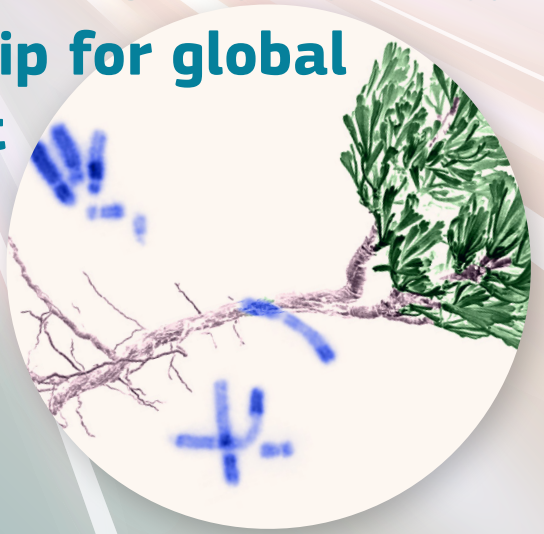
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Europe's flagship for global research talent



Connecting the world's research talent since 1996

The **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)** are the most international part of Horizon Europe. With participants from 160 nationalities and 139 countries worldwide, MSCA supports researchers at all career stages to develop their skills, advance their careers, and tackle global challenges through international collaboration.

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Why is MSCA the most international EU programme?

Truly global
Open to researchers and organisations worldwide, across continents and sectors.

Excellence-driven
Its bottom-up approach allows the best ideas to compete for funding, regardless of research field.

Partnership-focused
Builds lasting international networks and collaborations that extend well beyond individual projects.

Impact-oriented
Helps address major global challenges, from climate change and pandemics to sustainable development and beyond.



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What can international cooperation bring to your organisation?

Access to world-class talent and expertise

Connect with leading researchers and organisations worldwide, bringing new perspectives, skills and knowledge to your research and innovation activities.

Enhanced research excellence

Combine complementary expertise, methodologies and approaches to improve the quality, relevance and impact of your research.

Stronger, lasting networks

Build partnerships that extend beyond individual projects and create opportunities for future collaboration, funding and knowledge exchange.

Tackle the big challenges

Global problems need global solutions. Bring together diverse perspectives and expertise to tackle complex challenges that cannot be addressed effectively within national borders alone.

A stronger international profile

Increase your organisation's visibility, expand its international reach and demonstrate its capacity to collaborate successfully across countries, disciplines and sectors.



What can MSCA offer policymakers?

Build national research capacity

Support brain circulation, not brain drain. Researchers move, learn, and return with enhanced skills and international networks.

Attract and connect global talent

Increase your country's attractiveness to international researchers while creating stronger links between national institutions and research communities worldwide.

Strengthen international cooperation

Align with EU research priorities whilst advancing your national R&I agenda through structured bilateral and regional partnerships.

Generate wider economic and societal impact

Connect research with innovation, linking academia with industry to address societal challenges and boost competitiveness.



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MSCA funding opportunities

Doctoral Networks
Train doctoral candidates through international, intersectoral, and interdisciplinary doctoral programmes.

Staff Exchanges
Fund short-term secondments for research and innovation staff between organisations across borders and sectors.

COFUND (2027 call)
Co-fund regional, national and international doctoral programmes with EU support.

Choose Europe for Science
Co-fund programmes offering attractive and longer-term career opportunities for postdoctoral researchers.

Postdoctoral Fellowships
Support postdoctoral researchers in developing new skills and advancing their careers through international mobility.

MSCA and Citizens
(Coordination and Support Action)
Bring research and researchers closer to the public through the European Researchers' Night and inspire young people to engage with science.

Each action offers different opportunities and has specific rules for international participation.

Understanding participation and funding

EU Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe for MSCA

Full participation rights and access to MSCA funding opportunities.

Third countries not associated to Horizon Europe

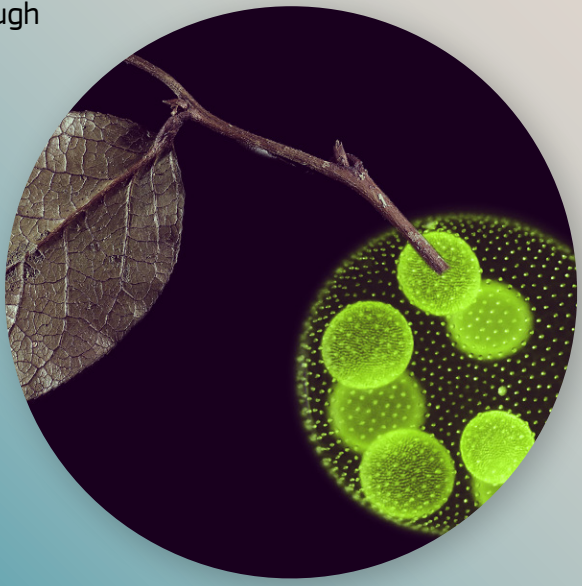
Can participate in most MSCA actions with different funding arrangements:

Low- and middle-income countries

Automatically eligible for EU funding – making participation straightforward and accessible.

Other third countries

Can participate in certain MSCA actions. EU funding may be available in specific cases, including where their participation is considered essential. They may also participate through other funding sources or by covering their own costs.



What makes MSCA unique?

Bottom-up and flexible – you define your research priorities and freely choose your research topic.

International, intersectoral, interdisciplinary – encourages mobility and collaboration across countries, sectors and disciplines, breaking down traditional boundaries.

All career stages – from doctoral candidates to experienced researchers and beyond.

Attractive conditions – competitive funding, training and career development opportunities.

Industry-friendly – strong collaboration with businesses and SMEs.

Excellence and impact – supports high-quality research while strengthening skills, careers, knowledge exchange and research capacity.

Key features that benefit organisations

For academic and research institutions:

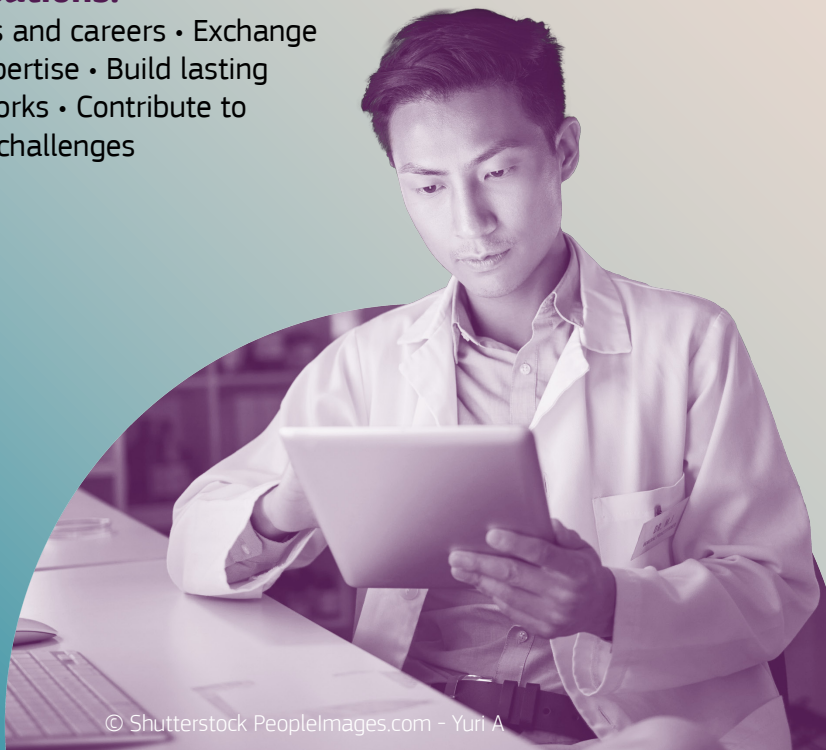
Attract and retain top talent • Strengthen international visibility and reputation • Build strategic partnerships • Enhance research and institutional capacity

For companies and SMEs:

Access cutting-edge research • Foster innovation and knowledge transfer • Strengthen R&D capacity • Connect with research talent and academic expertise

For all organisations:

Develop staff skills and careers • Exchange knowledge and expertise • Build lasting international networks • Contribute to addressing global challenges



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MSCA National Contact Point • Get free, personalised guidance on MSCA opportunities and application rules. Accessible via the RADIANCE project website.

horizoneuropencpportal.eu/msca

EURAXESS network • Access information and support for researcher mobility, careers and international collaboration.

euraxess.ec.europa.eu

MCAA - Marie Curie Alumni Association • Connect with MSCA researchers and alumni worldwide, exchange experiences and expand your network.

mariecuriealumni.eu

MSCA-GLOPOL project • Access practical resources, events and targeted support to strengthen international participation and cooperation in MSCA.

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