



MSCA

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Developing talents, advancing research



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Horizon Europe



2021-2027

- Horizon Europe budget: **95.5 billion €** → MSCA budget: **6.6 billion €**
- **Excellent Science** (Pillar 1): reinforcing and extending the excellence of the EU's science base
- **Worldwide** geographic coverage

MSCA in Horizon Europe



Source: [Horizon Europe Regulation](#)



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MSCA Key Features



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages 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



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Key figures since 2014



+65,000 researchers,
including 25,000 PhD
candidates



15 Nobel laureates



+37%
Researchers from outside
of the EU



+42%
of female researchers



+1,000
Doctoral programmes



+4,500
Companies supported



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MSCA actions

Doctoral Networks

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

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent
postdoctoral researchers

Staff Exchanges

Support for research and
innovation staff
exchanges

COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and
postdoctoral
programmes

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events
("Night")



Who can participate



Organisations

- Any legal entity
- From academic or non-academic sector
- Participate as beneficiary or associated partner



Individual researchers

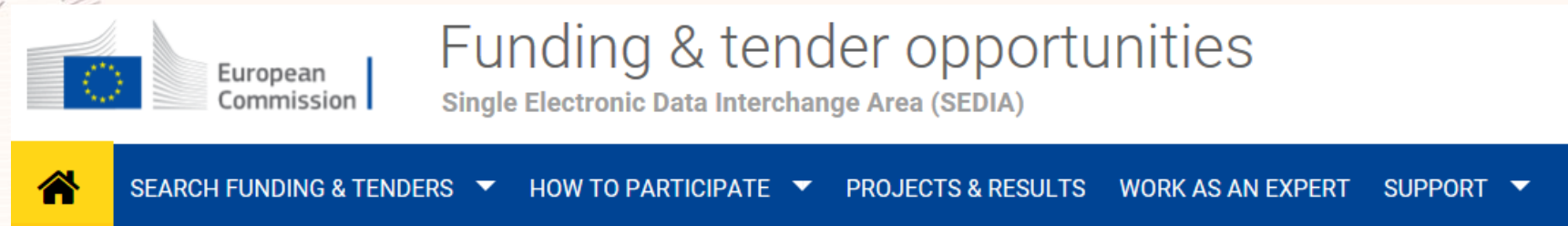
- Any nationality
- Specific conditions might apply (mobility rule, PhD degree, country of residence)

Türkiye = Horizon Europe Associated Country

Call calendar 2023

Year	Action	Opening	Deadline
2023	Postdoctoral Fellowships	12 April	13 September
	Doctoral Networks	30 May	28 November
	Staff Exchanges	5 October	28 February 2024
	COFUND	10 October	8 February 2024

Where to apply (organisations)



All calls are published on the **Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal**. Applications are submitted through the portal:

- Find your call
- Sign in to the portal and register your organisation (get a PIC number)
- Find partners
- Apply!

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

How to find a host/partner

- [EURAXESS Job Portal](#) (vacancies under Doctoral Networks, COFUND and Postdoctoral Fellowships)
- [Partner search](#) tool on the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal
- [Enterprise Europe Network](#) (for non-academic partners)
- **NEW:** [MSCA Matchmaking platform](#) for researchers and organisations to find relevant partners and host institutions (by MSCA-Net)

Before applying

- Check all **guidance documents** available on the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#):
 - MSCA Work Programme and annexes
 - Guide for Applicants
 - Proposal templates
 - Model Grant Agreements
 - Horizon Europe Programme Guide
 - Online manual on how to submit an application
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Partner search tool
- Ask your **MSCA [National Contact Point](#)** for advice
- Submit specific queries to the **Research Enquiry Service** (funding, validation of participants, etc.)

Policy priorities to keep in mind



Attractive working and employment conditions



Equal opportunities, diversity and inclusiveness



Open Science and responsible R&I



International cooperation & foreign interference



Academic freedom & freedom of scientific research



Quality supervision



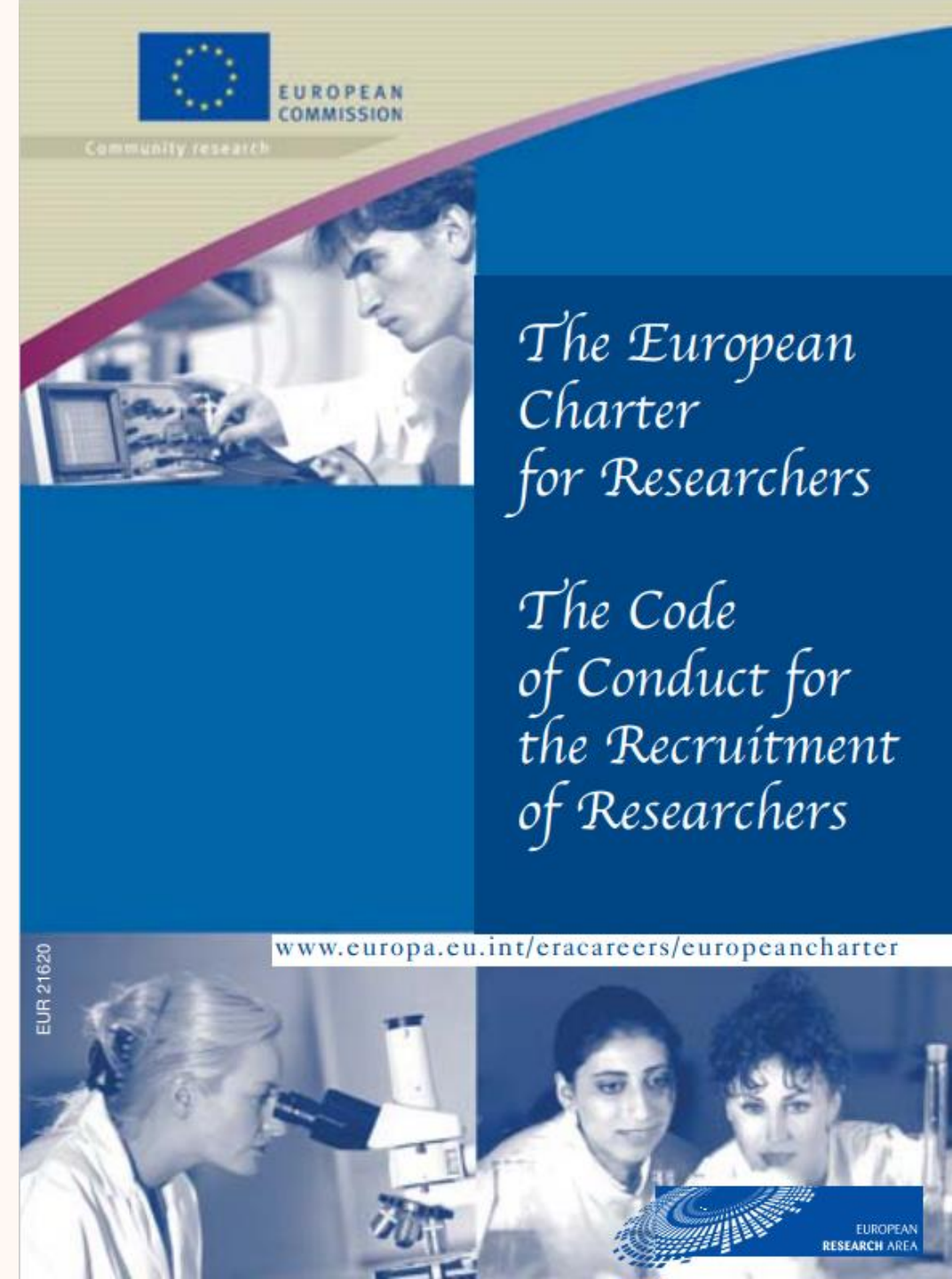
Environmental sustainability

Charter & Code

The principles of the Charter and Code promoting open, merit-based and transparent recruitment and attractive working and employment conditions are a cornerstone of the MSCA and all funded host organisations must put effort into applying them.

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[Charter & Code for Researchers | EURAXESS \(europa.eu\)](https://euraxess.europa.eu)

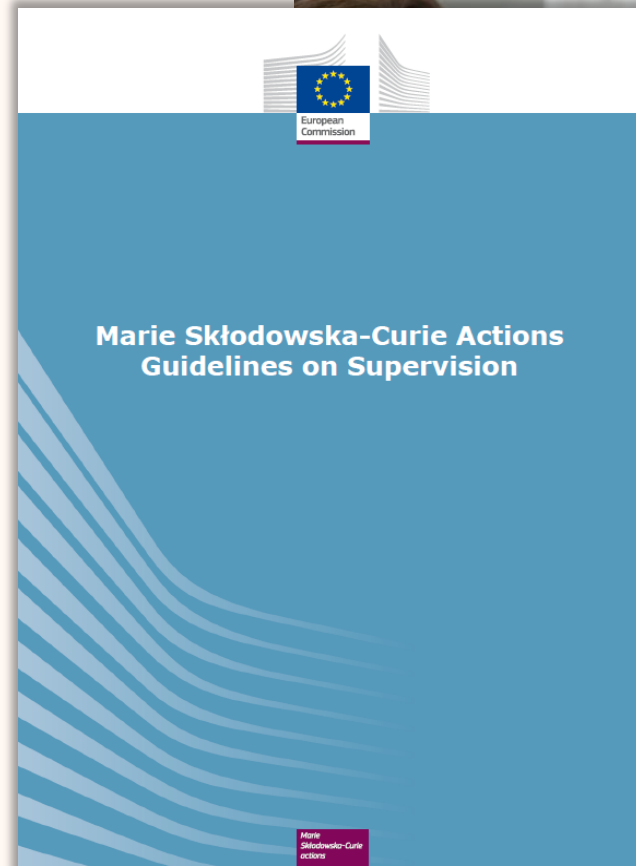


Supervision

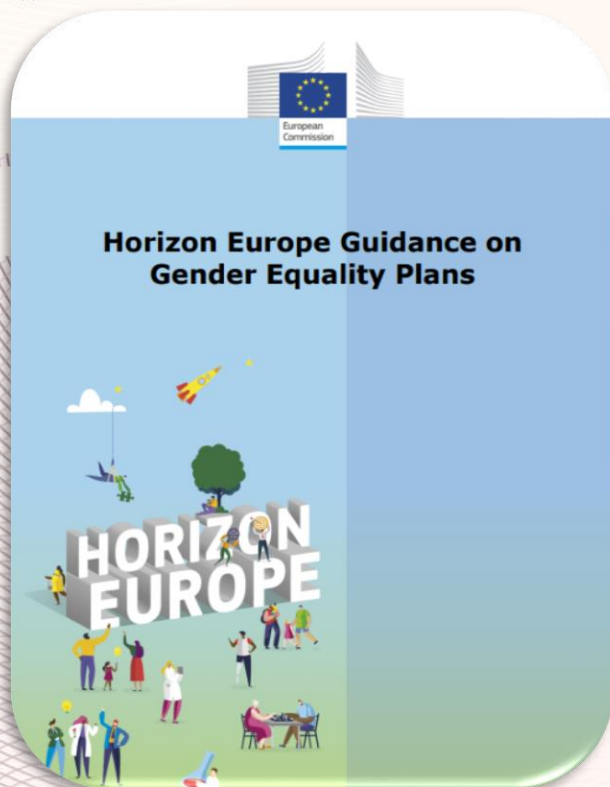
All MSCA-funded projects are encouraged to follow the recommendations outlined in the Guidelines for MSCA supervision.

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<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-msca/msca-guidelines-supervision>



Equal opportunities, diversity and inclusiveness



The MSCA pay particular attention to equal opportunities and inclusiveness. In line with the Charter and Code, all MSCA-funded projects are encouraged to embrace diversity and take measures to facilitate mobility and counter-act gender and disability-related barriers to it.

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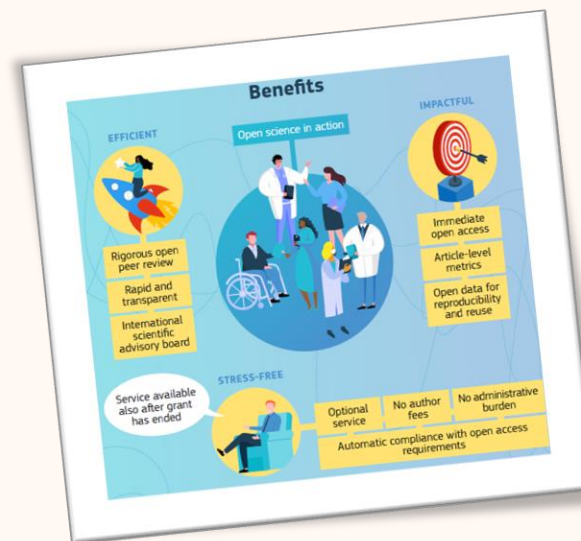
[Horizon Europe guidance on gender equality plans - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/11111111-1111-1111-1111-111111111111)

Open Science and Responsible R&I

The MSCA endorse Open Science and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) through engaging society at large, integrating the gender and ethical dimensions, promoting Open Science practices (...), ensuring open access to research outcomes (...), encouraging formal and informal science education and feeding back research results into teaching and education.

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Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment
Signed by the Commission, Nov 2022



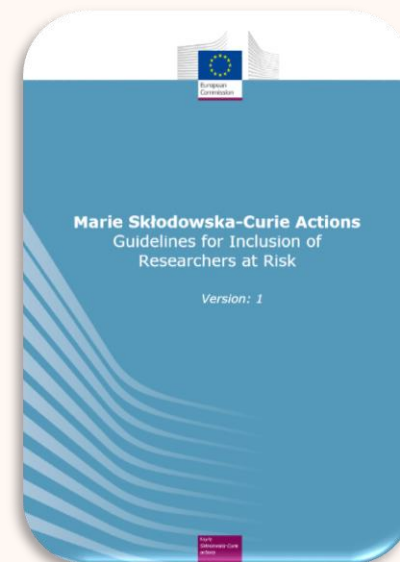
Open Research Europe

Freedom of scientific research

[Inspireurope](#)



[Guidelines on
researchers at risk](#)



Foreign interference

Foreign interference occurs when activities are carried out by, or on behalf of, a foreign state-level actor, which are coercive, covert, deceptive, or corrupting and are contrary to the sovereignty, values, and interests of the European Union.

Guidelines on foreign interference

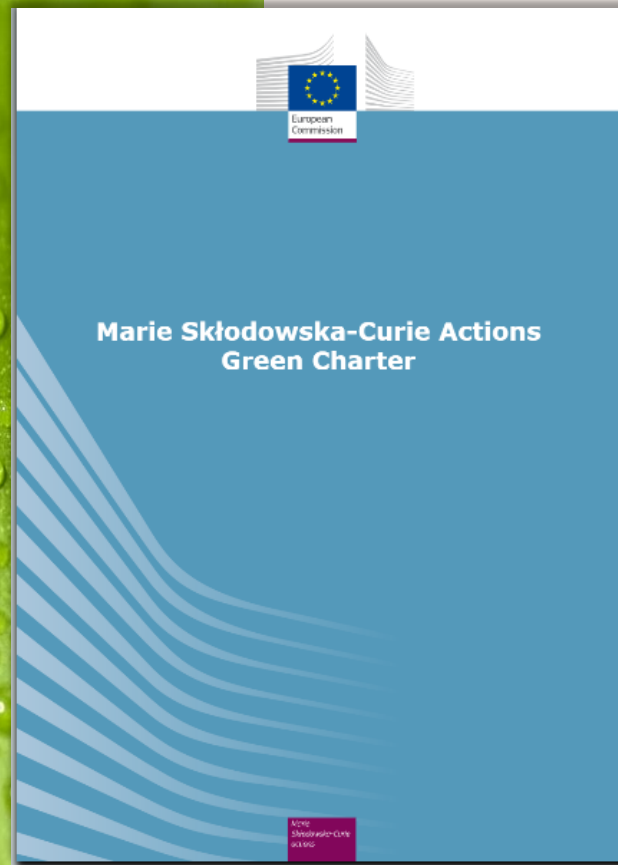
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Staff
Working
Document

Research and
Innovation



MSCA Green Charter

All MSCA-funded projects are encouraged to address the principles of the MSCA Green Charter and implement measures to minimise the environmental footprint of their activities.

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<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/green-charter>

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