

# MSCA

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

*Developing talents, advancing research*

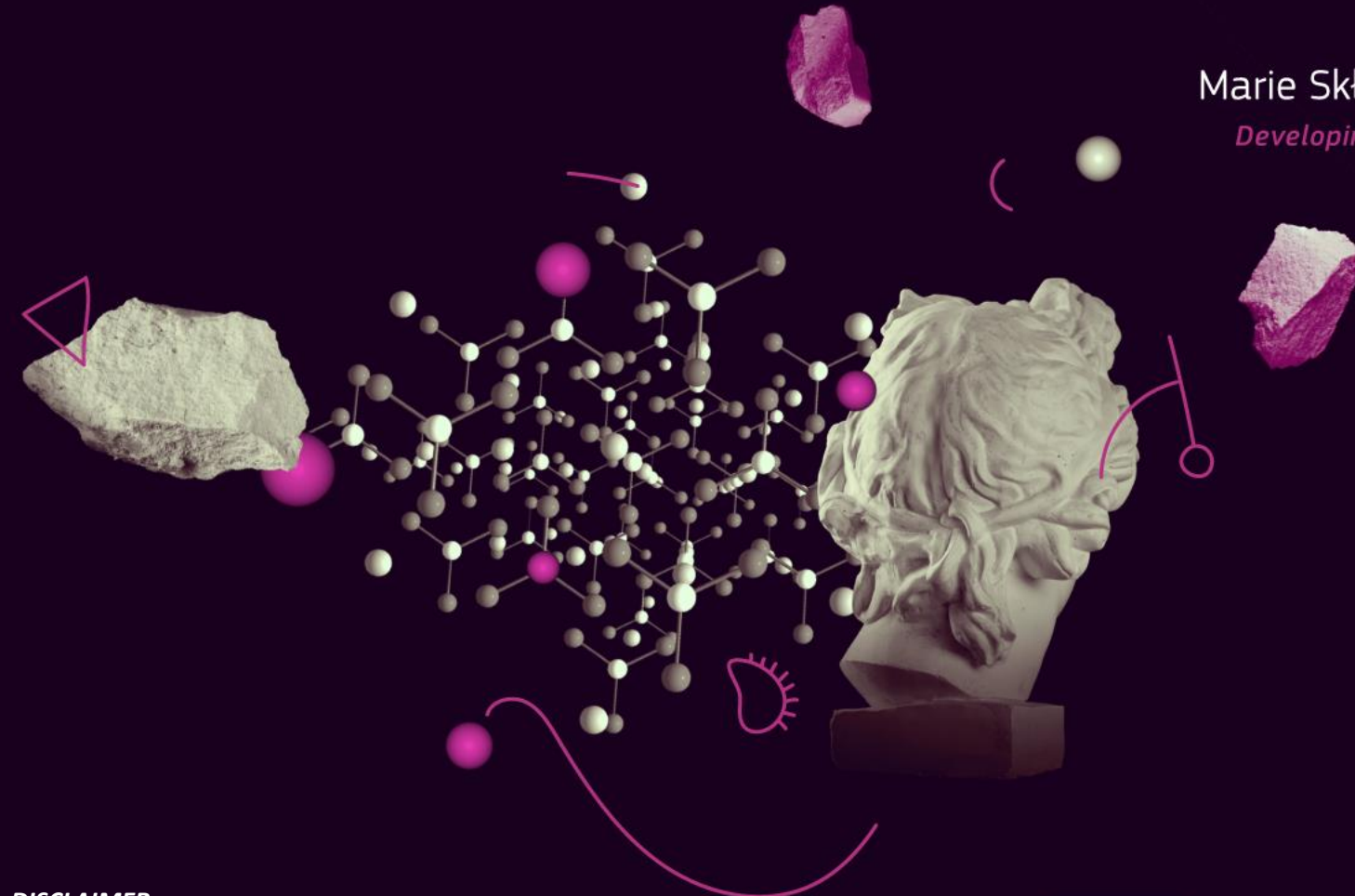


## Other opportunities under MSCA 2025 calls

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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)**



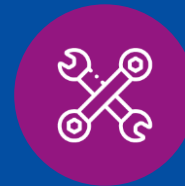
**International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility**



**Attractive working and employment conditions**



**Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes**



**Strong collaboration with industry and SMEs**



# Key figures (2014-2020)

**+65,000**

Researchers,  
including 25,000  
PhD candidates

**50 %** of all third  
countries' participations  
in H2020

~40% of researchers  
from outside of the EU

**42%**

Female  
researchers

**+1,000**

Doctoral  
programmes

**Over 5000**

Companies  
supported

**6.5 billion €**

Under Horizon  
2020

# The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

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## Doctoral Networks

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

**Total budget 2025: € 597.80 million**

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**DL 25/11/2025**

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**DL 08/10/2025**

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Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

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**DL 24/06/2025**

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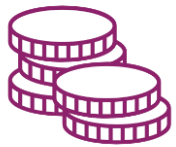




# MSCA Doctoral Networks

## Main Objective

“Train creative, entrepreneurial, innovative and resilient doctoral candidates, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit”



**Budget (DN-2025): EUR 597.80 million** (TBC, pre-published WP available [here](#))



**Call opening : 28 May 2025**

**Call deadline: 25 November 2025**

# MSCA DN 2025 Expected Impact

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- Strengthen Europe's human capital base in R&I by training **highly-skilled doctoral candidates**
- Improve the attractiveness of researchers' careers in Europe notably through **better working and employment conditions** of doctoral candidates in Europe
- Enhance **talent and knowledge circulation** across the R&I landscape, through **inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary and international mobility**
- Increase **Europe's attractiveness** as a leading research destination
- Enhance the quality of R&I contributing to Europe's **sustainable competitiveness**
- Establish sustainable **collaboration between academic and non-academic** organisations
- Foster the culture of **open science, innovation and entrepreneurship**

# MSCA DN 2025 Expected Outcomes



## Benefits for both the **Doctoral Candidates** and Participating Organisations

- New **research and transferable skills and competences**, leading to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia;
- New knowledge allowing the **conversion of ideas into products and services**, where relevant;
- Enhanced **networking and communication capacities** with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact.
- Improved quality, relevance and sustainability of **doctoral training programmes** and supervision arrangements;
- Enhanced **cooperation and transfer of knowledge** between sectors and disciplines;
- Increased **integration of training and research activities** between participating organisations;
- Boosted R&I capacity; Increased **internationalisation and attractiveness**;
- Regular feedback of research results into teaching and education at participating organisations.

# Doctoral Networks - Academic vs Non-Academic sector

## Academic sector

- Public or private higher education establishments
- Public or private non-profit research organisations
- International European Research Organisations



## Non-academic sector

- Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector



# Doctoral Networks – participant types

	Beneficiaries	Associated Partners
Academic/Non academic	✓	✓
Signatories of the Grant Agreement	✓	
Recruitment of researchers	✓	
Training and/or hosting of seconded researchers	✓	✓
Participation in Supervisory Board	✓	✓
Directly claim costs	✓	



# MSCA-DN – Types of implementation

## Joint Doctorates

- Joint collaborations leading to a joint/multiple doctoral degree;
- Pre-agreement for joint degrees required;
- Joint selection and supervision.

JD

Doctoral  
Networks

DN  
(Standard)

## Industrial Doctorates

- Training in academia and industry.
- Joint supervision.

ID

## Doctoral Networks (standard)

Training in academia  
and/or industry.

All 3 modes compete within the same scientific panels:

LIF, MAT, MAT, PHY, ECO, SOC, CHE, ENG, ENV.

# Doctoral Networks – 2025 Call



## STANDARD DN

- Up to **540 person-months**
- Project duration: max. **48 months**
- **Fellowship**: min 3 / max 36 months
- **Secondments**: worldwide, up to **1/3** of the fellowship duration



## DN-ID

- Up to **540 person-months**
- Project duration: max. **48 months**
- **Fellowship**: min 3 / maximum 36 months
- **No limitation for secondments**
- **Min 50% in the non-academic sector**
- Non-academic sector as **beneficiary or associated partners**
- Academic and non-academic organisations jointly supervise



## DN-JD

- Up to **540 person-months**
- Project duration: max. **60 months**
- **Fellowship**: min 3 / max 48 months
- **No limitation for secondments**
- Enrolment in a **joint/double or multiple PhD** (at least 1 MS/AC among the PhD awarding entities)
- Joint admission, selection, training, supervision, governance
- **Mandatory letters of pre-agreement** to deliver joint/double/multi degrees (template)

# Doctoral Networks – Novelties since DN 2024



## INCREASED UNIT COSTS

The contributions for the recruited researchers have been increased as of DN 2024. More precisely, the **living allowance becomes EUR 4010** (gross amount to be multiplied by CC) and the **mobility allowance becomes EUR 710** per eligible person-month.



## RESUBMISSION RESTRICTIONS

As specified in the [MSCA Work Programme 2023-2025](#), any proposal involving 70% or more of the same recruiting organisations as in another proposal submitted to the previous call of the MSCA Doctoral Networks under Horizon Europe that has received a score of less than 80% will be assessed for whether it is a resubmission, irrespective of the applicants' self-declaration.



## DN-JD ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Joint Doctorates (DN-JD) should lead to the delivery of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees recognised in **at least one** EU Member State (MS) or Horizon Europe Associated Country (AC) (as opposed to minimum two under DN 2023).



# General eligibility conditions

- At least **3 independent legal entities**:
  - Each established in a different EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Country
  - Minimum of 1 beneficiary from an EU Member State
  - No minimum / maximum number of Associated Partners
- **All beneficiaries must recruit at least one doctoral candidate.** They are required to host at their premises and supervise recruited researchers, or use associated partners linked to them to do so
- **Not more than 40% of the EU contribution may be allocated to beneficiaries in the same country** or to a single international organisation.

# Eligible participants

## Who can apply?

- Any Legal Entity worldwide
- But not all applicants are eligible for funding



## Consortia

- Universities, research institutions and research infrastructures
- Businesses including SMEs
- Other socio-economic actors

*No minimum / maximum number of **Associated Partners***

# Eligible countries



## EU COUNTRIES

- Member States (MS) including their outermost regions
- The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the MS.



## NON-EU COUNTRIES

- Countries associated to Horizon Europe (AC)
- Low- and middle-income countries: See [HE Programme Guide](#).
- Other countries when announced in the call or exceptionally if their participation is essential



## SPECIFIC CASES

- Affiliated entities established in countries eligible for funding.
- EU bodies.
- International organisations (IO): **International European research organisations are eligible for funding. Other IO are not eligible, only exceptionally if their participation is essential or if they are identified in the relevant Horizon Europe Work Programme as being eligible for funding.**

\* For more detail, please consult the [HE programme guide](#) and the List of [Participating Countries in Horizon Europe](#)



# Eligible size and duration

## Duration

- **Proposal:** max. 48 months for DN and DN-ID  
- *incentive for DN-JD 60 months*
- **Fellowship:** 3 to 36 months for DN and DN-ID  
- *incentive for DN-JD 48 months*
- **Secondments:** worldwide, any sectors, up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration for Standard DN  
- *incentive for DN-ID and DN-JD no secondment limitation*



## Size

- Up to 540 person-months for all type of actions





# Doctoral Networks – Eligible Researchers

- Researchers must be **doctoral candidates** (not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of recruitment)
- Be recruited following an **open, merit-based and transparent recruitment**
- Researchers must be **enrolled in a doctoral programme**, in at least 1 EU Member State/Associated Country
- **Any nationality**
- **Mobility rule:** must not have **resided or carried out main activity** in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date.



## Consortium

### Summary

- Up to **540 person-months** for all Doctoral Networks modalities.

At least **three** independent legal entities, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum **1 beneficiary from a MS** (no minimum for associated partners).

**Each beneficiary must recruit at least 1 DC**

**Max 40% funding per country**

**Associated partners** contribute to the implementation of the action (i.e. training of researchers, secondments) but may not employ researchers under the action. They do not sign the grant agreement.

## Recruitment

**Open, fair, transparent, merit-based recruitment. Any nationality**

- Eligible researchers must:
  - Comply with the MSCA **mobility rule**\*
  - **Be Doctoral candidates** (not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of recruitment)
  - They can be of **any nationality**.



\* DCs must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date.



**DN**  
(Standard)

**ID**  
(Industrial Doctorates)

**JD**  
(Joint Doctorates)

**Project  
duration**

**48 months**

**60 months**

**DC contract**

**Max 36 months**

**Max 36 months (50% in  
the non-academic sector)**

**Max 48 months**

**Secondments**

**Max 1/3 of the  
fellowship**

**No limitation of secondment duration**

**PhD**

**All DCs enrolled in a PhD from a MS/AC**

**Enrolled in  
PhD from min.  
1 MS/AC**





# Funding mechanism

- Fully based on unit costs
- **1 person-month = 1 unit**
- Total costs = costs per unit x number of units
- 100% Reimbursement rate for eligible beneficiaries
- Different cost categories:
  - Researcher's cost
  - Institutional costs (research, training, networking + management)

**1 unit  
=  
1 month of  
eligible DC**



# Doctoral Networks – Funding

## Cost Categories

Contributions for recruited researchers Per person-month					Institutional unit contributions Per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance** (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 4010*	EUR 710	EUR 660	EUR 4720 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit <sup>1</sup> x (1/number of months)	EUR 1600	EUR 1200

\*A **country correction coefficient** applies to the living allowance in order to ensure equal treatment and purchasing power parity for all researchers

\*\* A **family allowance** to contribute to mobility-related costs of researchers with family obligations which can be granted during the project.

<sup>1</sup> The pre-defined categories are as follows: EUR 3 000, EUR 4 500, EUR 6 000, EUR 9 500, EUR 13 000, EUR 18 500, EUR 27 500, EUR 35 500, EUR 47 500 and EUR 60 000.

# Overview of Evaluation Process



# Doctoral Networks – Award Criteria



Criteria	Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Sub-criteria	Quality and pertinence of the project's <b>research and innovation objectives</b>	Contribution to <b>structuring doctoral training</b> at European level and strengthening European innovation capacity	Quality and effectiveness of the <b>work plan</b> , assessment of <b>risks</b> , and appropriateness of the <b>effort</b> assigned to work packages
	Soundness of the proposed <b>methodology</b>	Credibility of the measures to enhance the <b>career perspectives</b> of researchers and contribution to their <b>skills development</b>	<b>Quality, capacity and role of each participant</b> , including hosting arrangements and extent to which the <b>consortium as a whole</b> brings together the necessary expertise
	Quality and credibility of the <b>training programme</b>	Suitability and quality of the measures to <b>maximise expected outcomes</b> and impacts, as set out in the <b>dissemination</b> and <b>exploitation</b> plan, including <b>communication</b> activities	
	Quality of the <b>supervision</b>	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected <b>scientific, societal</b> and <b>economic</b> impacts	
Weighting	50%	30%	20%
Priority	1	2	3

# Doctoral Networks – How to apply?

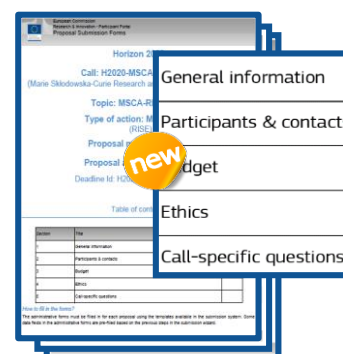


The screenshot shows the EU Funding & Tenders Portal interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Funding', 'Procurement', 'Projects & results', and 'News & events'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Funding > Calls for proposals > MSCA Doctoral Networks 2024'. The main heading is 'MSCA Doctoral Networks 2024' with the identifier 'HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01'. A 'Topic' button labeled 'Call for proposal' is visible. On the left, an 'Internal navigation' sidebar lists: 'General information', 'Topic description', 'Topic updates', 'Mission', 'Destination', and 'Conditions and documents'. The main content area under 'General information' shows: 'Programme: Horizon Europe (HORIZON)', 'Call: MSCA Doctoral Networks 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01-01)', 'Type of action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-DN-ID HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates', and 'Deadline model: single-stage'.

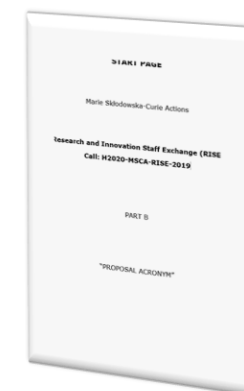
## Useful documents

- DN 2025 Guide for Applicants - available in the F&T Portal as of **May 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Proposal templates - available in the F&T Portal as of **May 28<sup>th</sup>**
- [Horizon Europe MSCA Work Programme 2023-2025](#)
- [F&T Manual on how to submit a proposal](#)
- Topic Q&A under [F&T portal](#)

## Part A (structured data)



## Part B (description of action)



Part B1: 30 pages  
Part B2: no limit



# Doctoral Networks – Proposal preparation



- Read the **MSCA Work Programme** and **Guidance documents**
- Use the **proposal template**
- Read carefully the **evaluation form**
- Don't **underestimate** any part of the proposal
- Write **each section** clearly and in coherence with all sections in the proposal
- Perform an '**internal**' **peer-review** with your consortium partners
- Consult your **National Contact Points**
- Duly complete **Part A**
- Start preparing early and **don't leave submission for the last minute**

***Think like an evaluator + Write for an evaluator***

# Proposal preparation – DN 2025 Call Info Day



**When:** June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Where:** ONLINE via [RTD platform](#)



Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2025 - Call info day

- Join us live or watch the recording on this [platform](#).
- To attend, simply sign up or log in. By clicking the “I’m interested” button, the event will be added to your list
- Review all the [call related documents](#) available as of **May 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Send us your questions before May 29th at [www.Slido.com](https://www.Slido.com) with the code **#DN2025**
- For more details on the programme, please consult the [MSCA 2025 Call Info event page](#).

# Doctoral Networks – Resources

## Useful links



@MSCActions



@Marie.Curie.Actions

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

**MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 Call documents** available in the F&T Portal as of **May 28th**

**Horizon Europe MSCA Work Programme 2023-2025**

**MSCA website**

**European Research Executive Agency website**  
**MSCA Guidelines on Supervision**

**Code of conduct for the recruitment of researchers**

**MCAA alumni platform**

## 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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# Work as an EC expert


 European Commission

Funding & tender opportunities  
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

English 

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SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS HOW TO PARTICIPATE PROJECTS & RESULTS **WORK AS AN EXPERT** SUPPORT

 Legal Entity and Bank Account validations tasks will experience issues in the Grant Management Services on Monday, 21.03.2022, between 20:00 and 21:30 CET.  
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Need help?

## Work as an expert

The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases.



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In particular, experts assist in:

- **Evaluation** of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- **Monitoring** of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

In addition, experts provide opinion and advise on:

- **Preparation, implementation and evaluation of EU programmes and design of policies.**

In order to select experts, the European Union Institutions publish regularly calls for expression of interest (see list below) detailing the selection criteria, the required expertise, the description of the tasks, their duration and the conditions of remuneration.

Interested? Please join the database of external experts!

[Register as expert](#)

As **new expert**, you will be first requested to create your EU login account and register your profile.

**Registered experts** can update the profile via the My Expert Area after [login](#).

### News

24 Feb, 2022

**Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS) - Call for experts!**

The Research Fund for Coal and Steel is looking for expert evaluators. A call for experts for RFCS has been published on the RFCS website. IMPORTANT: Interesse...


14 Oct, 2021

**CINEA Innovation Fund – Call for experts**

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) is looking for experienced technical and Life Cycle assessment (GHG) experts, as ...

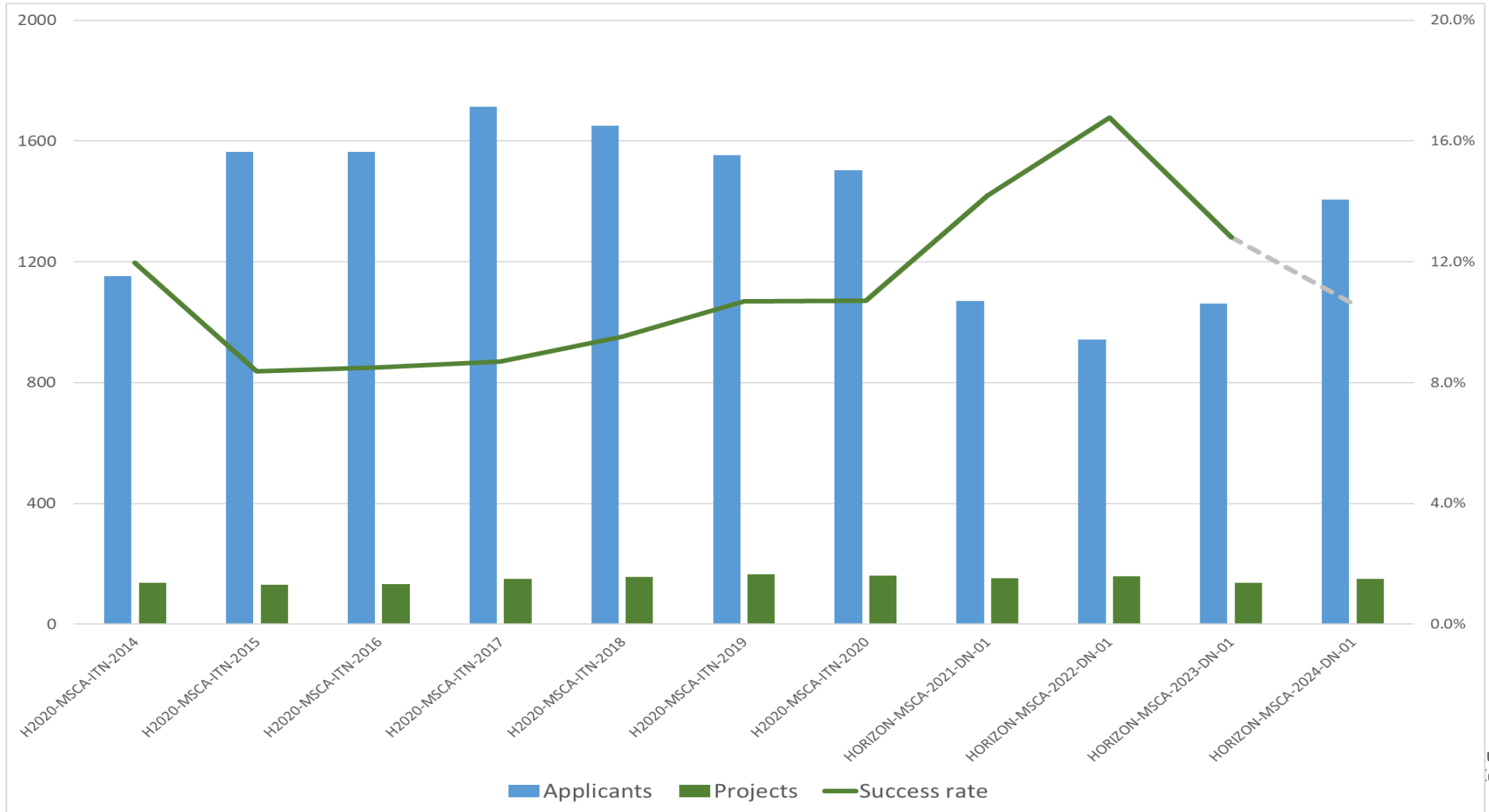
[All news >](#)

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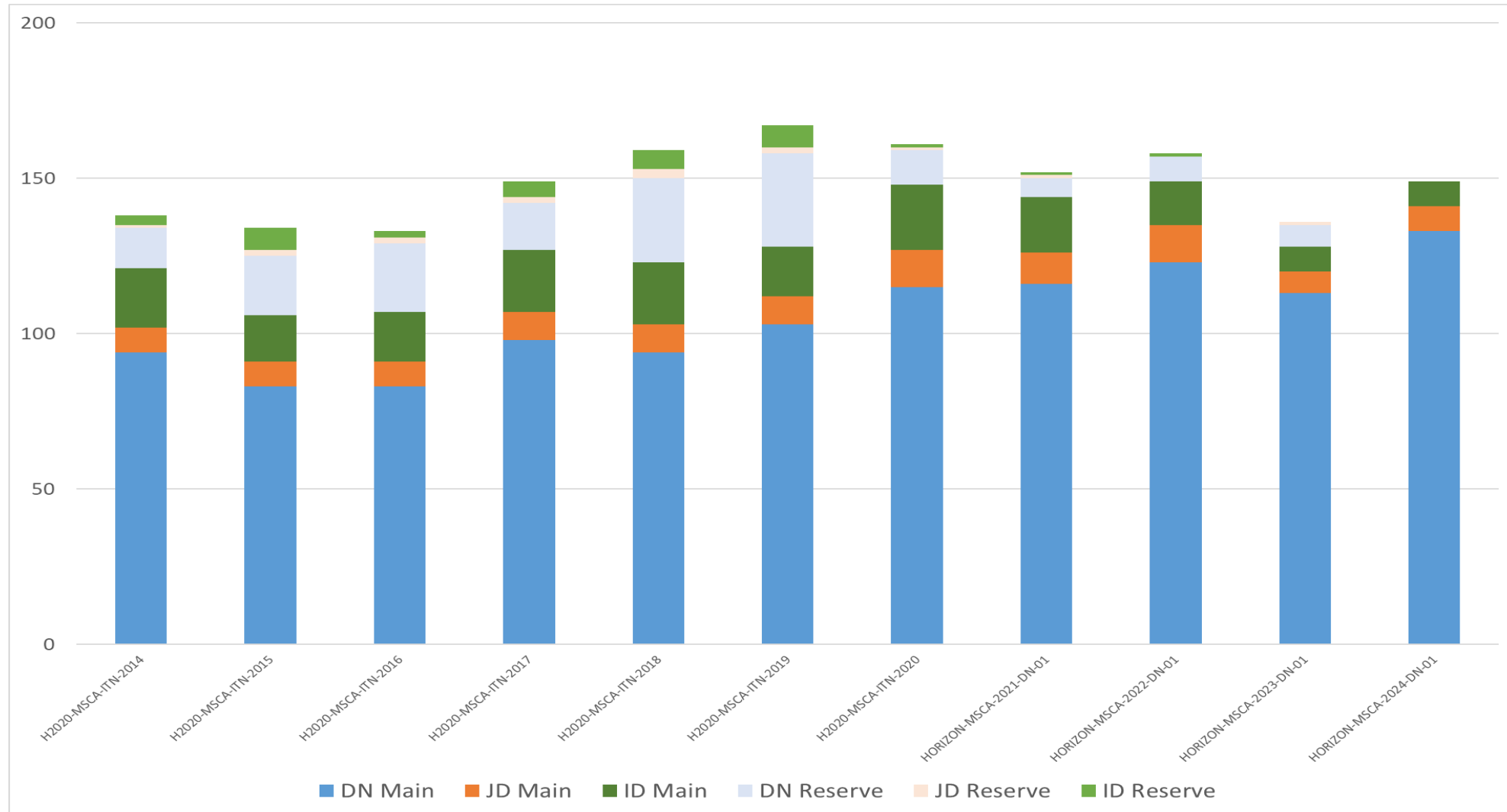
-  Standard briefing slides for experts (HE)
- [FAQ for Experts](#)
- [Lists of contracted experts](#)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>

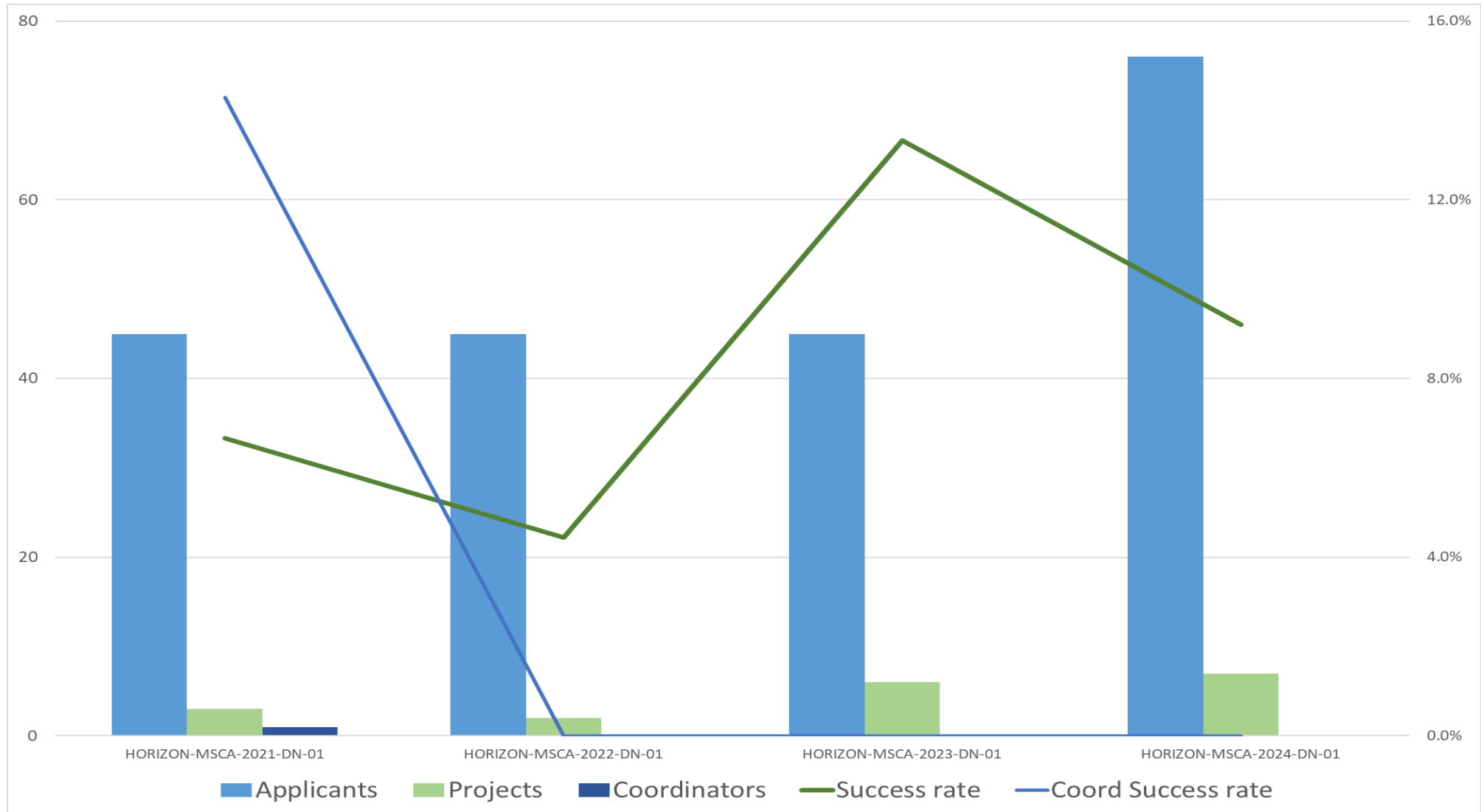
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# MSCA DN – Implementation Type



# MSCA DN – Türkiye's Success Rate



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# MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE)

## Main Objective

*"Promote innovative international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge and ideas at all stages of the innovation chain"*

**Budget (SE-2025):** EUR 97.71 million (TBC, pre-published WP available [here](#))

**Call opening :** 27 March 2025

**Call deadline:** 8 October 2025

# What is Staff Exchanges?



Research & Innovation **mobility** action



It equips researchers and organisations **worldwide** with advanced skills and cutting knowledge



It fosters mobility of entities from both the **academic** and **private** sectors



Can be combined with other programmes (**synergy**)

# Objectives



International,  
inter-sectoral  
and  
interdisciplinary  
mobility of R&I  
staff  
(secondments)



Knowledge  
transfer between  
participating  
organisations



Collaboration  
between the  
academic and  
non-academic  
sectors  
(including SMEs)



Cooperation  
across the globe

# MSCA Staff Exchanges : Expected impact

- Increase **international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility** of research staff within Europe and beyond through collaborative research networks and activities;
- **Strengthen the R&I human capital base** in Europe and beyond;
- Increase **Europe's attractiveness** as a leading destination for R&I;
- Contribute to **Europe's competitiveness** and growth through high-quality R&I;
- Foster the culture of **open science, innovation and entrepreneurship**.

# MSCA SE 2025: Expected outcomes

## Staff members



Transferable  
skills &  
competences



Employability  
& career  
prospects



Ideas  
converted into  
products,  
processes &  
services



International  
exposure



Networking &  
communication

## Organisations



Transfer of  
knowledge



Collaborative  
networks



R&I capacity

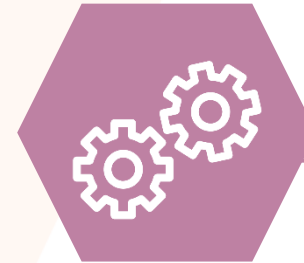


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# Who can participate in MSCA-SE projects?

Consortium of min. **3 legal entities** in **3 different countries**, 2 of which in a different EU Member State or HE Associated Country

Academic sector



Non-academic sector

# Eligible SE research consortia (for min of 3 entities)

If all 3 entities are **European (MS/AC)**, one should be **from a different sector**



If all 3 entities from **same sector (e.g. academic)** one must be **located outside Europe**



# Eligible staff



## Seconded staff members



Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

Researchers at any career stage (e.g. from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

Actively engaged in research and/or innovation activities for at least **1 month** prior at the sending institution

Each staff member is seconded for a period of **1 to 12 months** (may be split into several stays)

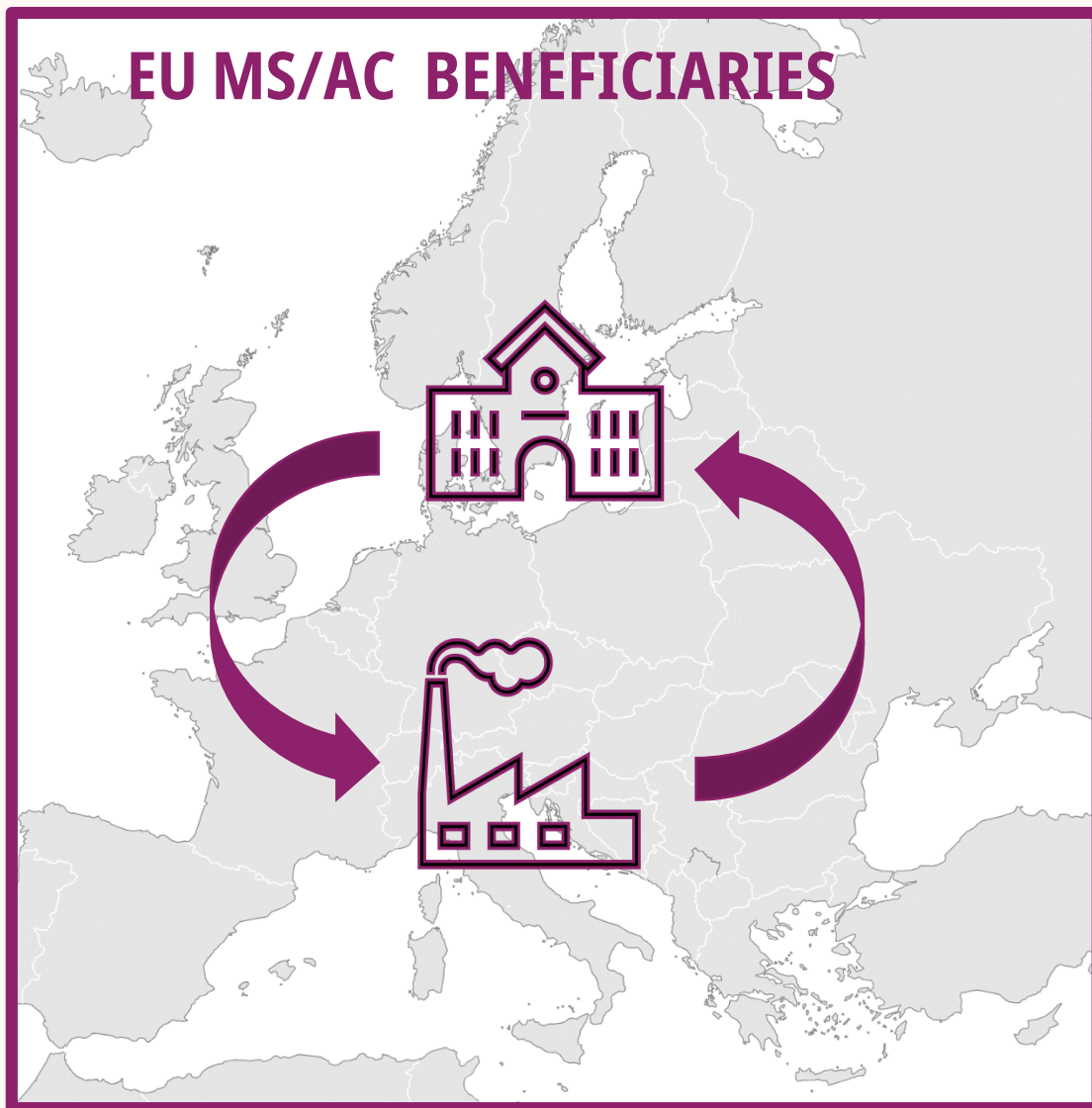
Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment

After the secondment, staff should **return to their sending institution**





# Eligible secondments in Europe & AC



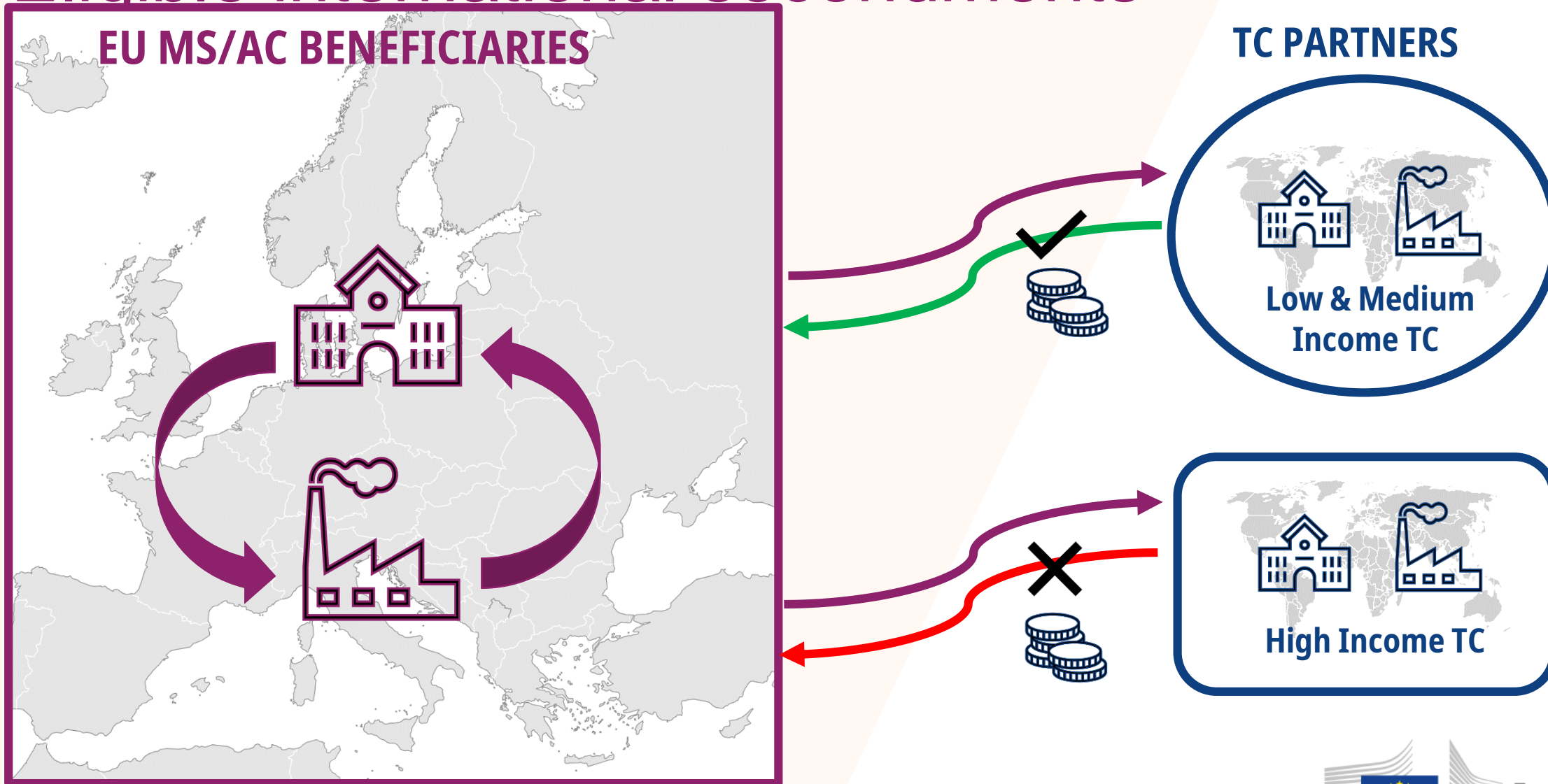
**<1/3, if  
interdisciplinary**

# Same-sector secondments in Europe (MS/AC)

- $\leq 1/3$  of the total secondments funded by the EU, if considered **interdisciplinary**
- Interdisciplinary secondments integrate aspects from two or more different scientific disciplines
- Important: scientific panels + descriptors/MSCA keywords from proposal form part A (see [REA Website](#))



# Eligible international secondments



# What does Staff Exchanges fund?



Budget of SE project based on the Nr of planned secondments

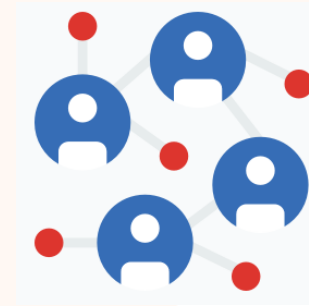
# Key features



**BOTTOM UP**  
with different  
scientific panels

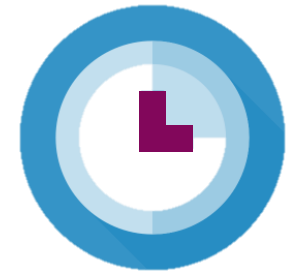


**TOP UP ALLOWANCE**  
**5010 €:**  
2710 € - staff allowance  
2300 € - organisation



**SECONDMENTS**  
**1-12** months per staff

- Interdisciplinary
- Intersectoral
- International



**DURATION**  
**4** years  
**Max 360** person-  
months per project

# Staff Exchanges - making a difference



## **WORLD-WIDE**

The highest participation of non-EU countries in MSCA



## **BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Businesses receive an estimated 30% of the available funding



## **PATENTS**

Significant share of all patents in MSCA actions

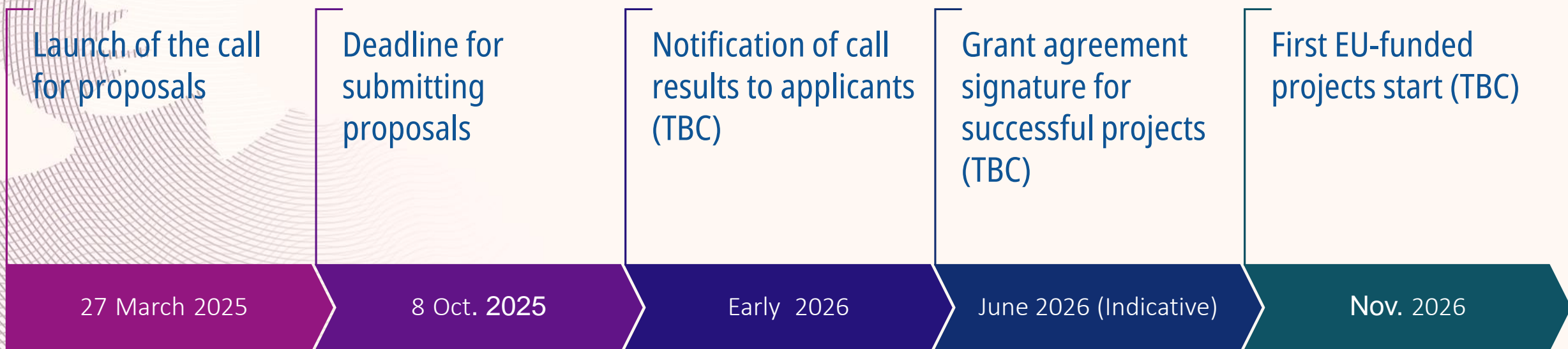


## **SUCCESS RATE**

Between 20 & 40% depending on the discipline and on the year



# HORIZON-MSCA-2025-SE-01 – Indicative timeline



# Reference documents



MSCA Work Programme &  
annexes



Proposal templates



Frequently Asked  
Questions



# Evaluation criteria



Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's <b>research and innovation objectives</b> (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Developing new and lasting <b>research collaborations</b> , achieving <b>transfer of knowledge</b> between participating organisations and contributing to improving <b>research and innovation potential</b> at the European and global level	Quality and effectiveness of the <b>work plan</b> , assessment of <b>risks</b> , and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the <b>proposed methodology</b> (including i3 approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects, and the quality of open science practices)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the <b>career perspectives</b> of staff members and contribution to their <b>skills development</b>	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including <b>hosting arrangements</b> and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Quality of the proposed <b>interaction between the participating organisations</b> in light of the research and innovation objectives	Suitability and quality of the measures to <b>maximise expected outcomes and impacts</b> , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected <b>scientific, societal and economic impacts</b>	
50%	30%	20%

# How to find partners?



NETWORKING  
EVENTS  
(CONFERENCES,  
WORKSHOPS, ETC.)



FORMER OR  
CURRENT  
COLLABORATIONS



JOINT  
PROJECTS



FUNDING AND  
TENDER  
OPPORTUNITIES  
PORTAL



MSCA  
MATCHMAKING  
PLATFORM



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# How to find partners F&T opportunities

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Programme Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

INAGROPEC SOCIEDAD LIMITADA

Private for profit organisation

ZARAGOZA | Spain

Organisation

Projects: 0 | Partner search announcements: 14

SYNYO GmbH

Small or medium-size enterprise

WIEN | Austria

Organisation

# Tips and tricks



**Closely follow the call requirements**



**Highlight the EU dimension**



**Sustainability of collaboration**



**Follow available guidelines**



**Get a second opinion**



**Contact your  
National Contact Point  
(NCP)**



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# Synergies between MSCA SE and other grants

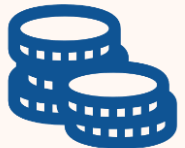
A synergetic MSCA SE project



Travel



Accommodation

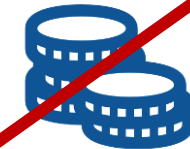


Subsistence



Management costs related to the SE project

Another grant





# Research Enquiry Service

For questions about  
research and Horizon Europe  
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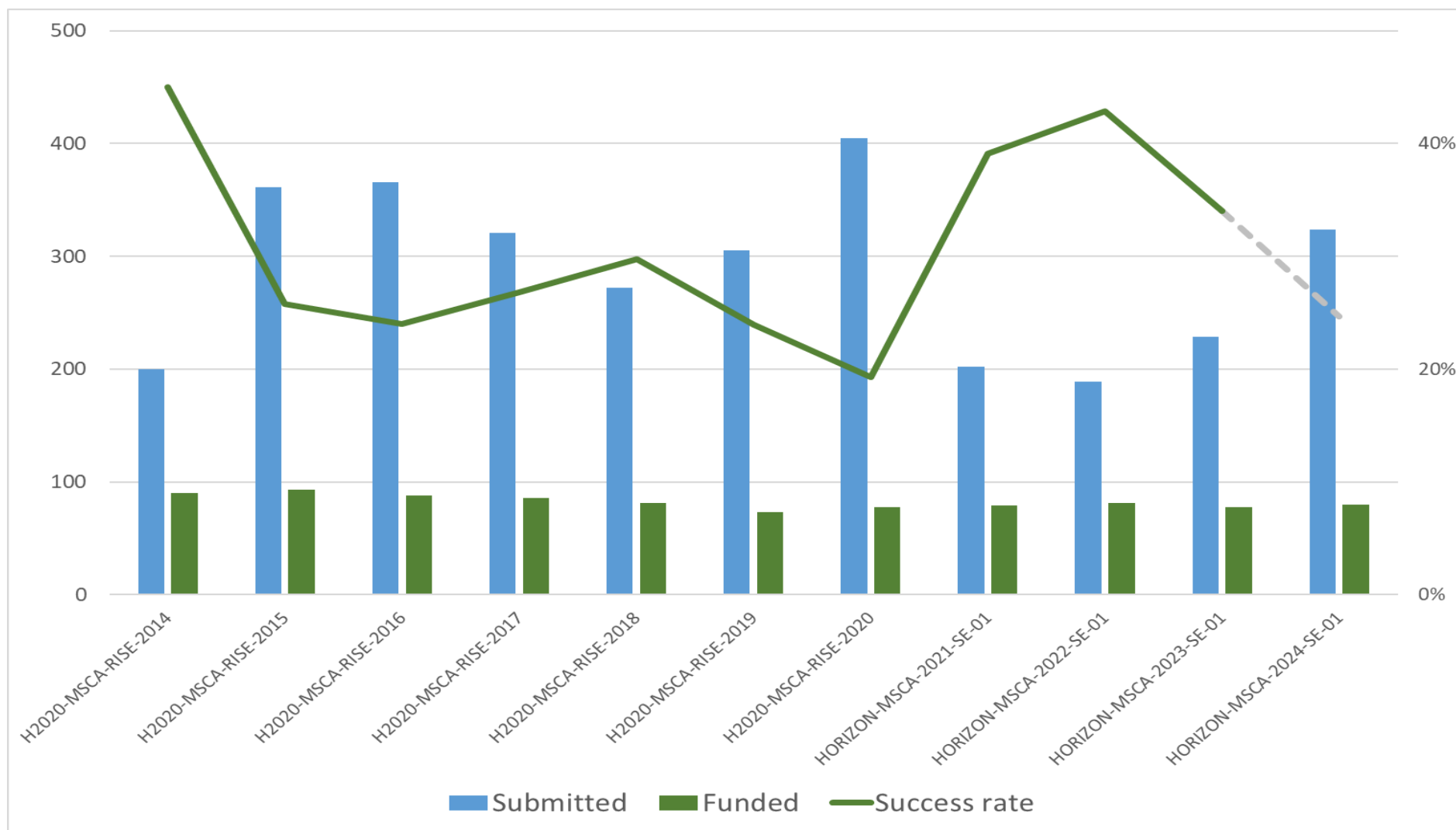
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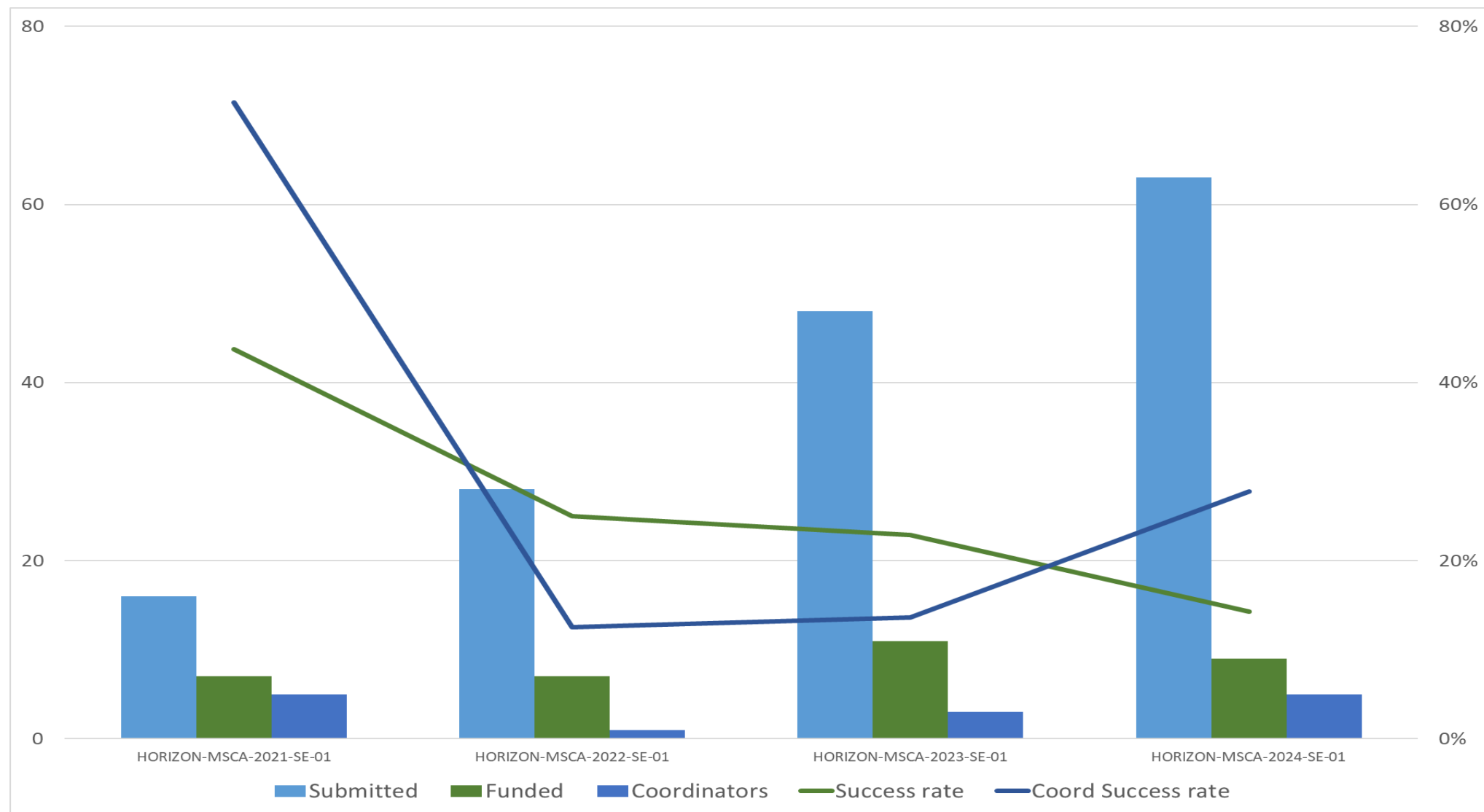


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# MSCA SE – Success Rate



# MSCA SE – TR Success Rate





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## Doctoral Networks

Doctoral programmes in and outside  
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doctorates

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## COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and  
postdoctoral  
programmes

2025: €128.06 million

DL 24/06/2025

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## MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events  
(Night)

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Opening call: 17/06/2025

DL 22/10/2025



# What is MSCA COFUND?

**Mono-beneficiary action:**

⑩ new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for doctoral training & postdoctoral fellowships

**Focus:**

- best practice, high standards & excellent working conditions, sustainable structuring effects

# MSCA COFUND

## Main Objective

*"co-finance new or existing doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes at national, regional or international level with the aim to spread the best practices of the MSCA including international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as international and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career"*

**Budget (COFUND-2025):** EUR 105.56 million (TBC, pre-published WP available [here](#))

**Call opening :** 23 January 2025

**Call deadline:** 24 June 2025

# MSCA COFUND : Expected impact

- Enhance talent and knowledge circulation across the R&I landscape, through **international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility**, including by supporting regional or national smart specialisation strategies when appropriate;
- Align practices with MSCA policies based on the **European Charter for Researchers**;
- Improve the **attractiveness of researchers' careers** notably through better working and employment conditions;
- Strengthen Europe's **human capital base in R&I** by training highly-skilled researchers;
- Increase **Europe's attractiveness** as a leading R&I destination;
- Enhance the quality of R&I contributing to **Europe's sustainable competitiveness**;
- Establish sustainable **collaboration between academic and non-academic organisations**;
- Foster the culture of **open science, innovation and entrepreneurship**

# MSCA COFUND 2025: Expected outcomes

## For doctoral candidates and researchers:

- Deeper and more diverse set of research-related and **transferable skills and competences**;
- Improved **employability and career prospects** both within academia and beyond;
- New mind-sets and approaches to R&I work forged through international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary experience;
- Enhanced **networking and communication capacities** with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact.

## For PF participating organizations:

- Enhanced **quality and sustainability of research training**;
- Increased global **attractiveness, visibility and reputation** of the participating organisation(s);
- Stronger **R&I capacity and output** among participating organisations;
- Increased contribution of the participating organisations to the local, regional and/or national socio-economic ecosystems;
- Regular feedback of research results into teaching and education at participating organisations.



# MSCA COFUND – Eligible participants



Single legal entity established in  
an EU Member State



Single legal entity established in  
HE associated country

# MSCA COFUND – Partners

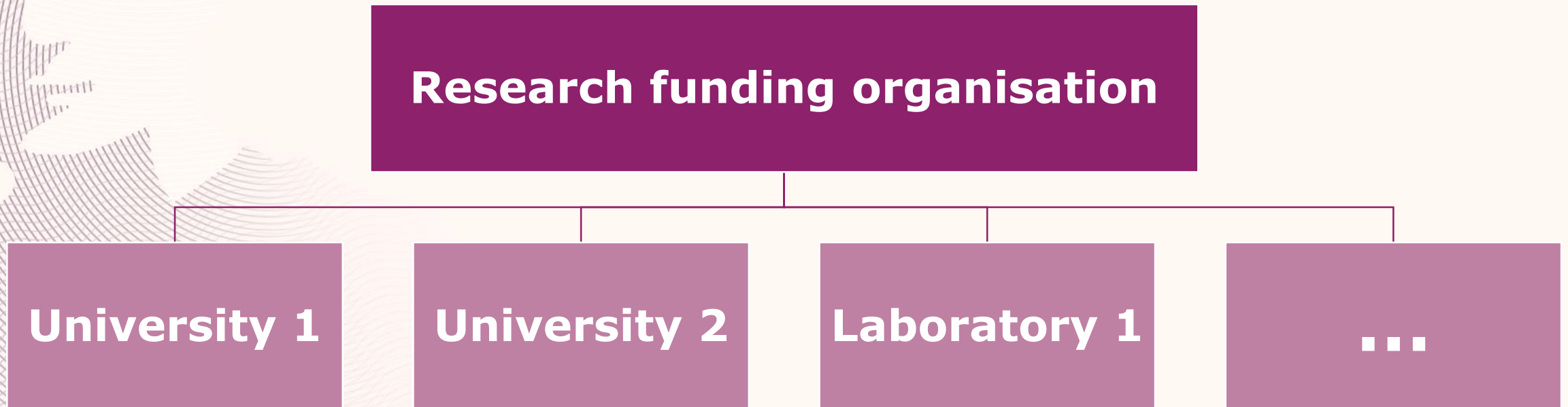
Participating Organisations			
Summary of Tasks			
Role in the Doctoral or Postdoctoral Programme	Recruitment of researchers	Training and/or hosting of seconded researchers	Directly claim unit costs
Beneficiary	✓	✓	✓
Associated Partner	x	✓	x
Implementing Partner	✓	✓	x

No letters of commitment are required at the evaluation stage for any partner

If the proposal is shortlisted for funding, **Implementing partners** identified in the proposal will be asked to provide a letter of commitment before the grant signature.

# COFUND – Possible structures

## 1 - Hierarchical





# COFUND – Possible structures

## 2 - Horizontal



# COFUND – Possible structures

## 3 – Single Point



# COFUND



## Scope

Doctoral or Post-Doctoral programmes



## Co-funding

Max. EUR 10m/beneficiary/call



## Duration

Programme: max. 60 months  
Fellowship: min. 3 months



## Recruitment

Fellows: min. 3 fellows must be recruited



# COFUND – Eligible researchers



**Doctoral  
candidates**



**Postdoctoral  
researchers**



**Any  
nationality**



**Mobility rule**

# COFUND – Project implementation



Employment  
contract or  
equivalent direct  
contract



No fixed-amount  
fellowships



**Part-time** allowed for personal, family, or professional\* reasons (\*upon approval)



**Secondments** up to 1/3 of fellowship duration



**COFUND Seal of Excellence**  
for applications scoring  $\geq 85\%$



## COFUND – Project implementation

**Independent experts  
involved at every  
stage of selection  
process**

**The selection of the  
researchers**

**Project  
implementation**

**Training programme**

**Postdoctoral  
programmes must  
involve independent  
international experts**



# COFUND – Supervision arrangements

Rationale to be specified for contact with supervisor at application stage

No involvement in the drafting of proposal and no approval required before submission

No role in recruitment process or decision making



# COFUND – Selection and Recruitment

International advertisement of vacancies

Open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable recruitment process

Assurance of no conflict of interest and no preselection

Doctoral programme: independent panel outside the partnership

Postdoctoral programme: independent international panel



# COFUND – Use of artificial intelligence

Use of generative AI tools permitted

Applicants bear legal responsibility for their proposal

No role in recruitment process or decision making

Inaccurate/erroneous data generated by AI tools to be penalised

Plagiarism may lead to proposal rejection

# COFUND Budget – EU contribution

**For recruited researchers &  
institutional contributions  
per person-month\***

**Doctoral  
programmes  
EUR 3,300\*\***

**Postdoctoral  
programmes  
EUR 4,700\*\***

**Any cost item of the programme supported**

\* For more  
details:

[unit-mga\\_he\\_en.pdf](#)

\*\* Fixed-amount fellowship: 50% of the standard  
rate





# COFUND budget - Conditions

**Total cost of  
programme to be  
specified**

- Amounts for researchers
- Amounts for organisation(s)

**Minimum  
monthly gross  
remuneration  
+  
mobility costs**

- Doctoral candidates: EUR 3,300\*
- Postdoctoral candidates: EUR 4,700\*

\*Min. EUR 1,650 (doctoral) & EUR 2,350 (postdoc) if fixed-amount fellowship

# COFUND budget – Part A

Participant number	Organisation short name	Role	Country	Academic sector	IO	No of recruited researchers	Number of person months (Employment)	Number of person months (Fellowship)	Contributions for recruited researchers		Total	Own resources	Financial contributions	Total estimated project income
									Employment Contract	Fixed amount fellowship				
1				No	No									
Total														



Cost categories	EU contribution (A) (EUR/person-month)	Own resources (B) (EUR/person-month)	Total cost = EU contribution + own resources (A+B) (EUR/person-month)
...			
Number of fellows			
Number of fellow months			
Total amount			



Beneficiary and (if appl.) Associated Partners (APs) involved in the proposal. Implementing Partners (IPs) are not listed.

The beneficiary is 'Participant number 1' followed by the APs.

Beneficiary must encode in the column '**Own resources**' its own financial input to the programme, and in the column '**Financial contribution**' the financial support coming from IPs (if applicable).

Beneficiary must indicate for the APs – each in its relevant row - under the column '**Financial contribution**' any financial support (if appl.).

COFUND BUDGET – Part B1

# COFUND budget – Part B1

Cost categories	EU contribution (A) (EUR/person-month)	Own resources (B) (EUR/person-month)	Total cost = EU contribution + own resources (A+B) (EUR/person-month)
<b>COFUND allowance</b>	3 300 (for Doctoral)*  4 700 (for Postdoctoral)*		***
<b>Mobility allowance**</b>			****
<b>Family allowance**</b>			****
<b>Travel allowance**</b>			****
<b>Research costs**</b>			
<b>Other (training, etc.) **</b>			
<b>Management costs **</b>			
<b>Indirect costs**</b>			
<b>Number of fellows</b>			
<b>Number of fellow months</b>			
<b>Total amount</b>			

Please make sure that the Total cost (including EU contribution and Own resources) declared in section 3 of Part A of the proposal matches exactly what is presented in Part B1.

- \* Choose applicable rate
- \*\* If applicable
- \*\*\* Monthly gross remuneration
- \*\*\*\* Total amount of allowance, if provided



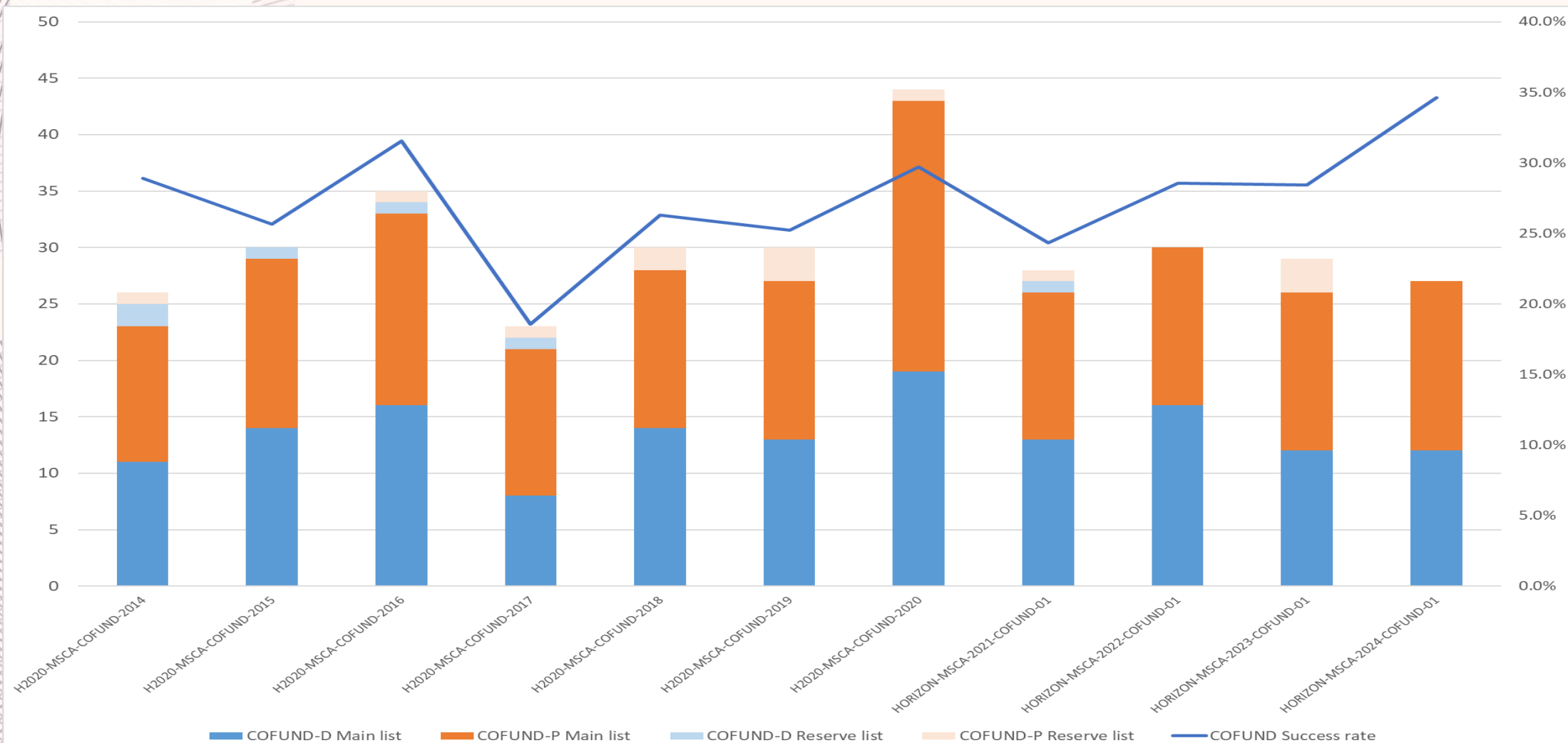
# COFUND – Award criteria

**Excellence (50%)**

**Impact (30%)**

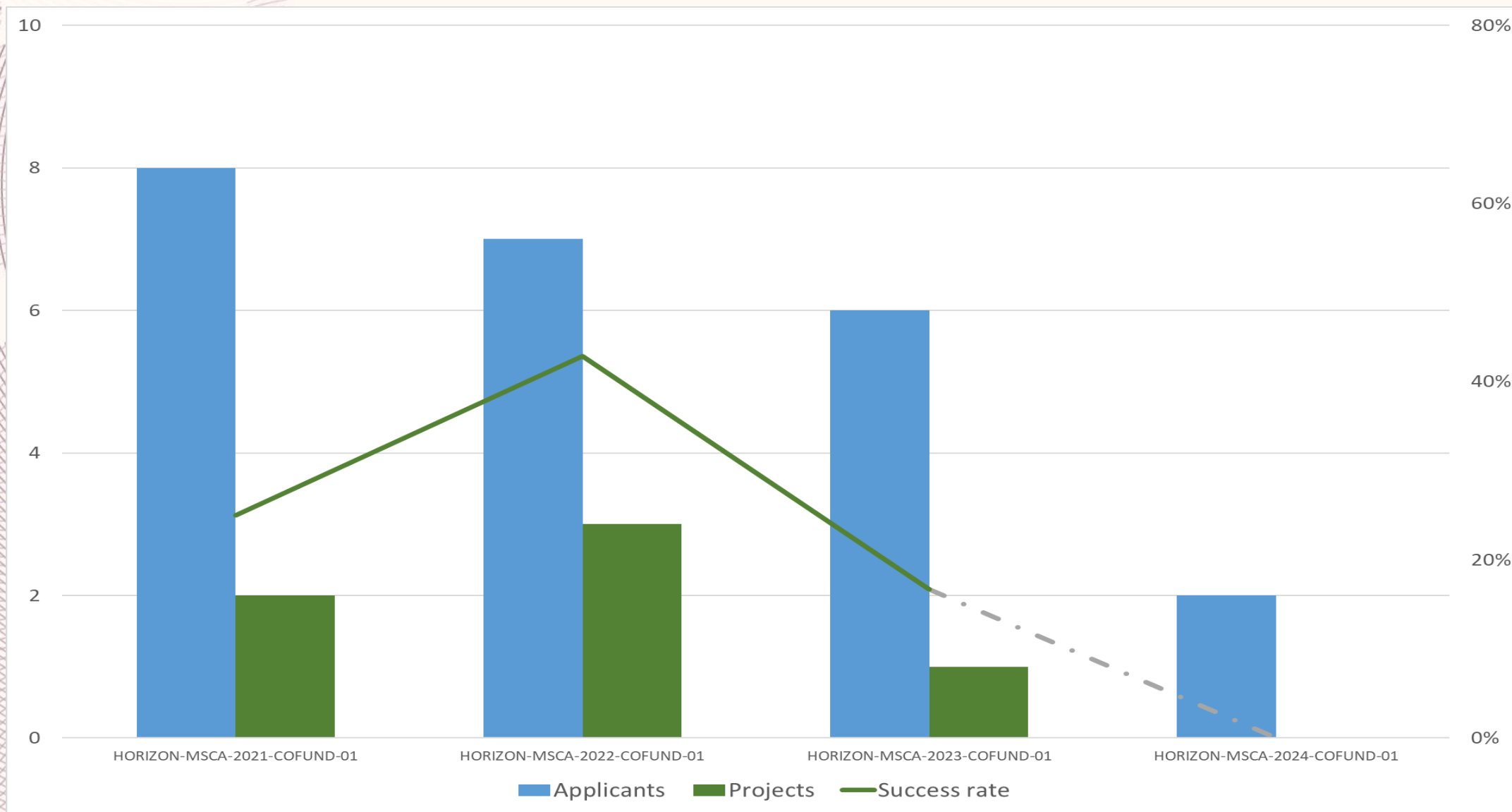
**Implementation (20%)**

# MSCA COFUND – Success Rate





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# MSCA Choose Europe for Science

- **Mono-beneficiary Action** to co-fund programmes in which academic or non-academic organisations recruit and train researchers with a vision to employment beyond the project period
- **Target group:** researchers at post-doctoral level who comply with the mobility rule
- **Focus:**
  - ❖ to increase the attractiveness of the European R&I ecosystem by **tackling precarity in research careers**
  - ❖ spread **best practices** of the MSCA by promoting **high standards** in the recruitment and evaluation process and **excellent working conditions**
  - ❖ introduce **lasting impact**, through risk-sharing and by promoting excellent and sustainable accession and progression systems

# MSCA Choose Europe for Science

- **Structure**

- **1<sup>st</sup> phase:** 24-36 months in which the EU will provide funding in the form of a Choose Europe for Science allowance which can be used to cover any cost category and is equivalent to the minimum gross monthly remuneration of recruited researchers amounting to 6700 EUR
- **2<sup>nd</sup> phase:** 24 months funded entirely by the beneficiary with remuneration rates to be set at a level that is nationally or regionally competitive

- **Partners**

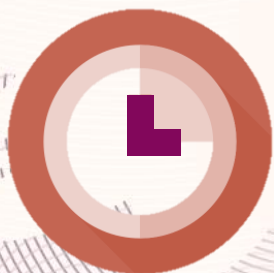
- **Beneficiary :** single legal entity established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country that will recruit selected researchers
- **NO Implementing partners**
- **Associated partners :** based anywhere and be in any sector  
→ cannot recruit and receive funds from the beneficiary

- **Co-funding**

- Beneficiaries are responsible for sourcing complementary funds for implementing their programme if selected, deploying institutional, regional, national or European level resources
- No double funding



# MSCA Choose Europe for Science



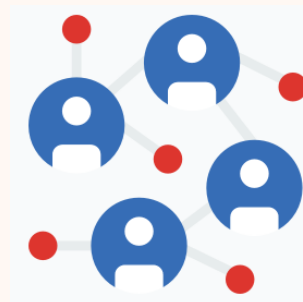
## DURATION

Max 6 years  
including recruitment  
2-3 years first phase  
2 years second  
phase



## COMPOSITION

1 beneficiary from  
EU MS or HE AC  
(no implementing  
partners)



## RECRUITMENT

For at least 3  
researchers at  
postdoctoral level



## BUDGET

Co-funding with a front-  
loaded EU contribution  
Max EUR 3.5 million  
per beneficiary per call

**Next Call:** 1 October – 3 December 2025

22.5M €

# MSCA Choose Europe for Science – Unit contributions

## Contributions for recruited researchers and institutional contributions

Per person-month in the first phase of the project

**Choose Europe for  
Science allowance**

**EUR 6 700<sup>1</sup>**

**Long-term leave  
allowance  
(if applicable)**

**EUR 6 700  
x  
% covered by the  
beneficiary**

**Special needs  
allowance  
(if applicable)**

**Requested unit<sup>2</sup>  
x  
(1/number of months)**

<sup>1</sup>These amount are also the minimum gross remuneration applicable for researchers recruited under the programmes

# MSCA Choose Europe for Science: award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality of the <b>selection / recruitment process for the researchers</b> (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities, the gender dimension and other diversity aspects)	Contribution to addressing <b>local human resource needs</b> , to advancing <b>regional/national specialisation strategies</b> , and to strengthening <b>European research, innovation and teaching capacity</b>	Quality, credibility and effectiveness of the recruitment plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned towards offering concrete career prospects for recruited researchers
Quality and attractiveness of the <b>appointment conditions</b> , including inclusive working conditions, quality and attractiveness of the research environment and the resources, training and career development opportunities provided, and remuneration offered in the second phase of the fellowship	Strengthening human resources good practices at institutional, regional, national, or international level, in particular through aligning the practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation	Quality and capacity of the recruiting institutions, including hosting arrangements and institutional procedures' alignment with the European Charter for Researchers (institutions with the HRS4R label are exempted from providing further justification for this criterion) and the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment
Quality and attractiveness of the <b>concrete long-term career prospects that extend beyond the duration of the fellowship</b>		
Quality and ambition of the <b>research, innovation and/or academic objectives</b> of the recruitment programme		
50%	30%	20%

Threshold for all criteria categories (excellence, impact and implementation) = 3

# Best Practices and Resources

- [European Charter for Researchers](#)
  - provides a set of principles underpinning the development of attractive research careers to support excellence in research and innovation across Europe
  - offers guidance on research assessment, recruitment and progression as well as on working conditions
- [Sustainable Careers for Researcher Empowerment](#) (SECURE) project
  - developed a Research Career Framework as well as a range of Tenure Track-Like Models based on a study of existing initiatives across Europe
- [Coalition for the Advancing Research Assessment](#) and the projects funded through the associated CoARA Boost initiative
  - focuses on creating more equitable and transparent research assessment systems
- [OECD report on reducing the precarity of academic research careers](#)
  - examines the challenges and instability faced by researchers in academic careers, offering insights and recommendations to enhance job security and career development
  - proposes policy frameworks and best practices to reduce precarity and improve the overall working conditions for researchers globally



# MSCA & CITIZENS 2025

## Main Objective

*"bring research and researchers closer to the public at large, to increase awareness of research and innovation activities and to boost public recognition of science and research education"*

**Budget (CITIZENS-2025):** EUR 16.25 million (TBC, pre-published WP available [here](#))

**Call opening :** 17 June 2025

**Call deadline:** 22 October 2025

# MSCA & CITIZENS – Objectives

**Bring research and researchers closer to the public.**

**Show the role of the researcher for the society and economy.  
Raise the interest of young people in research careers.**

**Address the general public, with a specific focus on families,  
pupils, students.**

**A wide geographic coverage that reflects the European nature  
of this initiative is key.**



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# MSCA & CITIZENS – Expected Impacts

**Enhance  
engagement  
with citizens.**

**Increase  
awareness  
among the  
general public  
of the  
importance  
and benefits of  
R&I. Especially  
EU-funded  
research.**

**Diffusion and  
promotion of  
excellence  
research projects  
across Europe and  
beyond by reaching  
citizens in as many  
participating  
countries as  
possible.**

**Raise  
interest of  
young  
people in  
science and  
research  
careers.**

**Support  
school-  
teachers and  
educators in  
developing a  
scientific  
approach  
around priority  
topics.**



# MSCA & CITIZENS – Expected Outcome

## For researchers

- Enhanced **opportunities to interact with citizens** and local, regional and national authorities.
- Improved **communication skills** and competences to interact with a non-research audience.

## For organisations

- Increased **reputation and visibility** of participating organisations.
- Researchers' work made more tangible.
- Improved **outreach to all audiences** across Europe, and notably those who do not have an easy access to science and research activities.
- Better **communication of R&I results and activities** to society.

# MSCA & CITIZENS – Scope

Proposals should cover both the organisation of the **European Researchers' Night** and the implementation of the **Researchers at Schools** initiative.

The European Researchers' Night takes place every year, on the **last Friday of September**. Pre-events, and post-events can also be organised.

**The European Researchers' Night targets the general public**, addressing people regardless of the level of their scientific background, special focus on young people and their families, pupils and students

**The Researchers at Schools initiative brings school classes to research facilities and researchers to schools** any time during the project duration.

# MSCA & CITIZENS - EU Researchers' Night activities

**Activities can combine education with entertainment.**

**They can take various forms, such as exhibitions, hands-on experiments, science shows, simulations, debates, games, competitions, quizzes, etc**

**Where appropriate, engagement with educational institutions should be sought**



# MSCA & CITIZENS - Researchers at Schools activities

Activities will allow researchers to showcase their work and interact with pupils

They can take various forms, such as presentations, discussions, speed-dating, citizen science, science shows, summer schools, nature walks or visits to research facilities



# MSCA & CITIZENS – Other Features

The European Researchers' Night should be highlighted as a **European (and European wide) event** and each proposal should promote the European Union and its impact on citizens' daily life

The Researchers at Schools activities should take place at any time during the project duration and should be subject to a dedicated promotion

**Involvement of researchers funded by Horizon Europe** or previous Framework Programmes is encouraged.

Both type of activities have to **promote gender balance, diversity and inclusiveness** in science.

**Partnerships and coordination** at regional, national or cross-border levels are encouraged.

High-quality applications not retained due to lack of funding may be granted the status of **associated events**.

# MSCA & CITIZENS – Eligible Participants

Applications may be submitted by **one or more legal entities established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country**

Activities carried-out in non-associated third countries are not eligible for funding

# MSCA & CITIZENS – Project Duration

**24 months from the starting date**

**Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals covering two successive editions (2026 and 2027) during the project duration.**



# MSCA & CITIZENS – Funding

**The maximum requested EU contribution per proposal should not exceed EUR 350 000.**

**All proposals are encouraged to bring additional sources of funding.**

**The budget will be evaluated under the criterion 3 “Quality and efficiency of the implementation”.**

**Proposals exceeding max EU contribution might be penalised during evaluation unless a strong justification is provided.**

# MSCA & CITIZENS – Funding Mechanism

Eligible costs will take the form of **lump sum** contributions

The expected EU contribution per project is **between EUR 50 000 and 175 000 per annual edition**

The expected **EU contribution** requested for a proposal **covering 2026 and 2027** would be **between EUR 100 000 and 350 000**

Applicants propose a **lump sum based on a detailed estimation of costs**. Following evaluation of the proposal an individual lump sum is fixed in each grant agreement

## MSCA & CITIZENS – Funding Mechanism (2)

**Proposals must contain a detailed budget per beneficiary:**

**Direct Costs:** Personnel costs; Subcontracting costs; Purchase costs; and Other cost categories

**Indirect costs:** 25% flat rate to the direct costs that qualify

The lump sum is calculated by applying the applicable reimbursement rate, 100% in this case

**In addition, applicants must provide a split of the lump sum per beneficiary and per work package.**



# Award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives.	Credibility of the pathways to achieve the <b>expected outcomes and impacts</b> specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall
Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures, including soundness of methodology	Suitability and quality of the measures to <b>maximise expected outcomes and impacts</b> , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.	Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.
50%	30%	20%



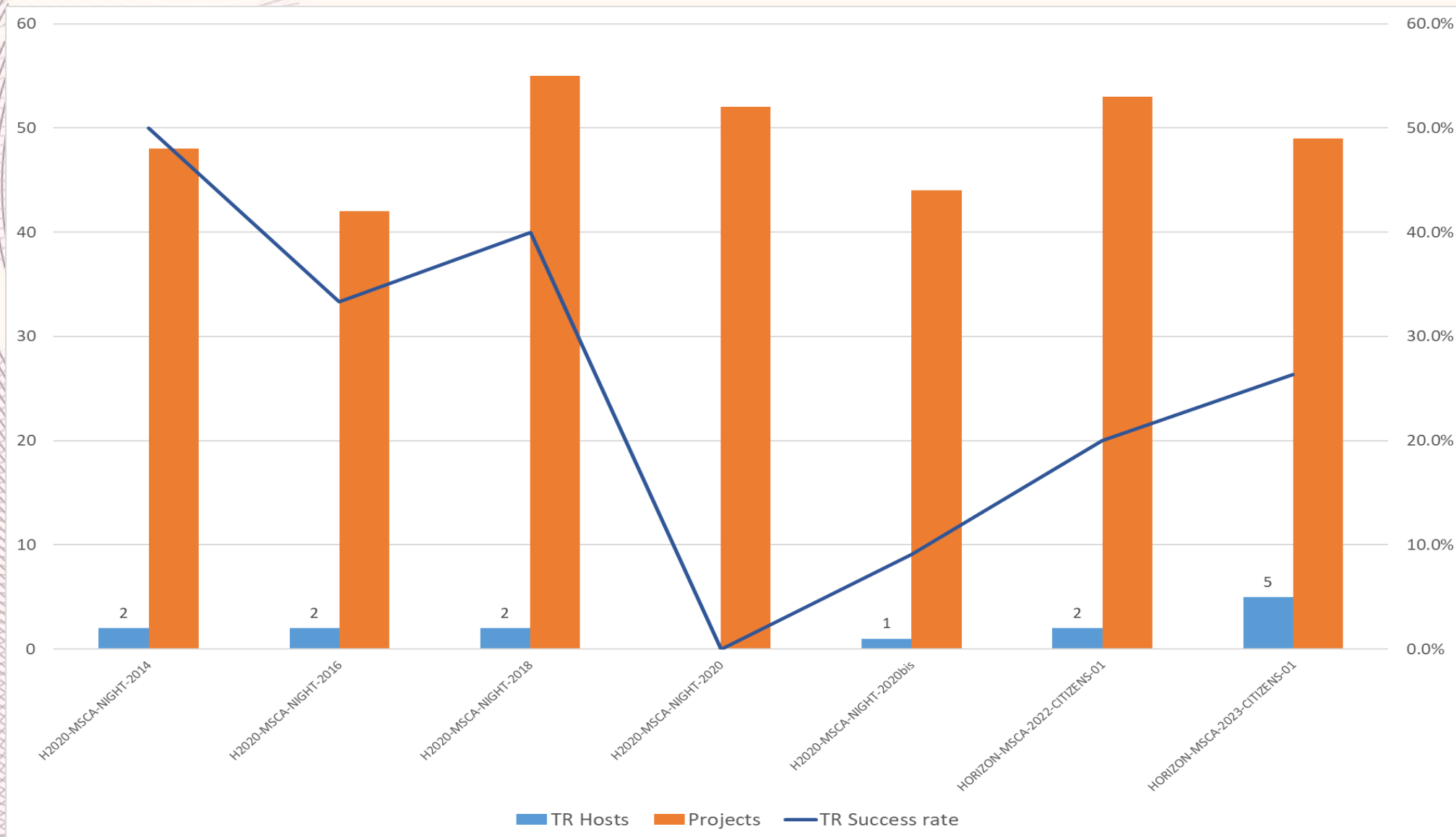
# MSCA & CITIZENS – Evaluation procedure

The procedure is described in General Annex F.

The following exceptions apply:

To ensure a balanced portfolio covering the widest geographical coverage, grants will be awarded not only in order of ranking but also to the **top-ranked application from each country** based on the coordinator's location (including trans-national consortia), provided that the applications attain all thresholds.

# MSCA & CITIZENS – TR Success Rates



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