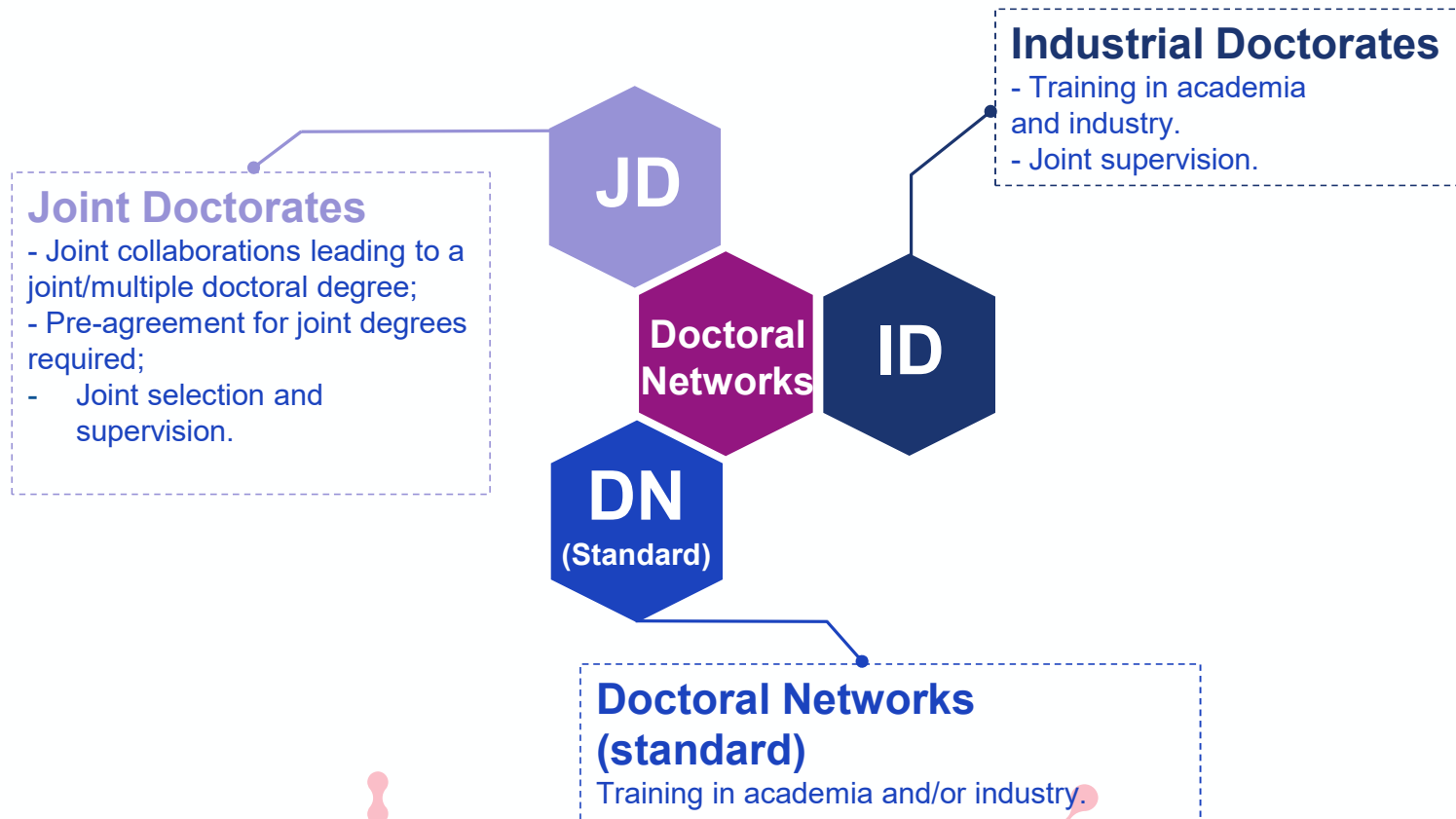
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What is a Doctoral Network (DN) project ?

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

MSCA-DN – Type of actions



DN expected outputs for doctoral candidates



DN expected outputs for participating organizations

**Recruitment
of EU funded
excellent
DCs**

TALENT

**Cooperation &
knowledge
transfer between
sectors/
disciplines**

NETWORK

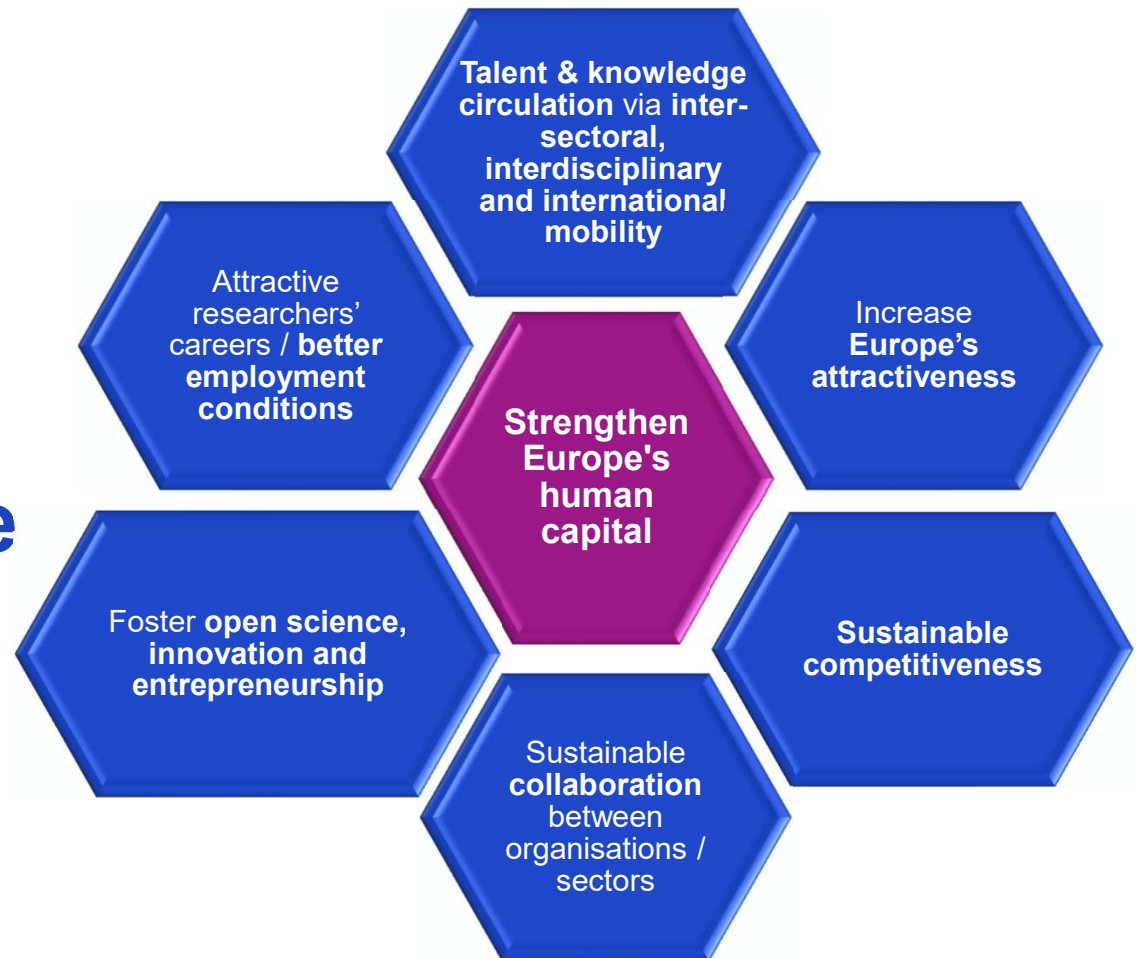
**Strengthening
Research &
Innovation
capacity**

CAPACITY

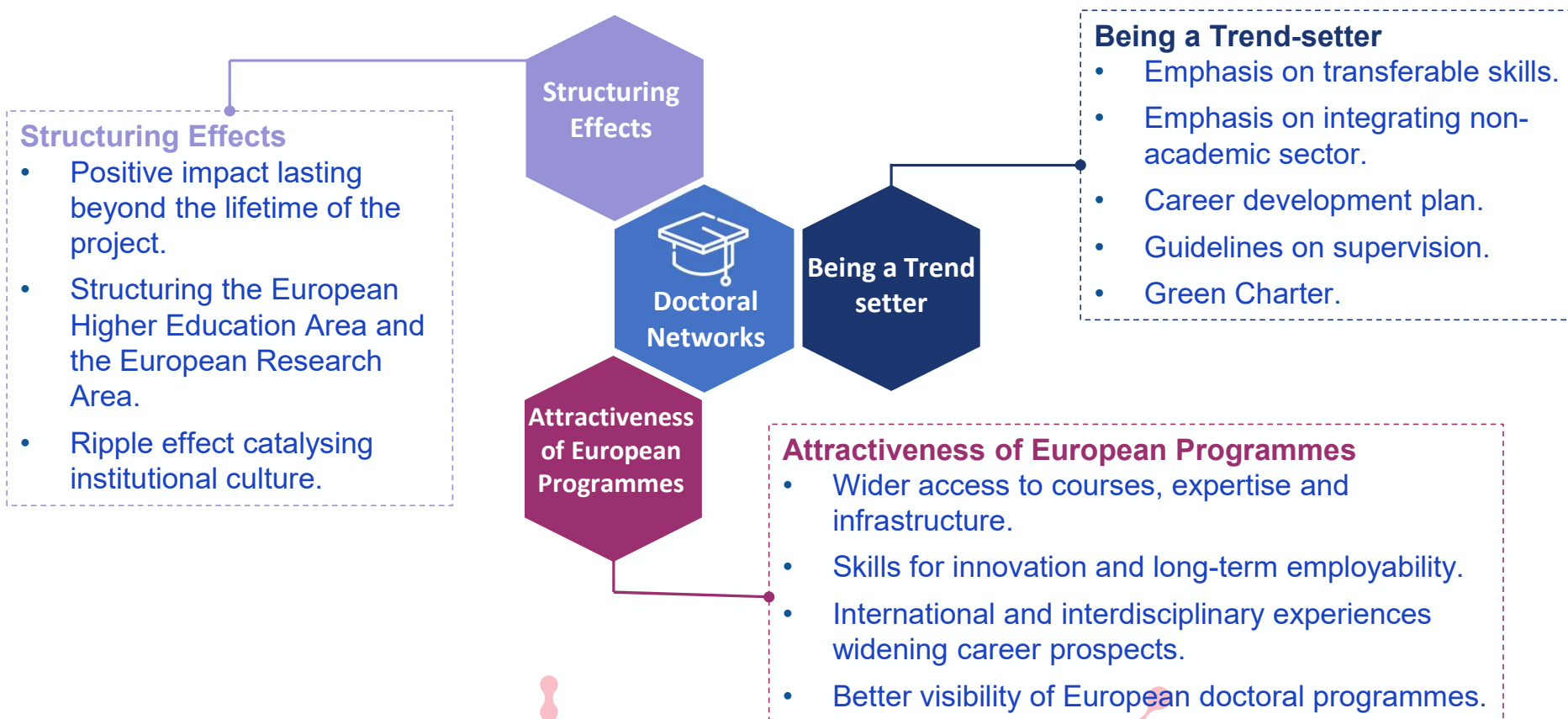
**Improved quality,
relevance, and
sustainability of
PhD programmes**

**ENHANCED
TRAINING
PROGRAMME**

DN expected impact for Europe



MSCA-DN strategic value



Resources

Funding and Tenders opportunities (Work Programme, applications, documents, partner search)

MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 Call documents available in the F&T Portal as of May 28th

Horizon Europe MSCA Work Programme 2026-2027

Work Programme 2026-2027, 14. Horizontal Activities, RAISE Doctoral Networks

MSCA website

European Research Executive Agency website
MSCA Guidelines on Supervision

Code of conduct for the recruitment of researchers

Marie Curie Alumni Association

Do you have questions?

Ask advice to your MSCA / EU
National Contact Point

Ask your questions about EU funding, validation of participants, and others to the
Research Enquiry Service

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Thank you!

