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Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Programme Overview

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MSCA Objectives

- **Support researchers** at all stages of their careers, irrespective of nationality
- Principle of **mobility** and include a strong international component
- Combining academic research study with work in companies, and other innovative training that **enhances employability and career development**
- **Bottom-up approach**: Researchers working across all disciplines, from life-saving healthcare to 'blue-sky' science, are eligible for funding



MSCA Work Programme 2018-2020:

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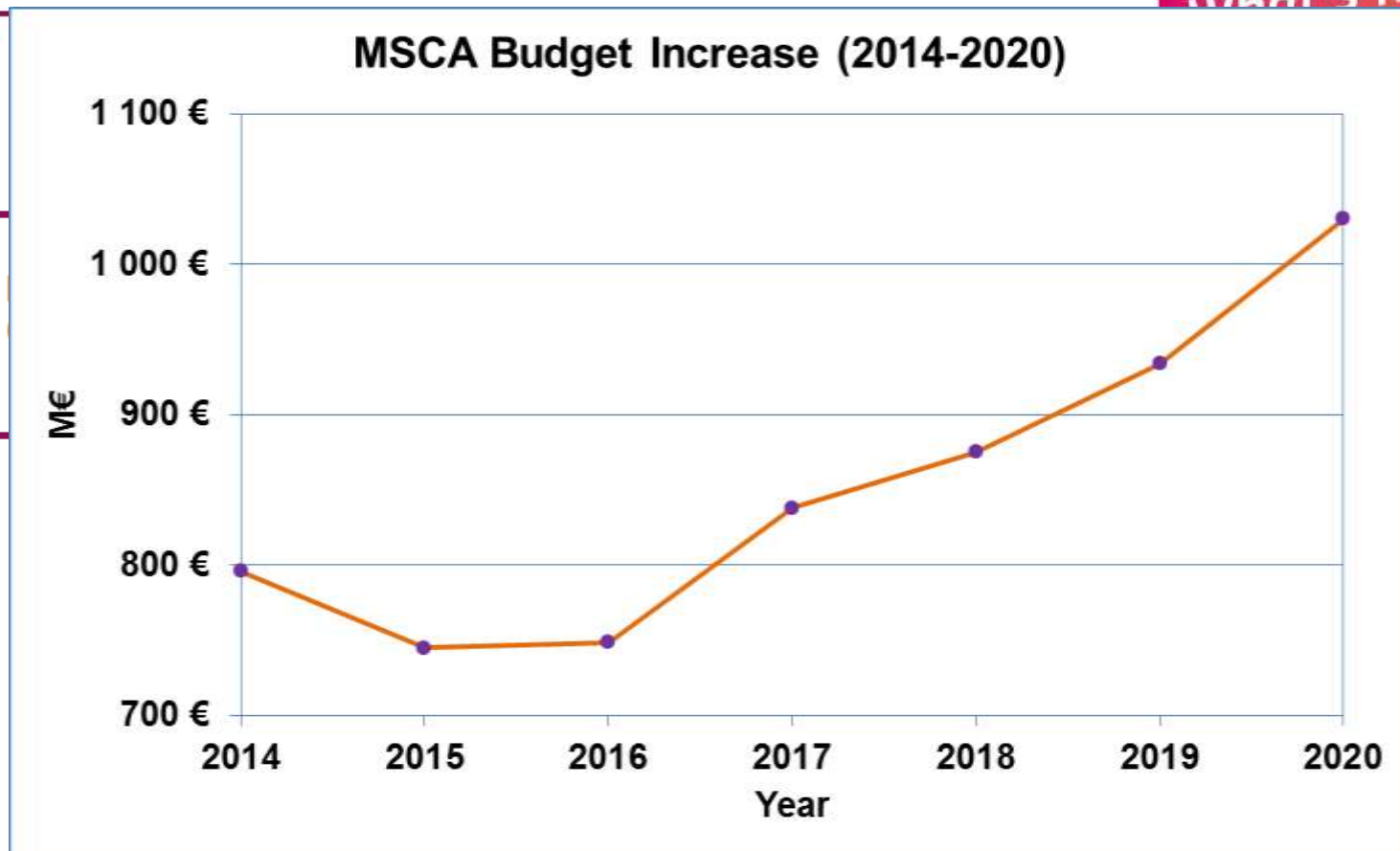


Modification of the Country Correction Coefficient



Increase by 5% of the living and top-up allowances

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- 1** Cover costs for short secondments (up to 6 months) of researchers in ITN with the Research, Training and Networking costs
 - > Should cover at least **travel and accommodation costs.**
- 2** Revised rule on international mobility in European Industrial Doctorates (EIDs)
 - > Inter-sectoral mobility between beneficiaries **must be international.**
 - > Mobility to partner organisations is aligned with standard European Training Network (ETN) rules: **limited to 30%**; can be **international or not.**
- 3** European Joint Doctorates (EJDs): Researchers must take their joint degree always within Europe or with a European beneficiary



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1 IF Career Restart Panel (CAR) and Reintegration Panel (RI) are strengthened

- > Maximum duration of **CAR prolonged to 36 months.**
- > **More budget** for both panels.

2 Part-time work for IF to pursue supplementary activities, such as creating a business, advanced studies, etc.

- > **Agreement between supervisor and fellow necessary.**
- > Minimum working time in MSCA: **≥50%.**
- > **Proportional extension** of project.

3 Possibility to spend time at the European beneficiary before the outgoing mobility

- > **Max. 3 months** (part of outgoing phase to ensure knowledge transfer when back).



What's new?

Widening Fellowships

What?

Specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in a Widening country.
This will help spread excellence and widen participation within Horizon 2020.

How will it be implemented?

Through the Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation part of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme in line with the high-quality standards and benefits of the MSCA Individual Fellowships.

Who can benefit from the widening fellowship?

Researchers applying for an MSCA European Fellowship in Widening countries, be it a Standard, Society & Enterprise, Career Restart or Reintegration Fellowship. Proposals above quality threshold but not retained for funding through the MSCA Individual Fellowship call with a host institution in a Widening country will be automatically reassigned to the Widening Fellowships call (unless the applicants explicitly opted-out).

Which countries are concerned?



Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Associated Countries: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.



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Less strict eligibility criteria for secondments

- > Staff members to be linked to the sending institution **one month** before the first period of secondment.

Indicate the minimum gross salary in vacancy announcements to ensure transparency



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New financial support: MSCA Special needs

What?

Additional financial support to enable MSCA **participation** and **mobility** of **disabled researchers**

Which MSCA actions are concerned?

All MSCA actions

Who can benefit from this allowance?

Only **eligible MSCA researchers with disabilities**

Type of grant?

Grant awarded for the **purchase of items/services**

- > **Lump sum** grant to beneficiary
- > **Capped at EUR 60 000/researcher**

How will it be implemented?

As a **separate grant** to the beneficiary of the main MSCA grant

From when?

Tentatively available as of Q1 2019
(**retroactively to all ongoing projects**)

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RISE general aspects

- All Countries can participate in RISE
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- All institutions fulfilling the requirements of the *Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation* can participate in RISE
- No mobility rules* for RISE



RISE general aspects

- Project built on **joint** research and innovation activities
- Consortium of organisations from different **sectors and countries**
- Project implemented through the **secondment of staff** (no recruitments)
- **Each staff** member seconded for a period of **1 to 12** months
- The **maximum** size for a project is **540** person months
- Maximum project duration is **4 years**





RISE Participants



- Beneficiaries

Sign the Grant Agreement and claim costs

Are responsible for the execution of the programme

Are established in a MS/AC

- Partner Organisations

Do not sign the Grant Agreement and do not claim costs

Must include a letter of commitment in the proposal

Are established in a TC

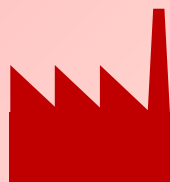
Who applies?

The sector of an organisation is **defined automatically**



Academic sector

- ✓ public /private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
- ✓ public /private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research
- ✓ international European interest organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL)



Non-academic sector

- ✓ any entity not included in the academic sector:
- ✓ e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals
- ✓ international organisations (e.g. UN, WHO)

Who can be seconded?

- Actively engaged in or linked to research/innovation activities for at least **1 month** prior to first secondment



- Types of staff members:

- **ESR** (no PhD and < 4 years experience)
- **ER** (PhD or > 4 years experience)
- **Managerial** staff
- **Administrative** or **Technical** staff

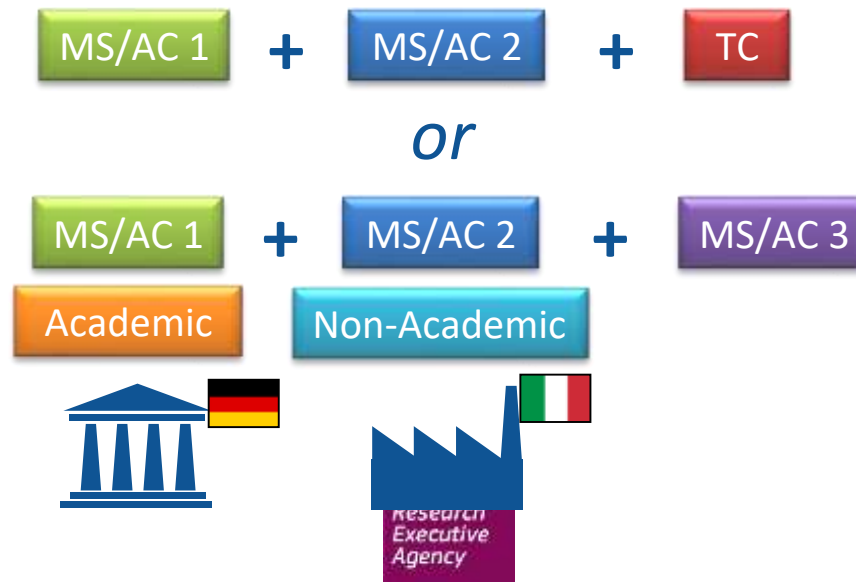
- In-built **return** mechanism



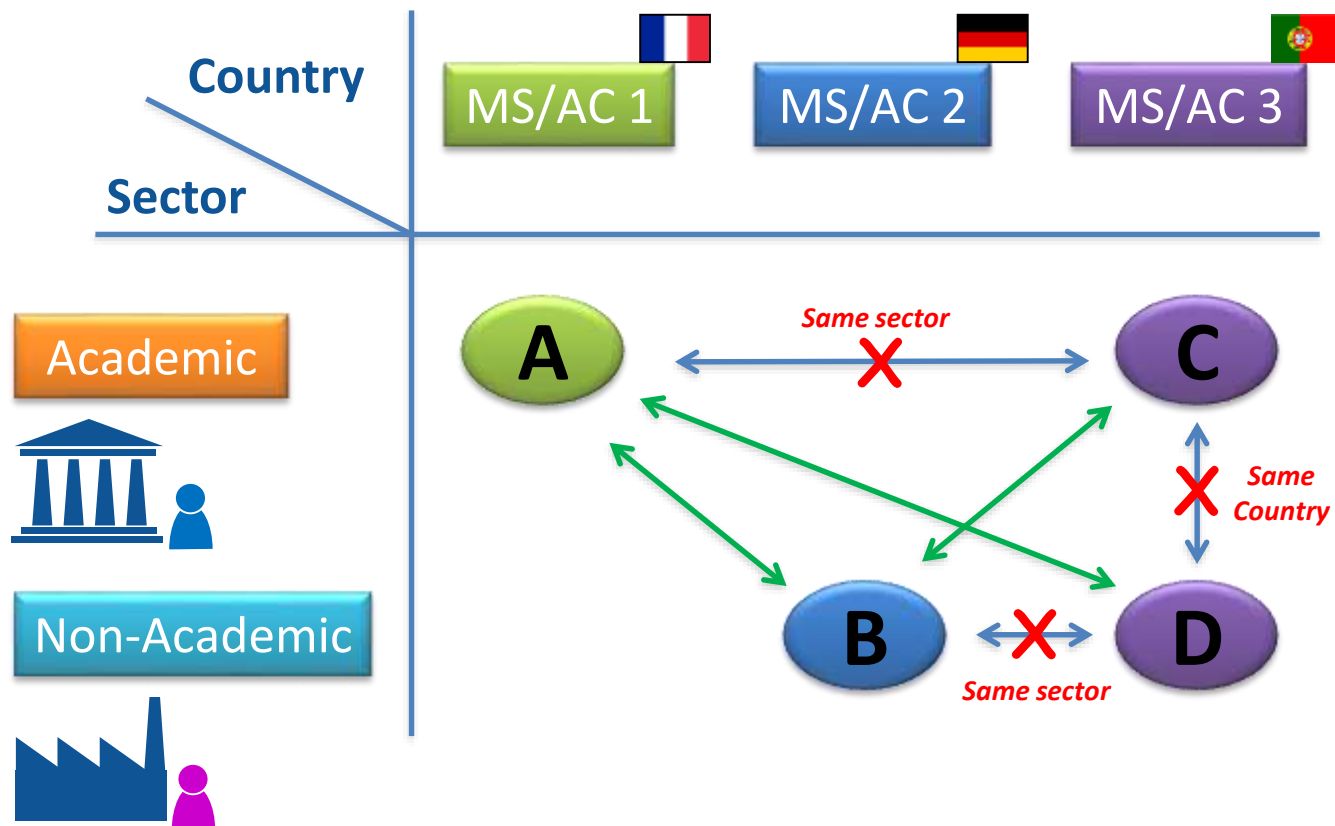
Eligibility rules?

- At least 3 independent participants in 3 different countries
- At least 2 participants from 2 different MS/AC
- If all in MS/AC: at least 1 academic and 1 non-academic

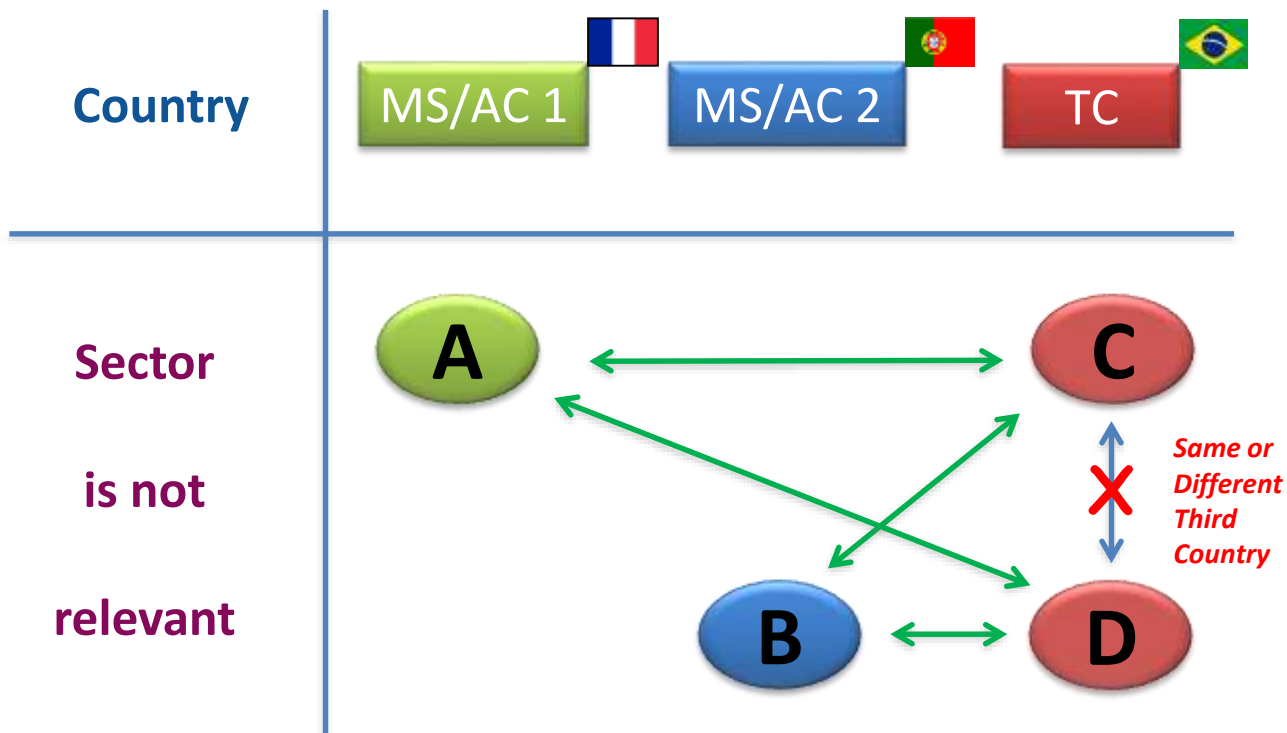
In practice, 2 possible minimum settings:



Examples: Intra-European Exchanges



Examples: Europe-Third Countries Exchanges



Secondments from a TC to a MS/AC are not always eligible for EU funding but all of them must be described in the proposal.



Eligibility for funding



- EU Member States
- Overseas Countries and Territories linked to the MS
(On page 3 of **General Annex A** to the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020)
- Horizon 2020 Associated Countries
(check updated list on the Participant Portal)
- The Third Countries listed
(On page 3 of **General Annex A** to the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020)



Eligibility for funding?

Countries not listed previously are **not eligible for EU funding**

In practice, those countries are mainly: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, United States.

In **very exceptional cases**, partners from those countries might be funded. But the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

- a) This partner has competences/expertise that **no** organisation in MS/AC has
- b) The relevant transfer of knowledge can only be done via a secondment in the direction TC→MS/AC
- c) Points a) and b) must be endorsed by the expert evaluators



RISE Costs categories

Unit costs **per researcher per month**

For secondments eligible for funding

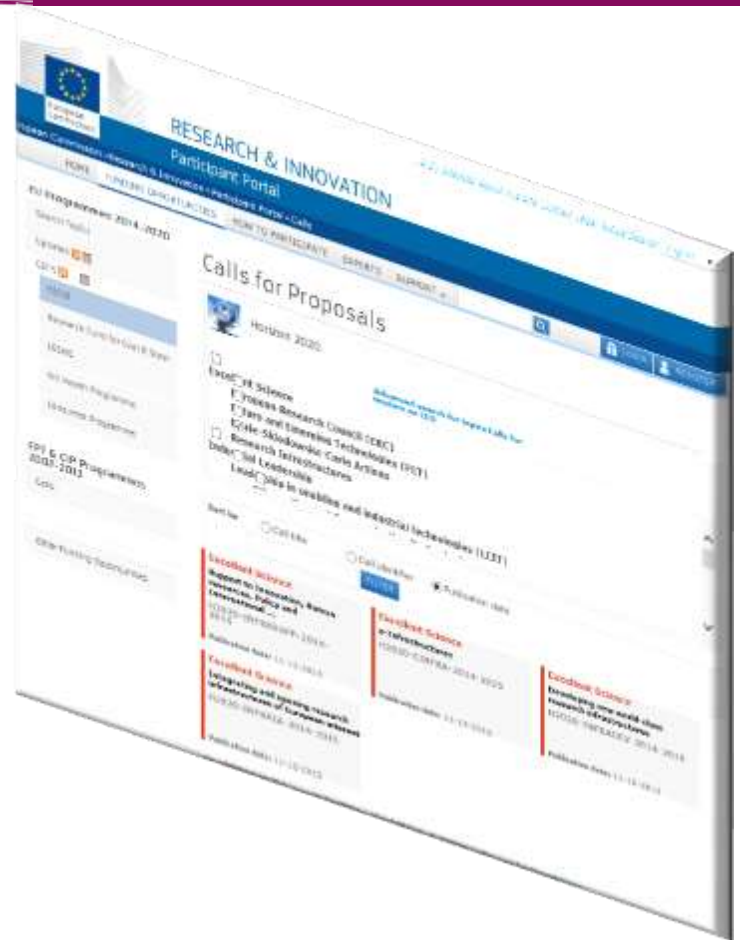
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action	Staff member unit cost * <i>person/month</i> Top-up allowance	Institutional unit cost * <i>person/month</i>	
		Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
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*These unit costs are subject to a funding rate of 100% and **no country coefficients** apply.



Action	Call opening	Call closure (at 17:00:00 Brussels time)	Budget*
RISE 2018	22/11/2017	21/03/2018	80 M€

- Guide for Applicants
- Work Programme
- General Annexes
- Rules for participation



<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020>



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