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# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

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# National Contact Points for Horizon 2020

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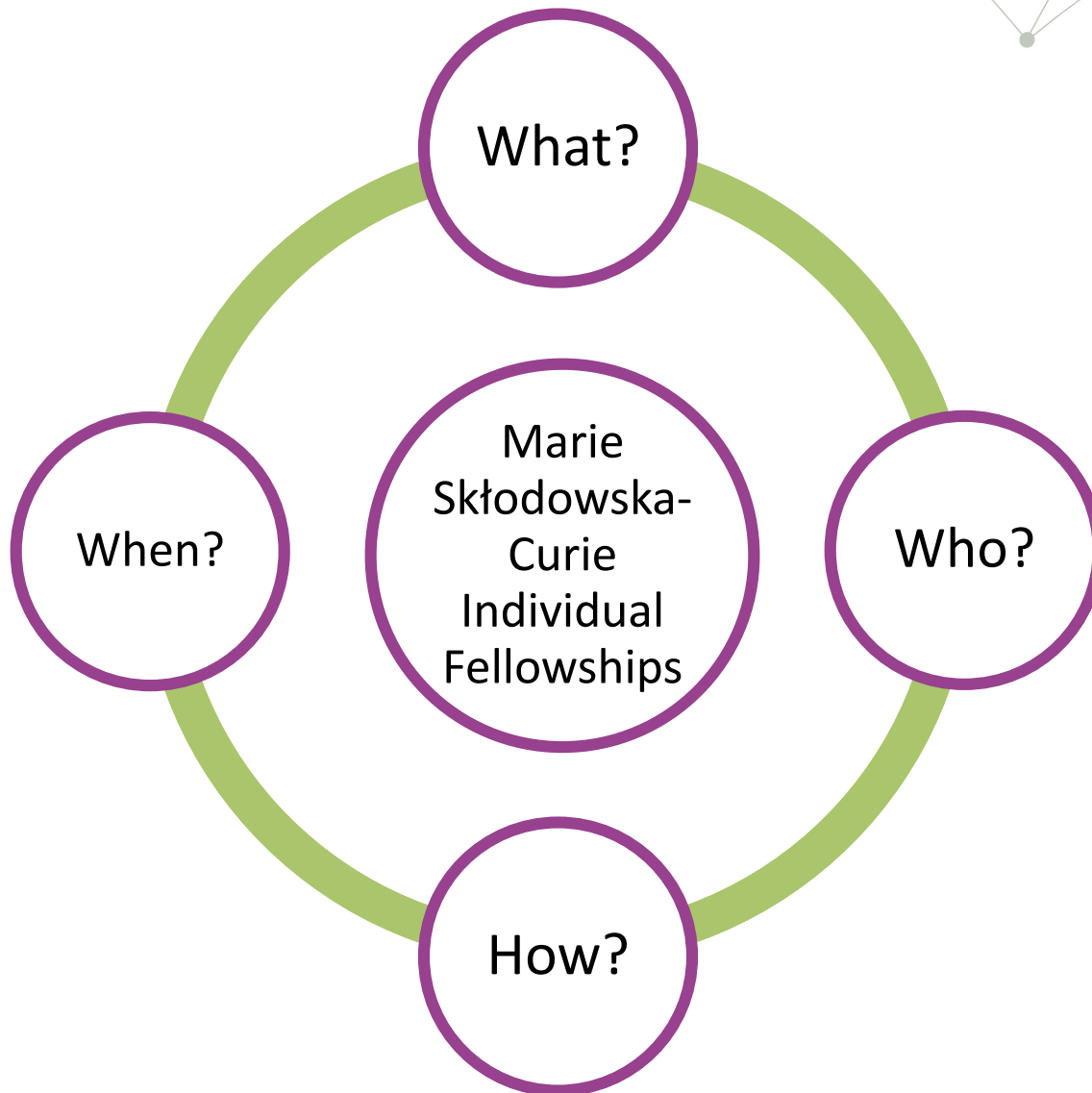
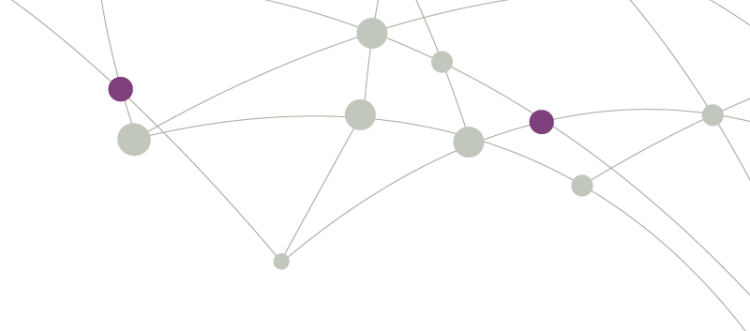
- Providing information about Horizon 2020
- **Advising and training applicants**
- Help with partner search
- Advising and training successful participants
- Feedback to the European Commission

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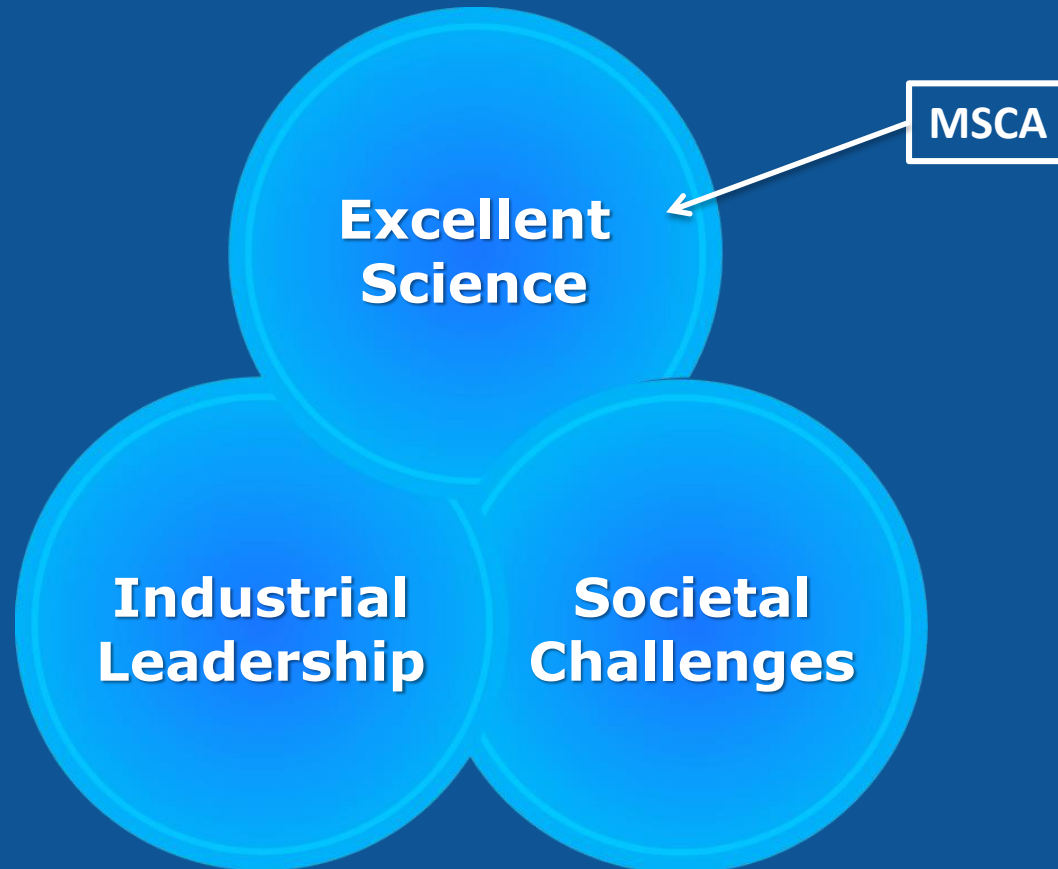


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# Structure of Horizon 2020



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

- Support for researchers in all career stages via different actions:
  - Innovative Training Networks
  - Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
  - **Individual Fellowships**
  - Cofunding national or regional PhD and Fellowship Programmes
- Main principles of the MSCA:
  - The actions support the career development of researchers through **mobility**;
  - The Actions are open to applicants from **any research field**, including social sciences and humanities as well as engineering – excl. nuclear research;
  - Participating researchers can be from any country;
  - The Actions support the cooperation between **different sectors** and staff exchange with countries all over the world;
  - The use of **unit costs** makes the financial reporting of the MSCA very easy.



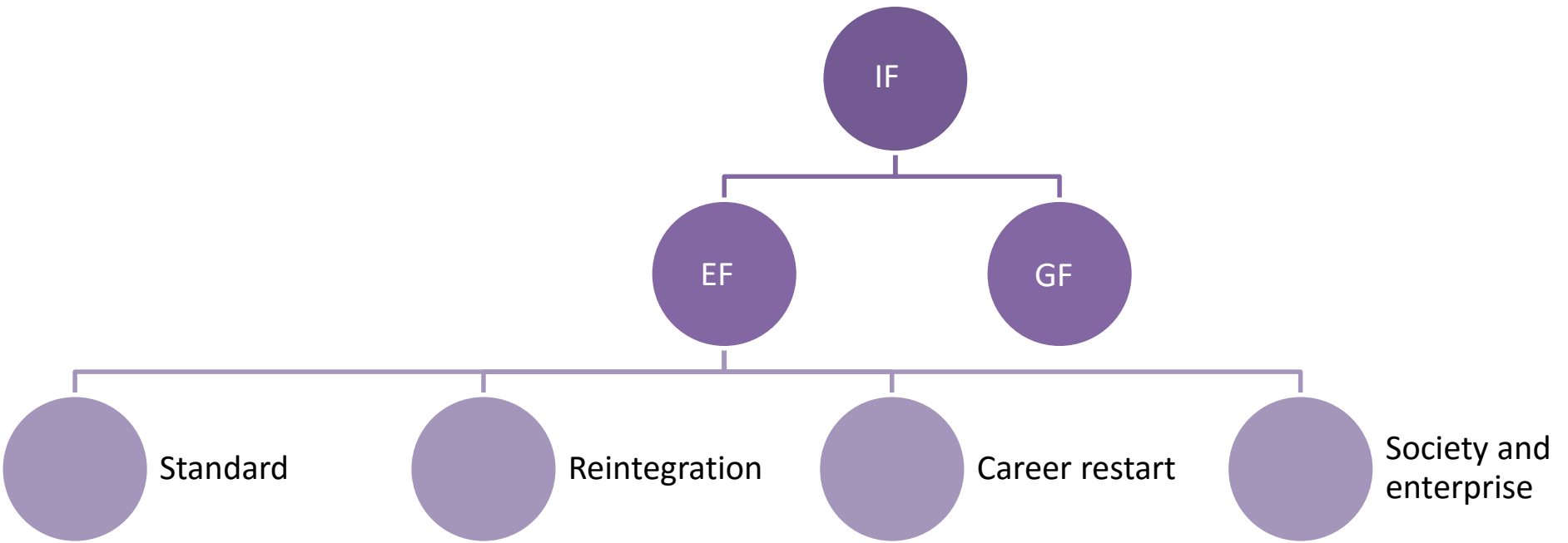
# What are the MSC IF?

## MSC Individual Fellowships

- Are meant for researchers holding a doctoral degree:
  - For acquiring new knowledge and skills **in another European country or outside Europe**
  - **Continuing** research career after a break\*
  - **(Re)integration** after a mobility period outside Europe\*\*
- The Fellowship aims at acting as a catalyst to the researchers' careers, enabling them to maximise their contribution to economy and society
- IF are open to researchers of **all fields** and disciplines.

# Where?

- The Fellowship will be given to carry out a research project either
  - in **Europe** (1 to 2 years, depending on the wish of the applicant):  
**European Fellowships**
  - or **outside Europe** (1-2 yrs + mandatory return phase 1 yr):  
**Global Fellowships**
    - Only nationals or long-term residents (at least 5 consecutive years of research in a MS or AC) can apply for the Global Fellowship to go outside Europe.
- The host organisation can be from either academic **or non-academic** sector.
  - The Fellowship may include a secondment to another European organisation (up to 3 or 6 months), especially to a non-academic institution





# MSC IF Expected Impact

- Individual Fellowships are expected **to add significantly to the development** of the best and most promising researchers active in Europe, in order to enhance and maximise their contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society.
- The action will also strengthen the **contact network** of both the researcher and the host organisation.
- The fellowship will contribute to realising the full potential of researchers and to **catalysing significant development in their careers** in both the academic and non-academic sectors.

# Main activities of the IF

- Carrying out the research project: **training-through-research** at the host organisation's premises
  - Gaining experience from non-academic sector
- Acquiring of **scientific skills**: new methods, techniques, instruments, etc.
- Developing **transferable skills**: entrepreneurship, proposal preparation, patent applications, IPR, supervising, etc.
- Taking part in the research and financial **management of the project**
- **Communication** and outreach activities, incl organisation of scientific/training/dissemination events
- I.e. acquisition of a variety of experiences needed for career development

# How much?

## Funding is based on unit costs

- Unit costs per month:
  - Living allowance - basic gross amount (incl employer contributions): **4650 €** x correction coefficient of the host country
  - Mobility allowance **600 €**
  - Family allowance **500 €**
  - Research, training and networking costs **800 €**
  - Management and overhead **650 €**
- No required co-financing (in some research fields *de facto* co-financing may be necessary)

# Who?

- Applications can be submitted by researchers who
  - are in possession of a **PhD degree** or
  - have at least **4 years** of full-time equivalent research experience after obtaining the degree that would enable them to embark on a PhD
- The so-called **mobility rule** applies: the researcher will not have worked or resided more than **12 months** in the last 3 years in the country of the host organisation (in case of CAR, RI, SE panels: no more than **36 months** in the last 5 years)
- Career restart (CAR): the researcher **must not have been active in research** for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals
- Reintegration (RE): the researcher is a national or long-term resident of a MS/AC and returns to Europe **after a stay outside Europe**
- Society and Enterprise (SE): the host organisation is from the **non-academic** sector

# How?

- Every year, the EC publishes a Call for Proposals, with a deadline in September:  
**14 September 2017**
  - Call budget: **248,7 M €**, incl
  - EF 205 M €
  - EF SE panel 10 M €
  - GF 33,7 M €
- The researcher writes a project proposal **in liaison with the host** organisation in Europe according to the call conditions
- At least 3 experts of the same research field evaluate the proposal
- Their grades are the basis for a priority list, where the best proposals will be funded
- The Grant Agreement will be concluded between the EC and the host organisation, which then concludes a contract with the researcher.
  - In case of Global Fellowships, the European host organisation concludes a partnership agreement with the host outside Europe.

# How?

- Application is fully electronic via the **Research Participant Portal**:
  - <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>
    - Funding Opportunities
    - Calls – H2020
    - Excellent Science - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
    - Individual Fellowships (IF)
- Direct link to the call:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-if-2017.html>



### EU Programmes 2014-2020

Search Topics

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Calls



H2020

3rd Health Programme

Asylum, Migration and  
Integration Fund

Consumer Programme

COSME

Internal Security Fund - Borders

Internal Security Fund - Police

Justice Programme

Pilot Projects & Preparatory  
Actions

Promotion of Agricultural  
Products

## Calls for Proposals



Horizon 2020

[Advanced search for topics  
Calls for tenders on TED](#)

- Excellent Science**
  - European Research Council (ERC)
  - Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
  - Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions
  - Research Infrastructures
- Industrial Leadership**
  - Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT)
  - Information and Communication Technologies

Status  Calls with forthcoming topics  Calls with open topics  Calls with only closed topics

Sort by  Call title  Call identifier  Publication date

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**Excellent Science**  
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding  
of regional, national and inter ...  
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017

**Excellent Science**  
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual  
Fellowships  
H2020-MSCA-IF-2017

**Excellent Science**  
Trans-national cooperation among  
Marie Skłodowska-Curie National  
Contact Points  
H2020-MSCA-NCP-2017

# What?

- The proposal consists of two parts:
  - Administrative forms (*Part A*): to be filled on-line
  - Content of the proposal (*Part B*): 2 PDF files to be uploaded
- First, read carefully the Guide for Applicants **Guide for Applicants**:
  - [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides\\_for\\_applicants/h2020-guide-appl-msca-if\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides_for_applicants/h2020-guide-appl-msca-if_en.pdf)
- In addition to the GfA you will find on the Call page
  - the Work Programme
  - FAQ
  - additional guidelines
- On the website of the NCP network [net4mobility.eu](http://net4mobility.eu) you will find
  - Expressions of Interest (EoI) from potential host institutions
  - Guidelines
  - [mariecurieactions.blogspot.com](http://mariecurieactions.blogspot.com) – FAQ compiled by the network



# What?

## The content of the proposal consists of two documents:

### *Document 1 – max 13 p*

Front page – 1 p

Contents page – 1 p

List of participating organisations (table) – 1 p

1. EXCELLENCE
2. IMPACT
3. IMPLEMENTATION

} max **10 p**

### *Document 2 – no overall page limit*

4. CV OF THE EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER: max **5 p**
5. CAPACITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS: table: max **1 p** per organisation
6. ETHICAL ASPECTS
7. LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF PARTNER ORGANISATION (GF ONLY)

# Whom?

The application will be evaluated by **researchers in your field**– at least 3 experts will read each application

- Proposals are evaluated in 8 panels:
  - Chemistry (CHE);
  - Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC);
  - Economic Sciences (ECO),
  - Information Science and Engineering (ENG);
  - Environmental and Geosciences (ENV);
  - Life Sciences (LIF);
  - Mathematics (MAT);
  - Physics (PHY)
- For the CAR, RI and SE panels, one multidisciplinary ranking list each will be made.
- The budget of the call will be distributed proportionally according to the number of applications submitted to each panel:
  - SE panel has an earmarked budget of 10 M€
  - Global Fellowships have a budget of 33,7 M €

# Evaluation criteria 1

- **Excellence**
  - Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects
  - Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host
  - Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution
  - Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence
- 50% of the final score

# Evaluation criteria 2

- **Impact**
  - Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the researcher
  - Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results
  - Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences
- 30% of the final score

# Evaluation criteria 3

- **Implementation**
  - Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
  - Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
  - Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management
  - Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
- 20% of the final score

# When?

- The call was opened on 11 April 2017
- The deadline for submitting applications is on **14 September 2017** at 17:00 Brussels time
- Evaluation in October-November 2017
- Information to applicants in February 2018
- Grant agreements signed latest in May 2018

## 2014-2016 success rates

		2014	2015	2016
European Fellowships				
	Standard	18,62%	14,20%	13,10%
	Career Restart	18,23%	13,81%	12,80%
	Reintegration	18,96%	14,57%	13,40%
	Society & Enterprise			36,40%
Global Fellowships		11,27%	11,27%	13,10%

# 2014-2016 panel cut-offs

Panel	European Fellowship			Global Fellowship		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
CHE	89.6	90.8	91.8	93.6	94	93.6
ECO	86.6	89.8	90.6	93.2	94	94.4
ENG	88.6	90.6	91.8	93.8	93.8	93.6
ENV	90.4	91.2	92	93.4	93.6	93.6
LIF	90.6	92.4	92.2	91.8	93.8	92
MAT	90.2	91	91.6	92.2	91.6	88.6
CAR	87.2	91.2	90.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
RI	90.8	92.2	92.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHY	90.4	91.2	91.2	93	93.4	92.6
SOC	92.8	92.2	92.8	92.8	93.6	95

2016 new SE panel: 80.6





Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) in a nutshell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-fDoxerKeA>