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Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Programme Overview

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Researchers at doctoral and postdoctoral level
- 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:

- Modification of the Country Correction Coefficient
- Increase by 5% of the living and top-up allowances
MSCA Work Programme 2018-2020:

MSCA Budget Increase (2014-2020)
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
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).
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.
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
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:

1. MS/AC 1 + MS/AC 2 + TC
2. MS/AC 1 + MS/AC 2 + MS/AC 3
Examples: *Intra-European Exchanges*

- **Country**: MS/AC 1 (France), MS/AC 2 (Germany), MS/AC 3 (Portugal)
- **Sector**: MS/AC 1 (Academic), MS/AC 2 (Academic), MS/AC 3 (Non-Academic)

**Examples**:
- Intra-European Exchanges: A and C (Same sector, Same Country)
- B and D (Same sector)

**Notes**:
- MS/AC 1 and MS/AC 2 share the same country and sector.
- MS/AC 2 and MS/AC 3 share the same sector but different countries.
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[Diagram showing interactions between different countries and sectors]
Examples: *Europe-Third Countries Exchanges*

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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 *  
/ person/month  
Top-up allowance | Institutional unit cost *  
/ person/month  
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.*
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