



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)



PART 1 : **MSCA: Training, Mobility & Career Development Opportunities for Reserchers**

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Horizon Europe

EURATOM



Budget: EUR 95.5 billion

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

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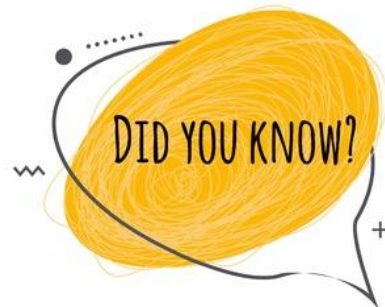
Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€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 2025



Key features



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working and employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes



Strong collaboration beyond academia

The Actions

Doctoral Networks

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

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

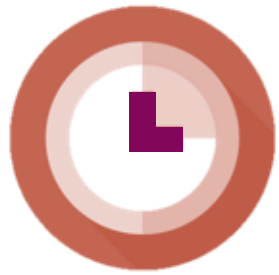
COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

MSCA Doctoral Networks



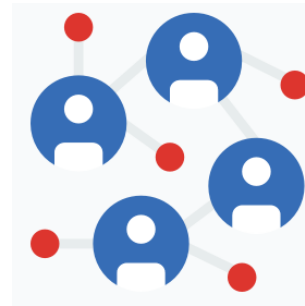
DURATION

4 years (5 years for Joint Doctorates)



COMPOSITION

Min 3 organisations in 3 different EU MS or HE AC (at least 1 MS)



FELLOWSHIP

Between 3 and 36 months (3-48 months for Joint Doctorates)



BUDGET

540 Person/Month

Post-Doctoral Fellowships

European Fellowship

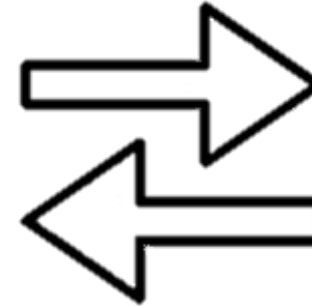
For fellows coming to
EU MS / HE AC
"incoming"
or
moving within
EU MS / HE AC
"intra-European"

12-24 months



Global Fellowship

12-24 months



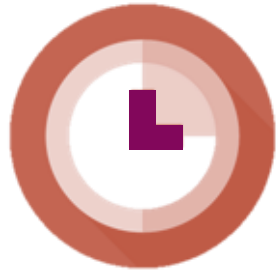
12 months

For fellows from
Europe
going to third
countries

and then
returning to
Europe/HE AC

+ 6 months
in non-academic
sector in MS/AC
(optional)

MSCA Staff Exchanges



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COMPOSITION

Min 3 organisations
in 3 different
countries (min. 2
EU MS or HE AC)



SECONDMENTS

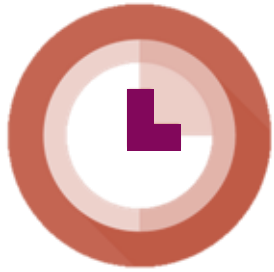
1-12 months per staff



BUDGET

Max EUR 1.6 million
(360 PM per project)

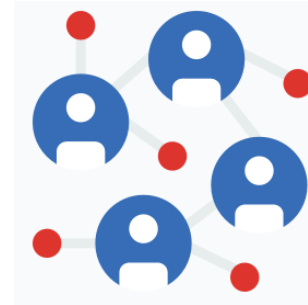
MSCA COFUND



DURATION
Max 5 years



COMPOSITION
1 beneficiary from EU
MS or HE AC



FELLOWSHIP
For doctoral and
postdoctoral researchers
for minimum 3 months



BUDGET
Co-funding
Max EUR 10 million per
beneficiary per call

Value of MSCA for Algerian Organisations & Researchers

- Boosting **training and careers** of Algeria's researchers
- Becoming part of a **large network** with Europe and the world
- Broadening Access to **research resources** and amplifying professional contacts
- Building stable and **lasting international collaborations** at institutional level
- Triggering a positive ripple **effect on R&I policies** in participating institutions
- Generate **innovation outputs** (patents, start-ups, etc.)

Algeria's Participation in MSCA So Far

Algeria's Participation in Horizon 2020 MSCA (2014-2020)

- Projects Awarded: **11** projects
- Number of participations by Algerian Organisations: **11** (by 10 organisations)
- Top fields: Environment, Life Sciences, Social Sciences
- Algerian researchers benefiting from MSCA: **140**

Algeria's Participation in Horizon Europe Calls so far: 2021-2024

- 3 successful projects:
 - 1 Staff Exchange project
 - 2 COFUND (as an associated partner – no direct funding)
- 3 successful participations by **2** distinct organisations
- Participants: Univ D'ALGER 2 and Univ. DE BEJAIA (2 projects)
- Funds received: **EUR 92K**

WP2026-2027 relevant novelties*

- Relaxing rules on duration of secondments (DN/PF/COFUND)
- Significant simplification for Staff Exchanges eligibility conditions
- Abolishing the “1 month rule” for Staff Exchanges
- Simplify MSCA proposal template for all actions
- Adjusting financial aspects to inflation

Year	Action	Opening*	Deadline*
2025	Doctoral Networks	28 May 2025	25 November 2025
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	9 April 2025	10 September 2025
	Staff Exchanges	27 March 2025	8 October 2025
	COFUND	23 January 2025	24 June 2025
	COFUND-Choose Europe	1 October 2025	3 December 2025
2026	Doctoral Networks	28 May 2026	24 November 2026
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	9 April 2026	9 September 2026
	Staff Exchanges	16 December 2025	16 April 2026
	Staff Exchanges	15 December 2026	15 April 2027
	COFUND	16 December 2025	8 April 2026
	COFUND	8 December 2026	6 April 2027
COFUND: Choose Europe	8 December 2026	6 April 2027	



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PART 2 : Focus on MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN)

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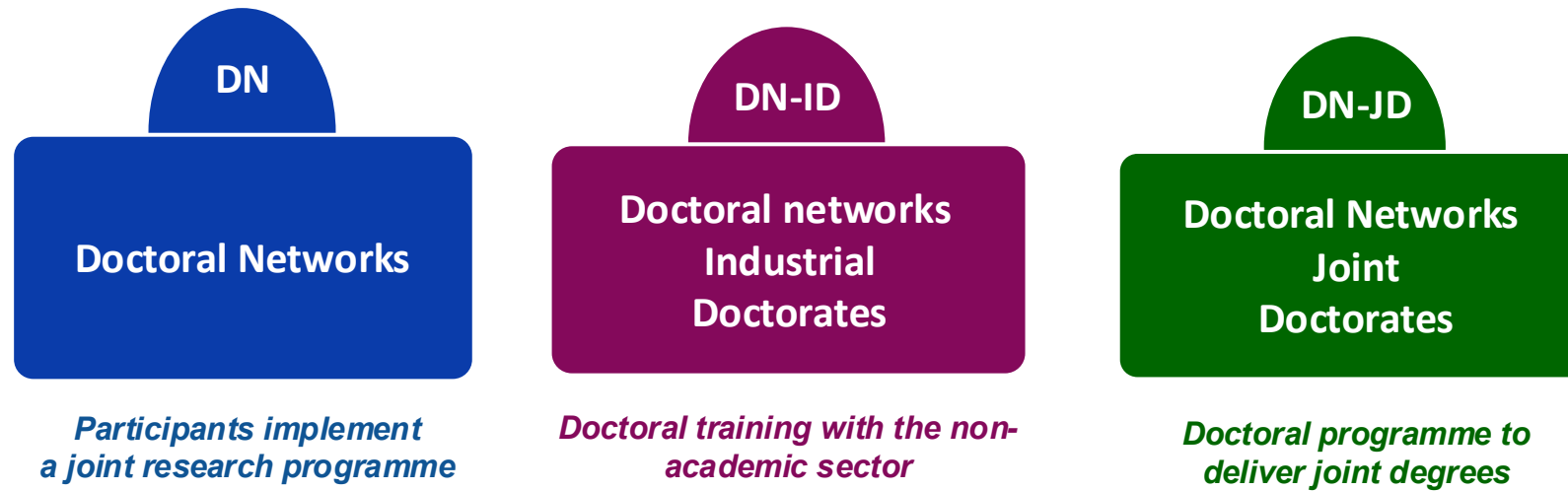
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What is a Doctoral Network (DN) ?



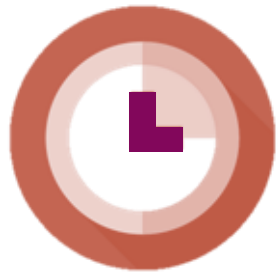
- ✓ One consortium
- ✓ Proposing a research project
- ✓ With interlinked individual PhD research projects
- ✓ For doctoral candidates

Implementation modes



 *All 3 modes compete within the same scientific panels*

MSCA Doctoral Networks



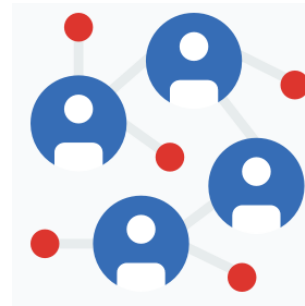
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Eligible participants

Who can apply?

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

Min. 3 entities from 3 ≈ MS/AC
of which 1 from a MS
as **beneficiary**

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



Consortia

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

Eligible size and duration

Size

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



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 1/2 of the fellowship duration for Standard DN
- incentive for DN-ID and DN-JD **no secondment limitation** – for DN-ID min **50% in non-academic sector**

Other eligibility conditions

All beneficiaries must recruit at least one doctoral candidate, host and supervise in own premises, or use associated partners linked to them to do so

Max. 40% of budget allocated to the same country or to a single international organisation.

Re-submission restrictions for proposals scoring below 80% in the previous year's call

Specific eligibility conditions for Industrial and Joint Doctorates

Eligible researchers



Doctoral candidates

- ✓ **No doctoral degree** at the date of recruitment
- ✓ **Open, merit-based and transparent recruitment** procedure
- ✓ **Enrolled in a PhD** from min 1 EU MS/AC
- ✓ Any nationality
- ✓ fulfill the **MSCA mobility condition:**

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.

Cost categories*

A. Contributions for recruited researchers					B. Institutional contributions	
A1. Living allowance (€)	A2. Mobility allowance (€)	A3. Family allowance (if applicable) (€)	A4. Long term leave (if applicable) (€)	A5. Special needs (if applicable) (€)	B1. Research training and networking contribution (€)	B2. Management and indirect contribution (€)
4250**	710	660	4960 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit x 1/ number of PM	1600	1200

**gross amount multiplied by country correction coefficient*

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

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Thank you!



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