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# MSCA 2026 Calls Conference

MSCA Staff Exchanges  
MSCA and Citizens  
MSCA COFUND

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Ankara-İstanbul

# Horizon Europe (€ 95.5 billion)



## Pillar I EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research  
Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie  
Actions

Research Infrastructures



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- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Clusters

Joint Research Center



## Pillar III INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation Council

European Innovation  
Ecosystems

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Innovation & Technology

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading  
excellence

Reforming & enhancing the European R&I  
system

**Info on HE:** [Horizon Europe - European Commission](https://ec.europa.eu/horizon-europe/)

# The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



**Doctoral Network**

- Intl Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

**Postdoctoral Fellowship**

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Single Researcher

**Staff Exchange**

- Intl Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Participate

**COFUND**

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

**Choose Europe for Science**

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

**MSCA & Citizens**

- Single Beneficiary or Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Participate



Researcher applies directly to our call



Researcher applies to vacancies in selected projects



Researcher participates in the project activities

# **MSCA Staff Exchanges**

# What is Staff Exchanges?



Research & Innovation **mobility** action



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



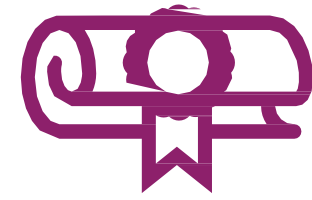
It fosters mobility of entities from both the **academic** and **private** sectors



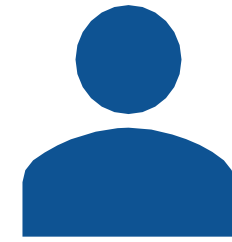
Can be combined with other programmes (**synergy**)



# Objectives



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



Knowledge  
transfer  
between  
participating  
organisations

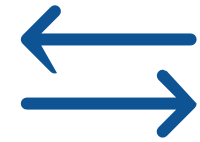


Collaboration  
between the  
academic and  
non-academic  
sectors  
(including  
SMEs)



Cooperation  
across the  
globe

## Staff members



Transferable skills & competences



Employability & career prospects



Ideas converted into products, processes & services

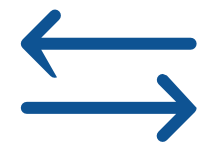


International exposure

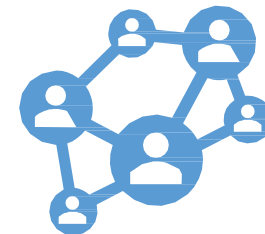


Networking & communication

## Organisations



Transfer of knowledge



Collaborative networks

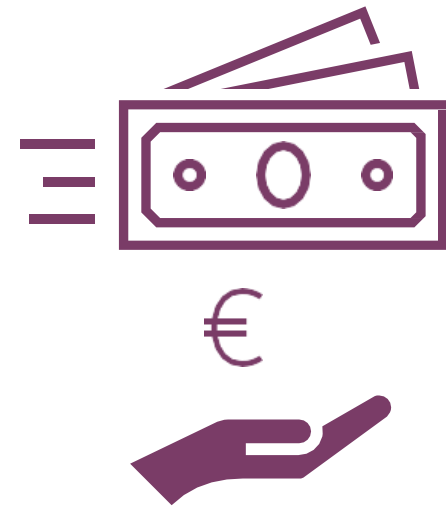


R&I capacity

# Key Features of Staff Exchanges



**BOTTOM UP**  
with different  
scientific panels



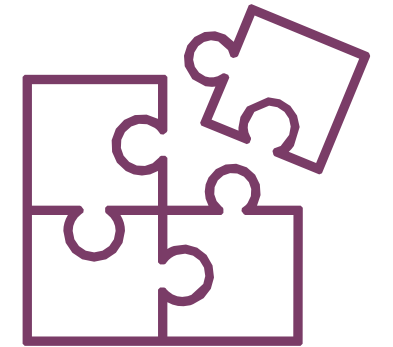
**Unit cost 5170 €**  
2870 € - staff allowance  
2300 € - organisation



**SECONDMENTS**  
1-12 months/staff  
Interdisciplinary  
Intersectoral  
International



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



**SYNERGY**  
EU grants  
Not MSCA\*

**Budget 2027 call = 95.04 M€**

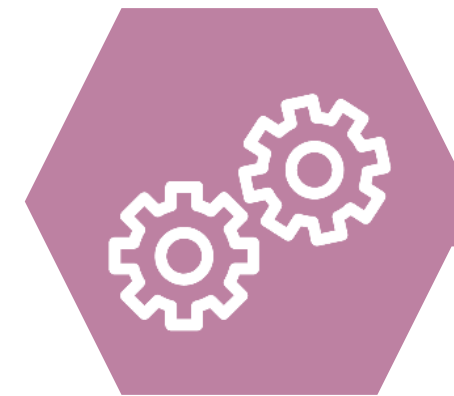
# Who can participate in MSCA-SE projects?

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

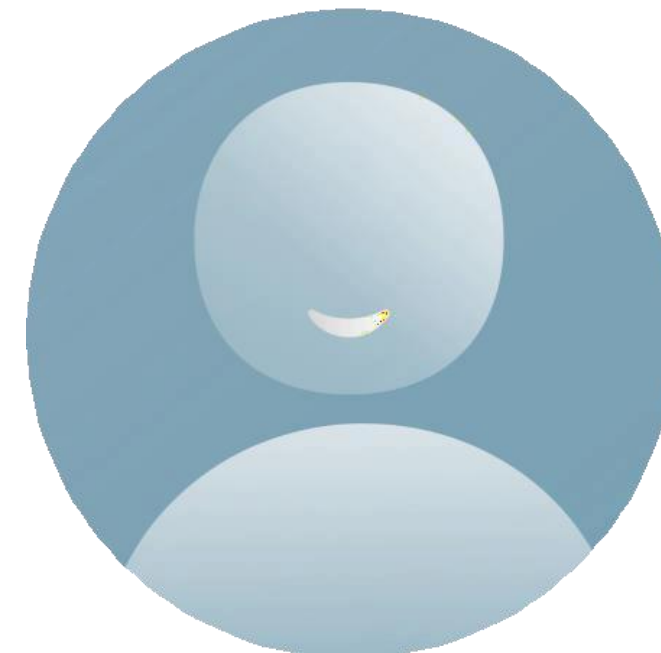


Non-academic sector



**NEW**

The consortium must include participating organisations from both academic and non-academic sectors





## Seconded staff members



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

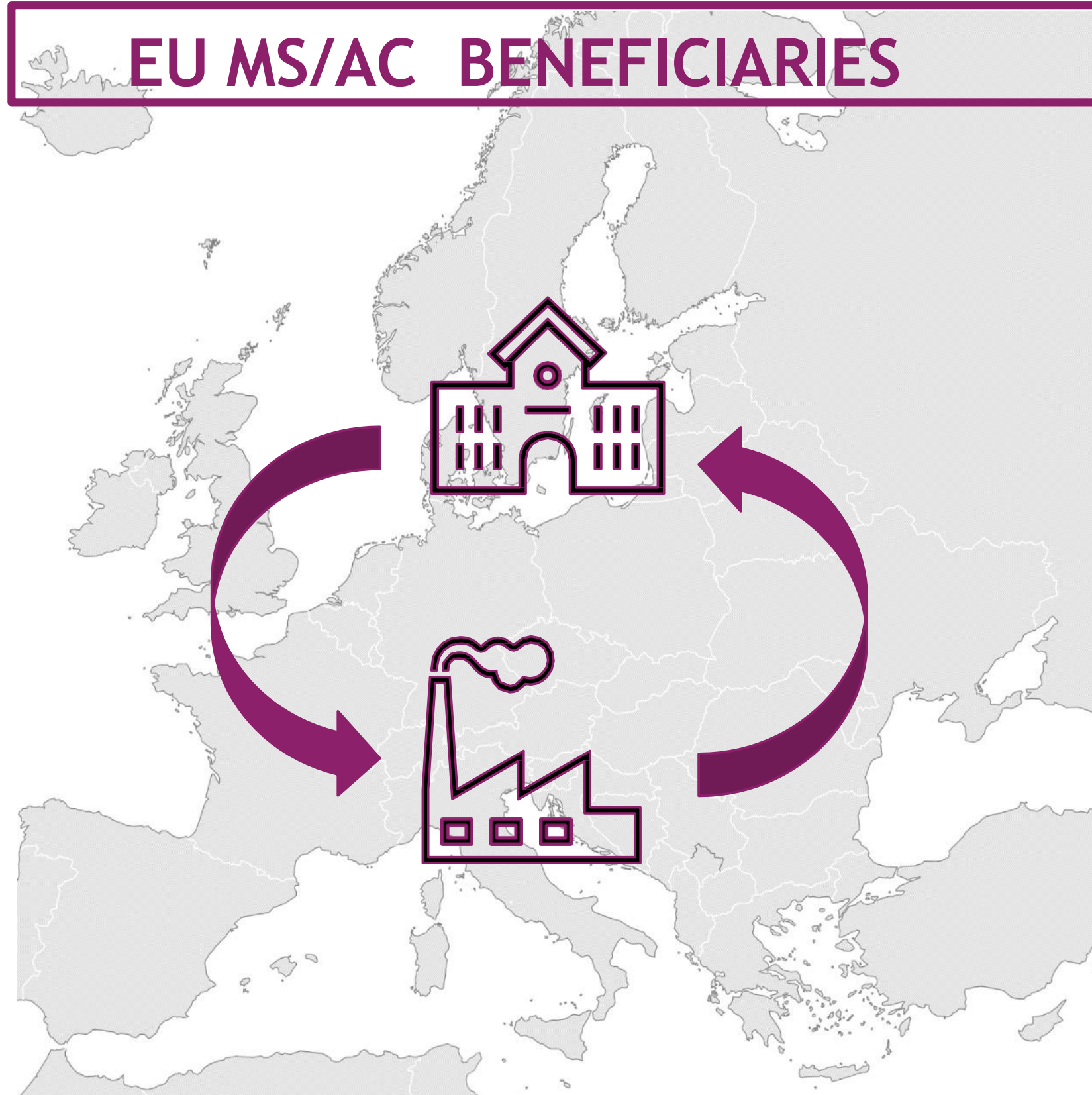
Researchers at any career stage (e.g. from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

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

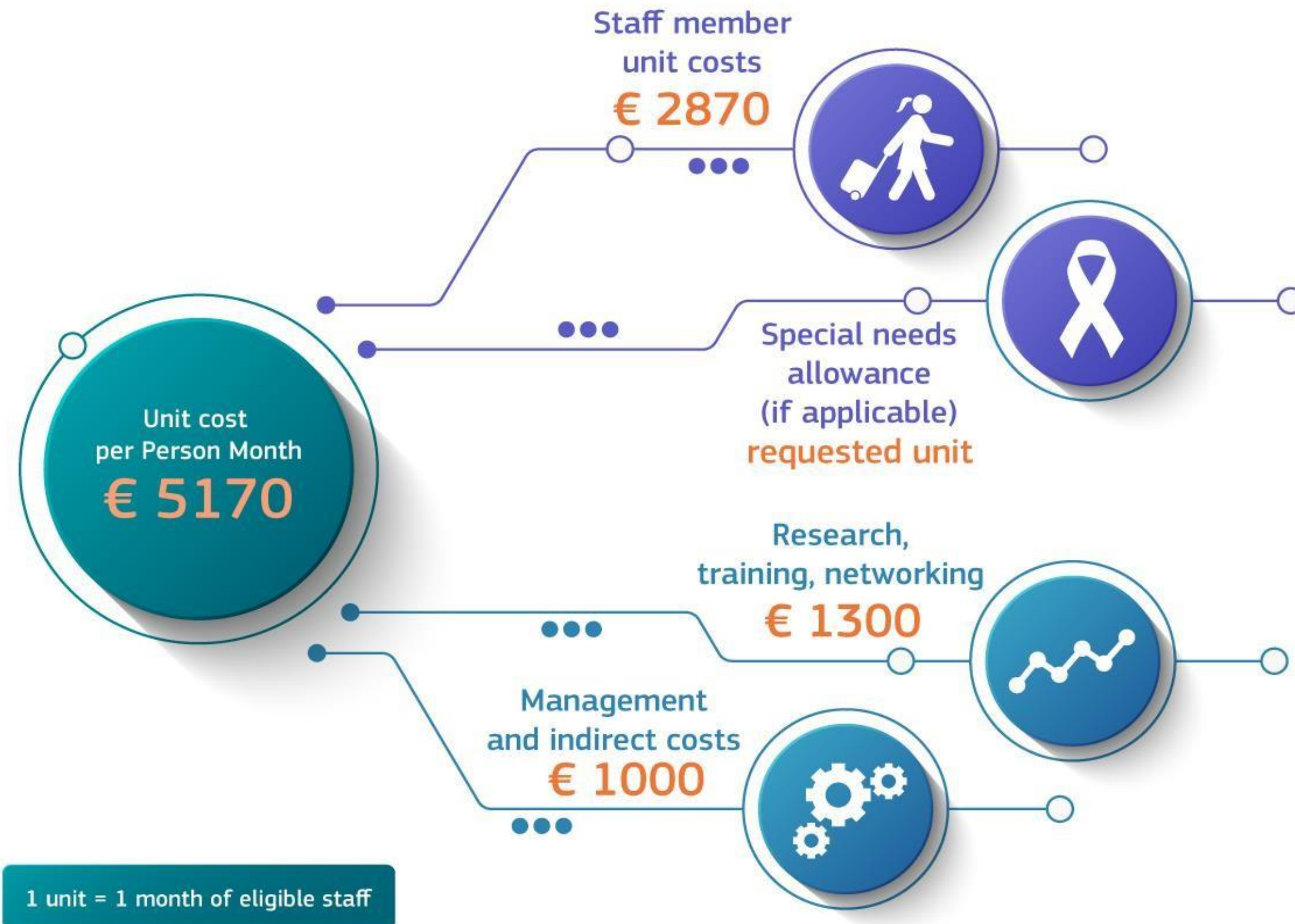
Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment

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

# Eligible Secondments in Europe & AC



# What does Staff Exchanges fund?



Budget of SE project based on the Nr of planned secondments

## Unit cost

Total monthly cost breakdown (per person/month)

**€ 2,870**

**Staff cost**

**€ 2,300**

**Institutional cost**

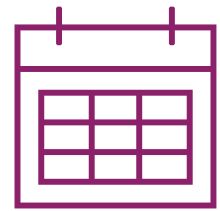
Top-up for travel, accommodation, subsistence. Goes to researcher

Research/training + management/indirect.

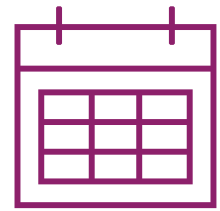
**Total € 5,170 per person/month**

No country correction coefficient applies. Max. budget ~€ 1.86 M (360 PM)

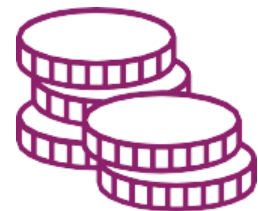
# Key Dates & Budget Call 2027



**Call Opening 2027: 15 December 2026**



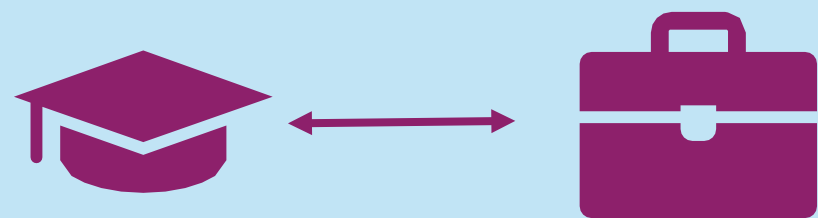
**Call Closure: 15 April 2027**



**Call 2027 Budget: 95.04 M€**

**NEW FOR 2026**

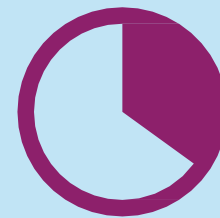
## Sector requirement



Consortia **MUST** now include entities from two different sectors. This is now a strict eligibility rule.

**NEW FOR 2026**

## Interdisciplinary Quota Removed:



The "1/3" rule removed. Interdisciplinarity is now fully integrated into the project design and evaluation criteria.

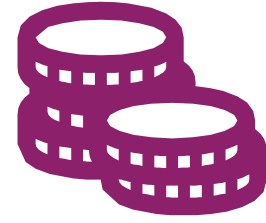
**NEW FOR 2026**

## Prior Employment Rule Removed:



The "1-month prior to secondment rule" is removed.

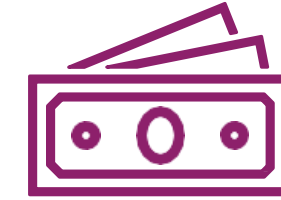
# Key Changes



This year budget is  
**€ 97M**



Unit cost is  
increased to  
**€ 5170**



Staff allowance  
increased to  
**€ 2870**



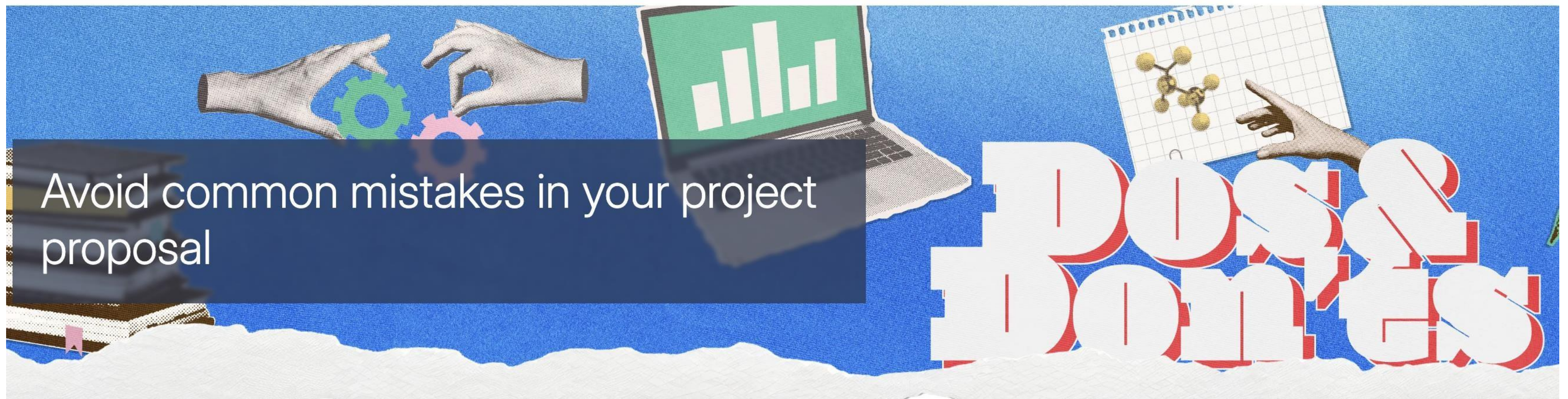
**2 ≠ sectors**



**No one month  
employment rule**

# Do's and Don'ts when applying for funding

[https://rea.ec.europa.eu/dos-and-donts-when-applying-funding\\_en](https://rea.ec.europa.eu/dos-and-donts-when-applying-funding_en)



# **MSCA and CITIZENS**

**Main features**

**(will be open in March 2027)**

# MSCA & Citizens



It aims to organise a one-day event held on the same day each year across all EU Member States and Associated Countries, bringing researchers together with the general public and encouraging young people to engage with science.

It aims to bring school classes to research facilities and researchers to schools or other pedagogical and educational centres in order to enable direct interaction between researchers and pupils on societal challenges and the important role of research in addressing them.



## Institutions:

- Can be single beneficiary or multi beneficiary
- Any organization able to organize a public event to promote science and research (e.g. universities, museums, science outreach organisations)

## Task:

- European Researchers' Night (last Friday of September)
- Researchers at Schools initiative

## Funding:

- Max 350 000 EUR

## Length:

- Max 2 years



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# Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

## European Research Council

Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

€16 billion

## Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

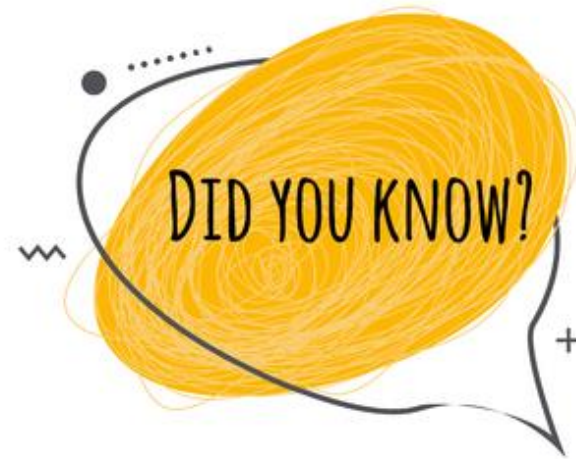
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

## Research Infrastructures

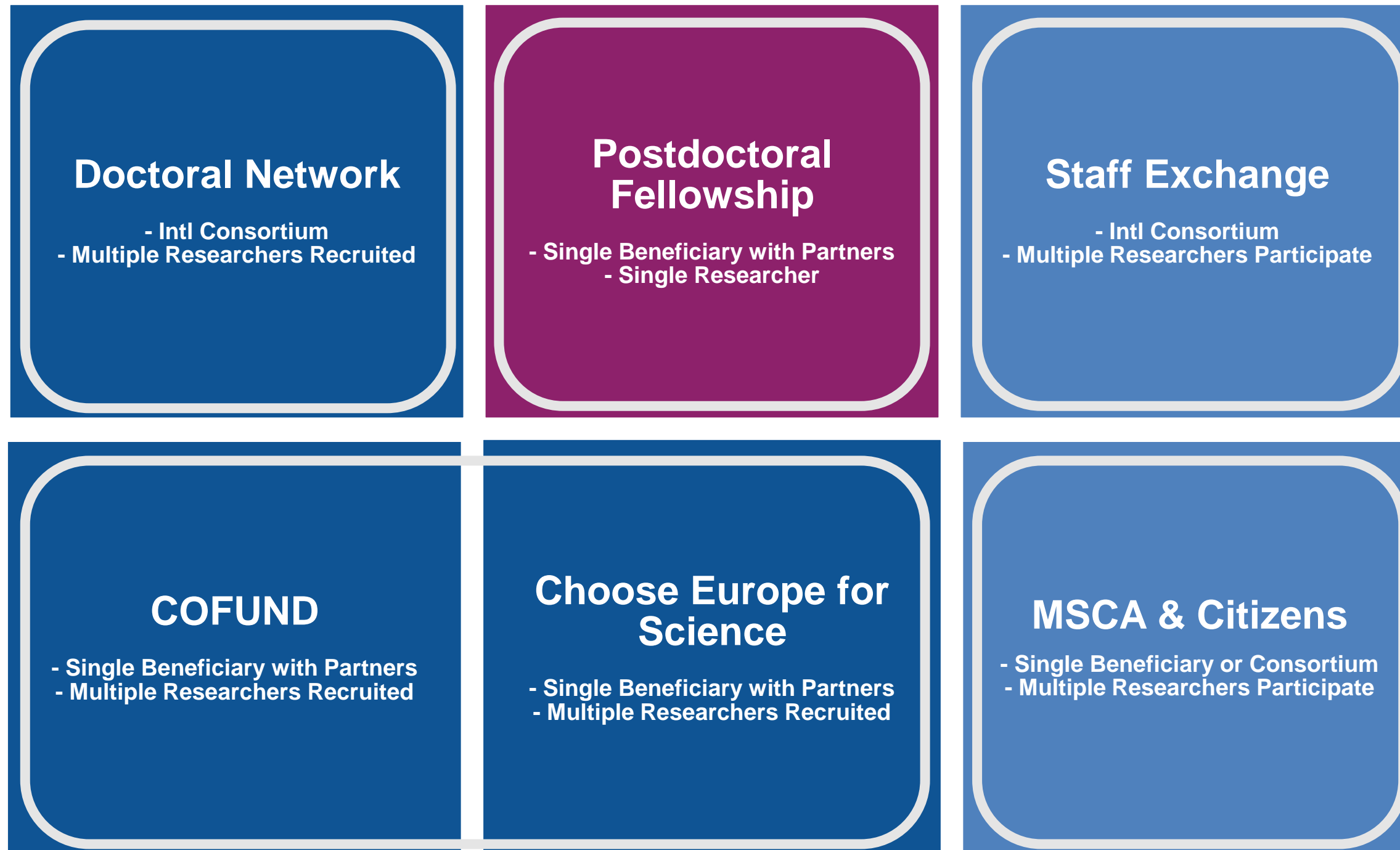
Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion



23 Nobel Prize winners either backed by or involved in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions between 2012 and 2024





Researcher applies directly to our call



Researcher applies to vacancies in selected projects



Researcher participates in the project activities



# MSCA COFUND

Main features  
(just closed)

# What is MSCA COFUND?

## Mono-beneficiary action:

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

## Focus:

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

## 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-2026):** EUR 105.46 million

**Call opening :** 16 December 2025

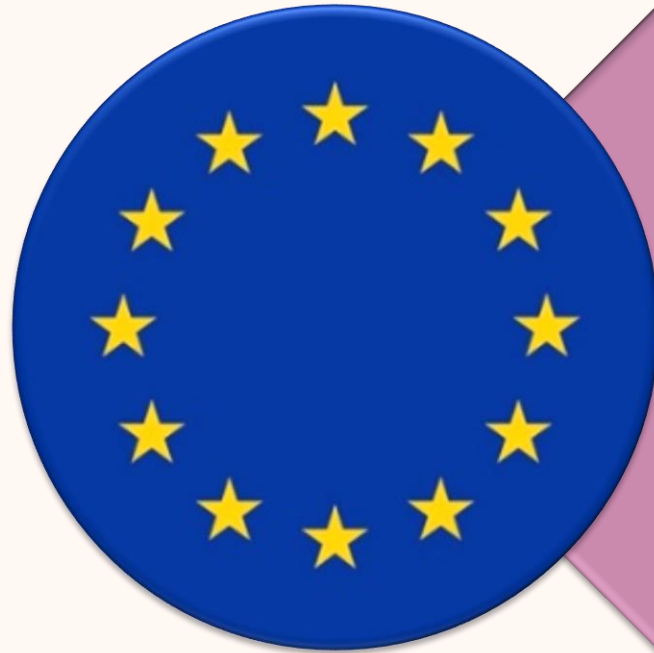
**Call deadline:** 08 April 2026

**Budget (COFUND-2027):** EUR 51.25 million

**Call opening :** 8 December 2026

**Call deadline:** 06 April 2027

# MSCA COFUND - Eligible participants



Single legal entity established in an EU Member State



Single legal entity established in HE associated country

**Additional partners can be included in the project.**

**The types of organisations COFUND may work with include**

- **government entities**
- **regional authorities**
- **funding agencies**
- **universities**
- **research organisations**
- **enterprises**

**Implementing partners –  
EU MS,AC, LMI countries**

**Associated partners –  
any country**

## Academic sector

Higher education establishments  
Non-profits  
International European Research  
Organisations

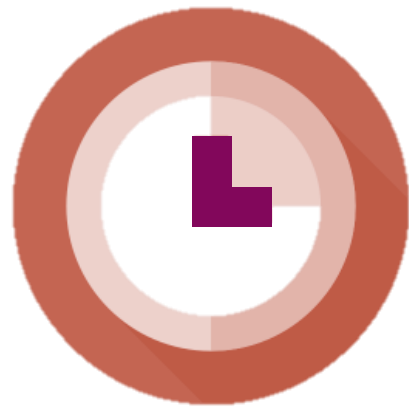


## Non-academic sector

Any socio-economic actor not  
included in academic sector

*Candidates wishing to apply for PhD and postdoctoral positions under COFUND should apply to funded COFUND projects by consulting their open vacancies advertised internationally, including on the [EURAXESS](#) portal.*

# MSCA COFUND



## DURATION

Max 5 years



## COMPOSITION

1 beneficiary from EU MS  
or HE AC



## FELLOWSHIP

minimum 3 months



## BUDGET

Co-funding  
Max EUR 10 million per  
beneficiary per call

## Institutions:

- Single beneficiary
- Implementing partners
- Associated partners

## Target:

- Doctoral programmes: Researchers without a doctoral degree
- ~~Postdoctoral programmes: Researchers with a doctoral degree~~

## Funding:

- COFUND allowance per person-month
- Living allowances doctorates €3500
- Co-funded by beneficiary with salaries set at attractive levels above the minimum remuneration

## Length:

- Minimum 3 month fellowships
- Maximum 60 month project duration

# Co-Funded Brain Circulation Scheme 3 (CoCirculation3) (2025-2030)

Support for international researchers to conduct cutting-edge research in Türkiye's academic and non-academic institutions.

## WHO CAN APPLY?



- ✓ Possession of a PhD (or thesis defended) by the call deadline
- ✓ Any nationality
- ✓ Must not have resided or worked in Türkiye for more than 12 months in the last 3 years
- ✓ The proposed research project must be clearly aligned with the European Green Deal
- ✗ Researchers previously funded by CoCirculation or CoCirculation2 are not eligible
- ✦ Researchers may freely choose their host institution and supervisor in Türkiye.

## Duration of Funding

Up to 24 months



## CALLS

1st Call: 01 Sep – 01 Dec 2025  
2nd Call: 03 Aug – 03 Nov 2026  
3rd Call: 01 Jul – 01 Oct 2027



Living Allowance: 3.980 €  
Research, Training, Networking: 1.000 €  
Family Allowance: 600 €  
Host Institution Budget: 50 €  
Entrepreneurship Allowance: up to 250 €

These allowances are granted per month.



2012-2017

- ❖ €11,2 Million
- ❖ 103 Fellowship Supported
- ❖ 4 Calls

2018-2023

- ❖ €13,9 Million
- ❖ 103 Fellowship Supported
- ❖ 4 Calls

2025-2030

- ❖ € 15,7 Million
- ❖ 100 New Researchers
- ❖ 3 Calls

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CoCirculation3 is implemented in accordance with the rules of the agreement concluded with the European Commission's Executive Agency under the Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.



<https://cocirculation3.tubitak.gov.tr>

[cocirculation3@tubitak.gov.tr](mailto:cocirculation3@tubitak.gov.tr)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND funded projects also co-financed by TUBITAK  
with a total budget of € 6,7 Million

Marie Skłodowska-Curie  
Actions **COFUND**

**2236 -B**

2236-B MSCA COFUND Burs Programlarına Katkı Fonu Programı



**NanoBio4Can**



**NanoBio4Can:** Nanobiotechnologies 4 Innovative Therapeutic Approaches for Cancer

**A2M2TECH**  
ADVANCED MATERIALS AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES



**A2M2TECH:** Doctoral Programme in Advanced Materials & Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

**biotin**



**BIOTIN:** Biomedical Technologies and Innovation Doctoral Program

**ENRICH-TOGETHER**  
Enriching the Green and Blue Transition Research and Training Network Working Together through the New European Research A



**ENRICH-TOGETHER:** Enriching the Green and Blue Transition Research and Training Network by Working Together with the New ERA

**Water4All**  
Water security for the planet



**WATER4ALL:** Water Security for the Planet

**ECO-SPHERE**



**ECOSPHERE:** Circular Economy for the Sustainable Earth Spheres- Geosphere, Biosphere, Hydrosphere & Atmosphere

2,3 M €  
(HORIZON-MSCA-2022-COFUND)  
TÜBİTAK Co-finance:  
€ 828.000,00  
(24 Postdoc)

Sabancı Unv. Nanotech Res. and App. Center (SUNUM)

2,3 M €  
(HORIZON-MSCA-2020-COFUND)  
TÜBİTAK Co-finance:  
€ 2.450.880  
(22 PhD candidates)

Gazi University

1,3 M €  
(HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND)  
TÜBİTAK Co-finance:  
€ 624.000  
(10 PhD candidates)

İzmir Institute of Technology

1,9 M €  
(HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND)  
TÜBİTAK Co-finance:  
€ 768.000,00  
(20 Postdoc)

Middle East Technical University

2,6 M €  
(HORIZON-MSCA-2022-COFUND)  
TÜBİTAK Co-finance:  
€ 1.152.000,00  
(20 PhD candidates)

İzmir Institute of Technology

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(24 Postdoc)

Yıldız Technical University



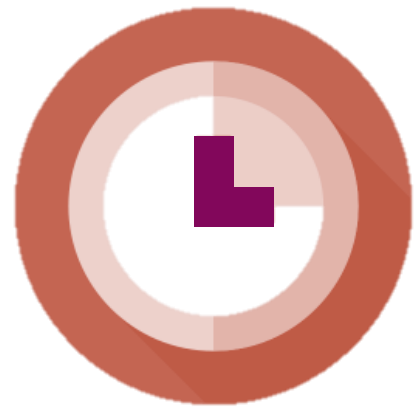
# MSCA CHOOSE EUROPE

**Main features**

(will be open in December 2026)

- **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 2027 call



## DURATION

2-3 yrs EU-funded phase  
2 yrs phase fully funded by the beneficiary (and partners)



## COMPOSITION

1 beneficiary from EU MS or HE AC  
+ implementing partners



## RECRUITMENT

For at least 3 researchers at post-doctoral level



## BUDGET

EUR 51.25 million  
Max EUR 5 million per beneficiary per call  
Co-funding required

# MSCA Choose Europe for Science call 2027



## Institutions:

- Single beneficiary
- Implementing partners
- Associated partners

## Target:

- Eligible researchers with a doctoral degree

## Funding:

- RTN (€1000) and Institutional Unit Costs (€650) corresponding to full PF unit contributions with CCCs applied to living allowances in the EU-funded phase (€6350)
- Mobility allowance €710, family allowances € 660
- Co-funded by beneficiary, with salaries set at attractive levels in the non-EU funded phase

## Length:

- Researchers must be recruited within the first 12 months
- EU-funded phase of 24 months for a 48-month fellowship or 36 months for a 60-month fellowship
- 24-month phase funded entirely by the beneficiary and partners

# Choose Europe for Science 2027: EU-Funded Phase

## EU Contributions for recruited researchers

Per person-month for the EU-funded Phase of the programmes

### Researcher Unit Cost

### Institutional Unit Cost

Living allowance\*

Mobility allowance

Family allowance\*\*

Research, training and networking

Management and indirect costs

EUR 6 350

EUR 710

EUR 660

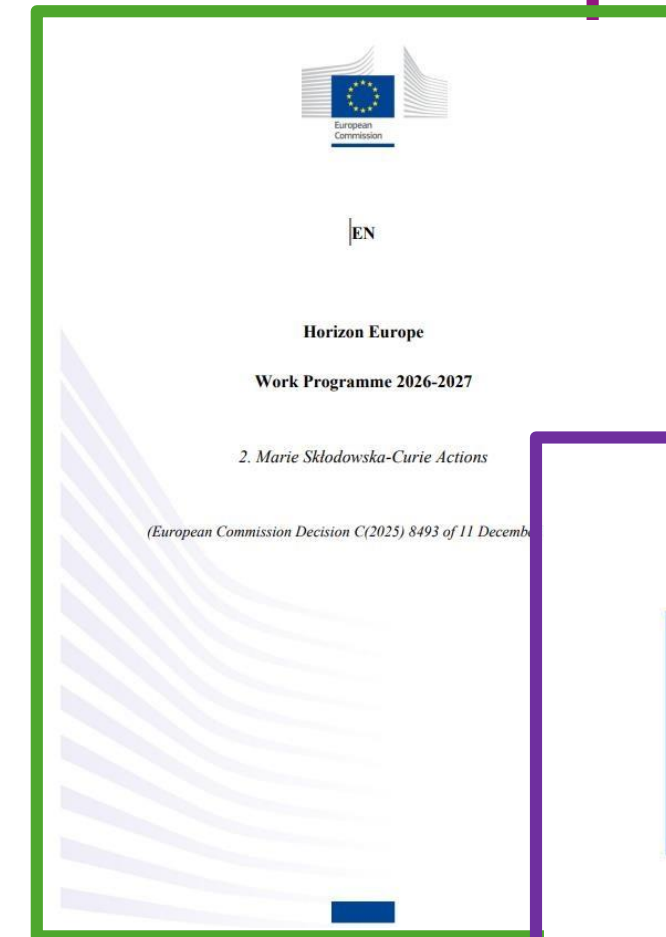
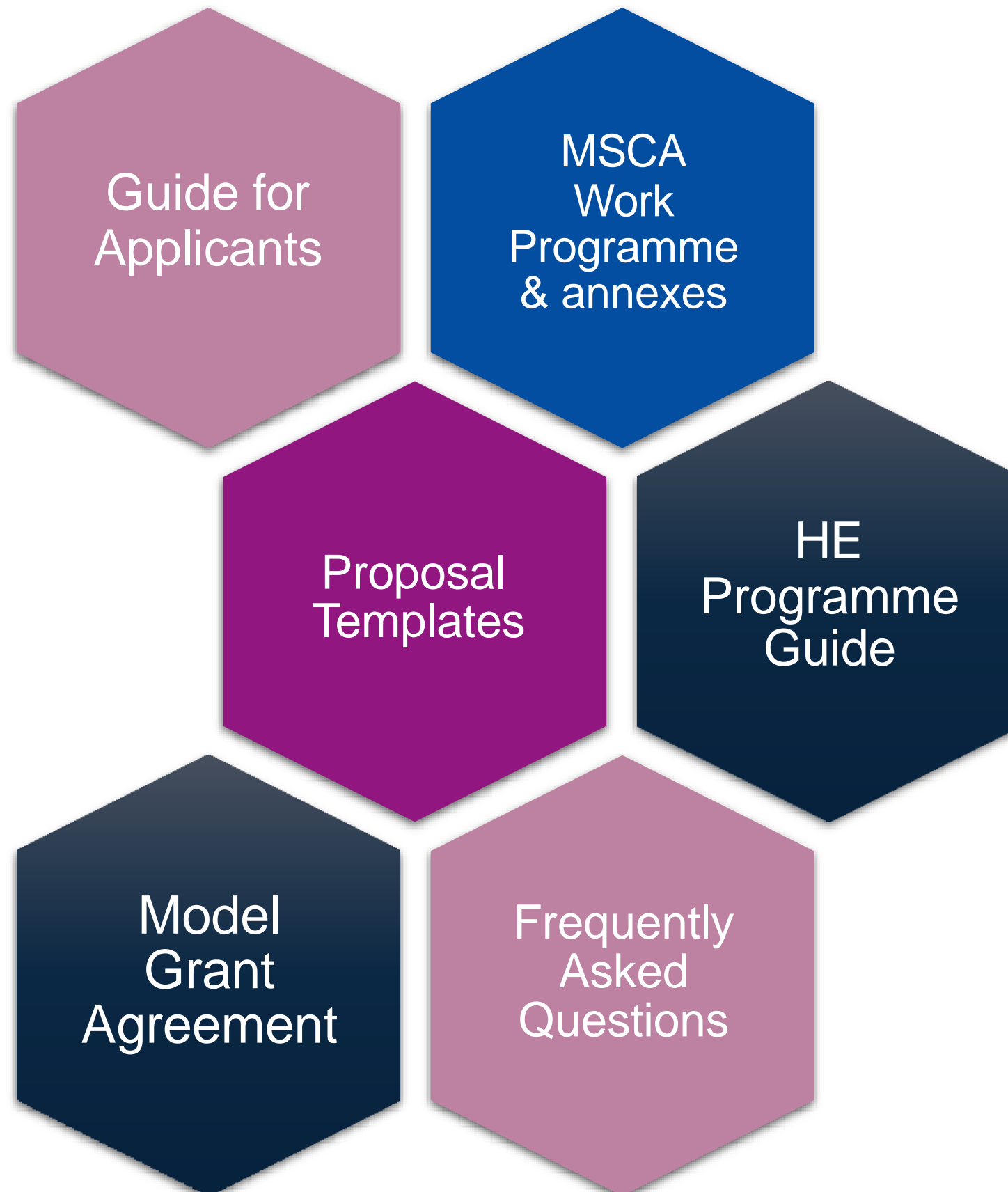
EUR 1000

EUR 650

\* adjusted through the application of a country correction coefficient

\*\*if applicable, as well as long term leave allowance or special needs allowance

# Reference Documents



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## Doctoral Networks

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

**Total budget 2025: € 593.03 million**

**Opening call: 28/05/2026**

**DL 24/11/2026**

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## Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

**2025: €399.05 million**

**Opening call: 09/04/2026**

**DL 09/09/2026**

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## Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

**2026: €97.92 million**

**Opening call: 09/04/2026**

**DL 09/09/2026**

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## COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

**2025: €105.46 million**

**Opening call: 08/12/2026**

**DL 06/04/2027**

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## MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

**2025: €15.71 million**

**Opening call: 09/03/2027**

**DL 08/06/2027**





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