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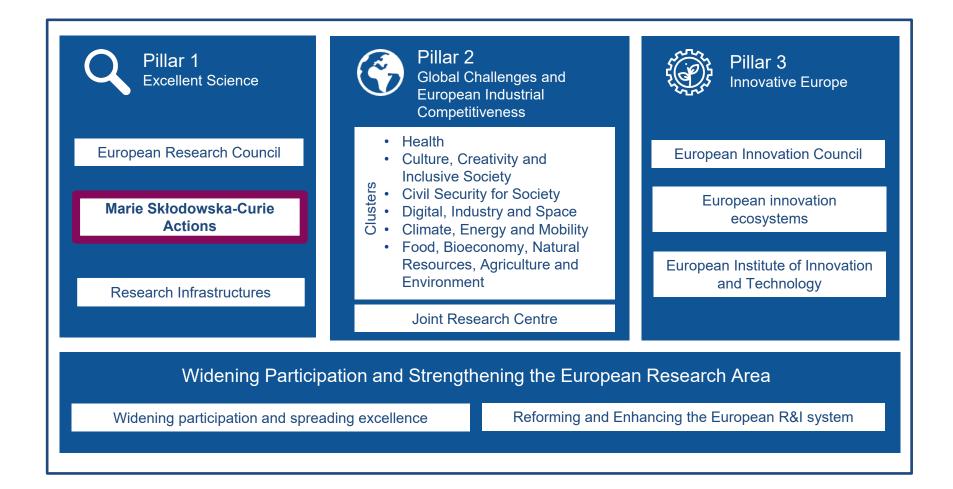
Introduction

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The MSCA under Horizon Europe





Key figures (2014-2020)

+65,000

Researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates

37%

Researchers from outside of the EU

6.2 billion €

Under Horizon 2020

+1,000

Doctoral programmes

+4,500

Companies supported

42%

Female researchers



Introduction to the MSCA

- EU's reference programme for doctoral and postdoctoral training, contributing to:
 - A highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle upcoming challenges, communicate scientific evidence to policy-makers and the public, and work across disciplines
 - Provide researchers with skills needed in the labour market, to innovate and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
 - Develop excellent doctoral programmes enhancing the global attractiveness and visibility of institutions involved in them
 - Promote the EU's global attractiveness for talents
- Budget under Horizon Europe: 6.6€ billion
- Geographic coverage



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 with industry and SMEs



Policy background, principles and priorities

- Contribution to the European Research Area (ERA) and European Education Area (EEA)
- Contribution to the EU external policy objectives
- Committed to the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers + Innovative Doctoral Training Principles
- Underlying Principles: Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation
- New publishing platform and open peer review: <u>https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/</u>



Principles and novelties

- Streamlined actions, clearer identity
- Simpler rules, harmonised conditions
- Demand management to maintain high quality
- Reinforced synergies within Horizon Europe and with other EU funding programmes
- New guidelines on supervision to ensure that researchers are adequately supervised
- Towards "greener MSCA" to promote sustainable behaviors and policies, support policy and decision making, through MSCA Green Charter, Green Deal thematic clustering events...



More gender-friendly and inclusive MSCA

- Horizon 2020: 41% of female fellows (from 38% in RISE to 44% in ITN)
- In line with the Charter and Code, all MSCA projects are encouraged to embrace diversity
- In the interest of non-discrimination and equal opportunities:
 - ✓ Family allowances will be accessible to all, even if their parental status changes during the duration of the project
 - ✓ Long-term leave allowance in case of the researchers' leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave
 - ✓ Broader definition of family to ensure full access to these allowances (recognised LGBTI+ couples)



Academia-non academia collaboration

- Encourage inter-sectoral exposure through incentives
- With the aim to develop transferable skills (e.g. innovation, entrepreneurship) leading to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia

Incentives:

- ✓ **Industrial Doctorates:** max 540 person-months instead of 360 for standard doctoral networks; academic and non-academic organisations jointly supervising can be in the same country
- ✓ **Postdoctoral Fellowships**: incentive: additional 6 months for placements in the non-academic sector at the end of the project



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)



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