



**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE**  
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**FELLOWSHIPS (PF)**

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Internationalization of higher education and research;  
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# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

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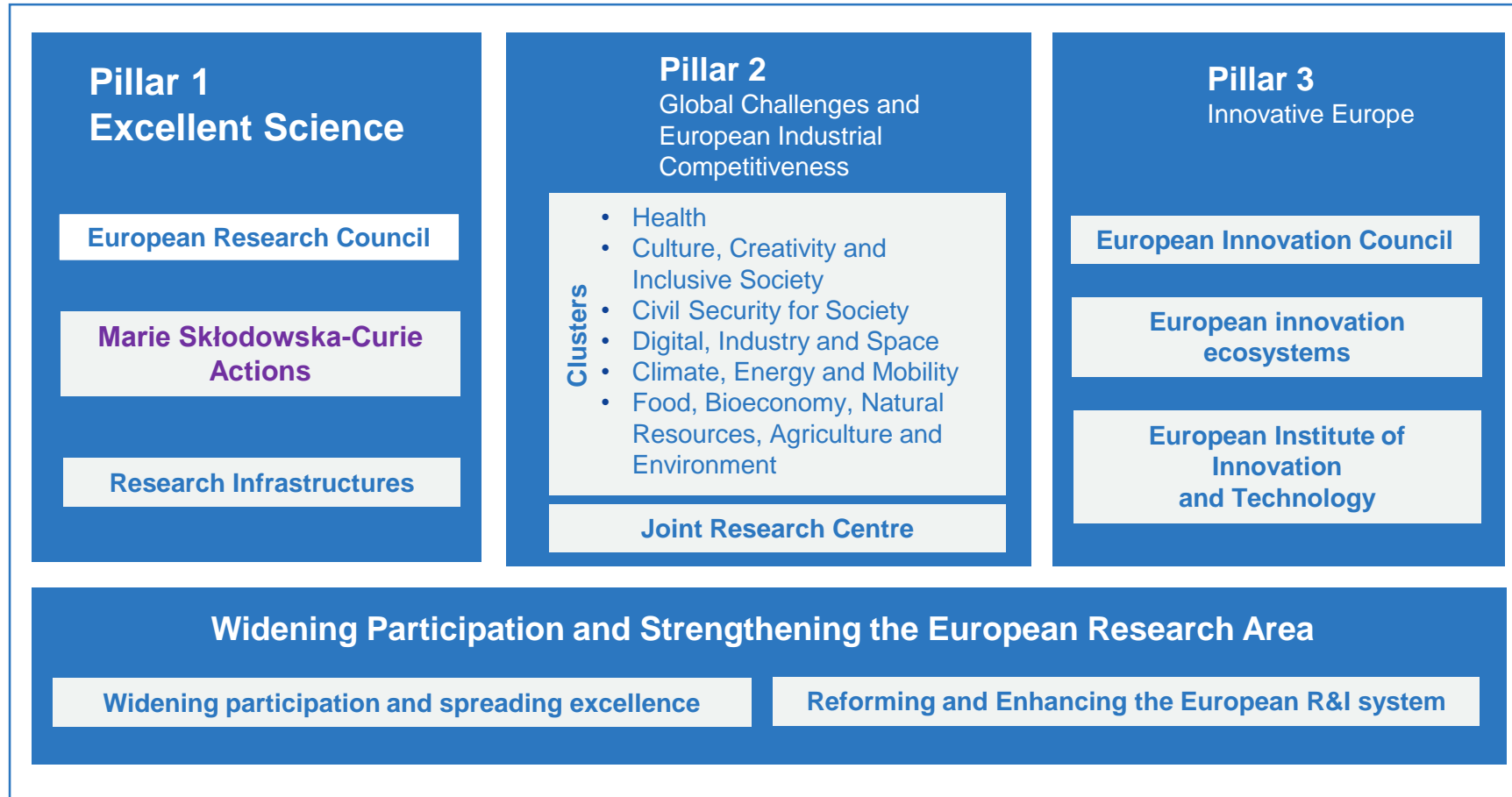
## MSCA PF CALL IN 2022

Overview of today's presentation

- Objectives
- Key features
- Focus on the Proposal
- Useful resources
- Napomena: linkovi sakriveni iza naslova u prezentaciji su aktivni u opciji FULL VIEW



# Horizon Europe: Structure



## Excellent Science (Pillar 1):

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

Budget for MSCA under Horizon Europe: 6.6€ billion

# MSCA 2021 – 2027

## evolution NOT revolution

### MSCA 2021-2027



ITN  
IF  
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1. MSCA Doctoral Networks
2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
3. MSCA Staff Exchanges
4. MSCA COFUND
5. MSCA and Citizens

→ *networks training doctoral candidates*  
→ *postdoctoral researchers*  
→ *any type of research(-related) staff*  
→ *co-funding training programmes*  
→ *public outreach events*

The information in this presentation is still subject to change

# MSCA in Horizon Europe:

## Policy Background, Guiding principles and Priorities

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### **MUST READ AND INCLUDE IN YOUR PROPOSALS!**

- Contribution to the European Research Area (ERA) and European Education Area (EEA)
  - Commitment to the **European Charter for Researchers** and the **Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers** (Charter and Code) + Innovative Doctoral Training Principles
  - Underlying Principles: Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation (RRI)
  - Contribution to the European Green Deal objectives
  - Contribution to the Climate Action target of Horizon Europe (35% of budget)
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# IF you are...

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Excellent & creative Researcher....

Stuck in unproductive environment...

Eligible Postdoc...

Eager to advance in your career  
and learn...

Ready to move outside your  
comfort zone  
& Open to the World and new  
collaborations....



Stuck with insufficient funding...

Hindered by...

Have a great idea but no conditions  
to move ahead...

**Then MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship is your chance!!**

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## Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

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### MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022

TOPIC ID: HORIZON-MSCA-2022-PF-01-01

# MSCA PF CALL IN 2022 Start preparing!

Grant

#### General information

Topic description

Destination

Conditions and documents

Partner search

Submission service

Topic related FAQ

Get support

Go back to search results

#### General information

Programme

**Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)**

Call

**MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022 (HORIZON-MSCA-2022-PF-01)**

See budget overview

Type of action

**HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships**

Type of MGA

**HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]**

Forthcoming

**HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships**

**HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]**

Deadline model

**single-stage**

Planned opening date

**13 April 2022**

Deadline date

**14 September 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time**

#### Topic description

ExpectedOutcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:



# REFERENCE DOCUMENTS – MUST READ!

## Topic conditions and documents

### General conditions

1. **Admissibility conditions:** described in [Annex A](#) and [Annex E](#) of the Horizon Europe Work Programme General Annexes

**Proposal page limits and layout:** described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System

2. **Eligible countries:** described in [Annex B](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes

A number of non-EU/non-Associated Countries that are not automatically eligible for funding have made specific provisions for making funding available for their participants in Horizon Europe projects. See the information in the [Horizon Europe Programme Guide](#).

3. **Other eligibility conditions:** described in [Annex B](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes

4. **Financial and operational capacity and exclusion:** described in [Annex C](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes

5. **Evaluation and award:**

- **Award criteria, scoring and thresholds** are described in [Annex D](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes
- **Submission and evaluation processes** are described in [Annex F](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes and the [Online Manual](#)
- **Indicative timeline for evaluation and grant agreement:** described in [Annex F](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes

6. **Legal and financial set-up of the grants:** described in [Annex G](#) of the Work Programme General Annexes

### Specific conditions

7. **Specific conditions:** described in the [specific topic of the Work Programme]

### Documents

#### Call documents:

Standard application form – call-specific application form is available in the Submission System

[Standard application form \(HE RIA, IA\)](#)

[Standard application form \(HE CSA\)](#)

[Standard application form \(HE RI\)](#)

[Standard application form \(HE PCP\)](#)

[Standard application form \(HE PPI\)](#)

[Standard application form \(HE COFUND\)](#)

[Standard application form \(HE CSA\)](#)

[MSCA PF Guide for Applicants](#)

[HE Main Work Programme 2021–2022 – 2. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

[HE Programme Guide](#)

[EU Grants AGA — Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

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## Why should you apply for postdoctoral training?

### Objectives:

to **enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD** and who wish to **acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.**

- ✓ Foster excellence through implementation of an **original and personalised research project**
  - ✓ Training on research + transferable skills + support to career development
  - ✓ Focus on **i3** (international, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary) mobility
  - ✓ Exposure to the non-academic sector
  - ✓ Focus on outreach activities
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- ✓ The MSCA PF scheme encourages researchers to work on research and innovation projects in the non-academic sector and is open to researchers wishing to reintegrate in Europe, to those who are displaced by conflict, as well as to researchers with high potential who are seeking to restart their careers in research.

# Research areas: All scientific fields

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- ✓ **Bottom-up approach**
- ✓ (including Euratom\* areas- **novelty**)

**You choose the topic of your research!!!**



- ✓ Proposals evaluated and ranked in 8 main Scientific Panels:
  - 1) Chemistry (CHE)
  - 2) Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
  - 3) Economic Sciences (ECO)
  - 4) Information Science and Engineering (ENG) 5) Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
  - 6) Life Sciences (LIF)
  - 7) Mathematics (MAT)
  - 8) Physics (PHY)

*\*Euratom areas are eligible (indicative amount EUR 1 million annually) to enhance nuclear expertise and excellence as well as synergies between Programmes, organisations active in nuclear research established in one of EU Member States or countries associated to the Euratom Research and Training programme 2021-2025, are eligible to participate.*

# Type of Postdoctoral Fellowships

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**Mono-beneficiary** actions to support postdoctoral research and careers

Two types of Fellowships:

✓ **European Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe  
(EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country)



✓ **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe AC to any Third Country

*These fellowships require an **outgoing phase** of minimum 12 and maximum 24 months in a non-associated Third Country, and a **mandatory 12-month return phase** to a host organisation based in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country.*



# Eligibility of Researchers

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- ✓ **Mobility Rule** (streamlined in MSCA):  
the postdoctoral candidate **must not** have lived, worked or studied in the country of the future European host institution for **more than 12 months** during the **3 years prior to deadline**.
- ✓ **Any nationality**  
**!! However**, researchers going to a third country (Global Postdoctoral Fellowship) or researchers who wish to reintegrate to Europe, must be nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries.
- ✓ **Any age**
- ✓ **Must hold PhD** at the call deadline and have **a maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research**, measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree (career breaks are not counted towards eligibility period)

# Eligible Host Institution

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## 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



# Eligible Host Countries

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- ✓ **27 EU Member States (MS)**
- ✓ **Horizon Europe Associated Countries (AC)**

*Until association agreements start producing legal effects either through provisional application or their entry into force, the transitional arrangement set out in the General Annexes to the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 is applicable (for the entire Programme, including ERC, EIC, EIT and the institutionalised European partnerships) with regard to the following countries and legal entities established in these countries, with which association negotiations are being processed or where association is imminent (listed in the alphabetical order):*

*Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Israel, Kosovo\*, Moldova, **Montenegro**, Morocco, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom. Legal entities established in Switzerland are currently not covered by the transitional arrangement.*

[CHECK OUT THE LINK:](#)

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation\\_horizon-euratom\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf)

# Who is involved in the application?



✓ **Applicant** (called 'Fellow'):

- in possession of PhD at the call deadline
- no more than 8 years research experience after PhD

✓ **Supervisor** (or 'Primary Coordinator Contact'):

Experienced researcher who will be supervising the fellow and the project

The fellow should develop the project proposal in liaison with the supervisor

Check out: [MSCA Guidelines on Supervision - European Commission](#)

✓ **Beneficiary** (also called 'Host Institution'):

European university, or institute, or industry, validated by the EC as a 'legal entity' with **Participant Identification Code (PIC)**

✓ **Administrative Coordinator Contact:** the administrative person responsible on behalf of the beneficiary



# Obligations – Host Organisation

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- ✓ **Appoint the Fellow under an employment contract**
  - with full social security coverage
  - or other direct contract with equivalent benefits (fixed-amount fellowship contract)
- financial entitlements, the starting date and duration, the name of the supervisor(s) and arrangements related to intellectual property rights
  
- ✓ **Support the development of a personal Career Development Plan**
  - Jointly developed between the Supervisor and the Fellow and updated as necessary
  
- ✓ **Provide the fellow with:**
  - Copy of the specific Grant Agreement of the project, together with its annexes
  - Copy of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers
  - Resources necessary to implement the project and stated in the proposal

# Obligations – The Fellow

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- ✓ Must ensure the visibility of EU funding in communications or publications and in applications for the protection of results

*Disclaimer: “This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No [number].”*

- ✓ Must comply with the obligations regarding open access to scientific publications and research data → Library services are a good source of support and information on open science issues
- ✓ Work exclusively for the action  
→ Unless part time working has been agreed with your EC project officer
- ✓ Undertake the project as detailed in the Grant Agreement
- ✓ Inform the host organisation as soon as possible of any events, circumstances or changes in status that are likely to affect the fellowship



# How does MSCA PF work?

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## 1. Find Host Institution:

PF candidate to find European HI/Supervisor  
(academic or non-academic sector)

## 2. Proposal writing:

jointly written by the PF candidate and a Supervisor

## 3. Submission of Proposal:

Only the European Host supervisor should press the "submit" button and take any other actions in the name of the organisation

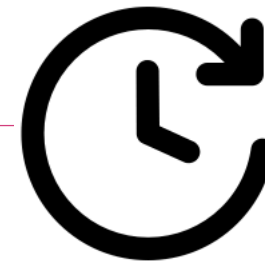
→ electronic submission system on Funding & Tender Portal

- Only one proposal per individual researcher can be submitted.
- In case of several proposals involving the same individual researcher, only the last submitted one will be considered eligible
- European host institute receives the money (grant) and recruits the awarded Fellow



# Duration

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## European Postdoctoral Fellowships

→ between 12 and 24 months

## Global Postdoctoral Fellowships

→ between 24 and 36 months

→ consisting of 12 to 24 months for the outgoing phase and

→ 12 months for the mandatory return phase.



If requested and justified in the proposal, an **additional placement up to 6 months at the end of the project** can be awarded to researchers who will spend that period **in a non-academic organisation** established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country.

## Secondments (optional)

Worldwide short-term secondments within the overall duration of the fellowship

# Funding

## For the Fellow:

- ✓ Living allowance: €5080/month
  - adjusted through a country correction coefficient
- ✓ Mobility allowance: €600/month
- ✓ Family allowance: €660/month – if applicable

## For the Host Institution

- ✓ Research & training costs: €1000/month
- ✓ Management costs: €650/month

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	Contributions for the recruited researcher 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 5 080	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit <sup>78</sup> x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650

A country correction coefficient (CCC) applies to living allowance (MSCA WP 2021-2022 p.105)  
 ➤ For Global Fellowships there will be two different country correction coefficients

# Allowances

## What are they and how to they work?



### Researcher unit cost:

- ✓ Researcher unit costs given are **gross amounts** from which both employer and employee statutory deductions can be made
- ✓ Fellows are strongly advised to talk to their host institution how the salary will be calculated **prior** to submitting a joint proposal (national and internal rules, exchange rate policy, etc.)

### ✓ Living Allowance

GROSS amount → must be fully used for the researcher

- ✓ **Mobility Allowance** covers additional, private mobility-related costs (travel and accommodation)

- ✓ **Family Allowance** - eligibility to receive family allowance is determined at the call deadline

- ✓ Mobility and Family Allowance (were applicable) can also be subjected to taxation

# Benefits!

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## For researchers

- ✓ Opportunity to work on **own research project**
- ✓ **Advance** training and mobility
- ✓ Supervision → **career development plan** of the recruited researcher submitted at the beginning of the action (not later than 6 months after its start) and updated
  
- ✓ 100% funding
- ✓ Recognition of excellent science
- ✓ Increase of career prospective/employability

## For Host Institutions

- ✓ Access to talent
- ✓ Recruiting high skilled researchers
- ✓ Enlarge international network
- ✓ Transfer of knowledge
- ✓ Money!

# Evaluation Criteria

## Know them before writing the proposal

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		

***Seal of Excellence*** will be awarded to applications with a total score **equal to or higher than 85%**, but which cannot be funded due to lack of budget available to the call.

Overall success rate in MSCA IF during the entire H2020 is around 14%

Fierce competition!



# Application Form

Download in advance from Funding & tenders portal/reference documents

## Part A – Administrative Data

generated in online submission system and completed on the F&T Portal

- Researcher information
- Beneficiary information
- Gender Equality Plan
- Budget
- Ethics Self-Assessment
- Security Self-Assessment
- Keywords



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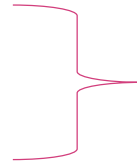
## Part B → core of the proposal

- **B1**

1. Excellence

2. Impact

3. Implementation



max 10 pages

- **B2** (no page restriction)

Researcher CV

Letters of Commitment (Host Institutions, additional placements)

Participating Organisations

Ethics and Security (additional info if needed)



# Start preparing now!

Take your career to a new level!

- Think about Career Development and Training
- How do you wish to excel?
- Look for the Host Institution and Supervisor
- Think about your Secondments
- Find documents and support!

## ➤ Useful resources:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/postdoctoral-fellowships>

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<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/how-to-apply>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPw6jj\\_Hz3A&t=1983s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPw6jj_Hz3A&t=1983s)

[MSCA Ireland Staff Exchange Promotional Event](#)

[H020 MSCA IF Success Stories](#)

[National Contact Point \(NCP\)](#)

[Euraxess Portal](#) (find Expression of Interest from HI or announce yours)

And many more...





Thank you for your attention  
and good luck!

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