

**Marie Curie Individual Actions**

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**Session overview**

UK Research Office – MC NCP

- UKRO and the NCP
- Policy background and description of actions
- Financial issues
- Submission and evaluation of proposals
- Hints and tips for proposal writing

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UK Research Office

	Arts and Humanities Research Council
	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
	Economic and Social Research Council
	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
	Medical Research Council
	Natural Environment Research Council
	Science and Technology Facilities Council

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**UKRO's Services** 

'Core' subscriber services	Open to non-subscribers
Query service	(Majority of) training courses and information events
Annual briefing visits (for UK subscribers)	Annual Conference
News updates <a href="http://ims.ukro.ac.uk">ims.ukro.ac.uk</a>	Marie Curie UK National Contact Point
Subscriber website <a href="http://www.ukro.ac.uk/subs">www.ukro.ac.uk/subs</a>	European Research Council UK National Contact Point
Meeting room in Brussels	British Council <i>European RTD Insight</i> publication

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**Marie Curie NCP - helpdesk** 

- **Web, email, telephone, visits**
- **Advice on applying for MC actions:**
  - Eligibility
  - Application help
  - Results
  - Contractual issues
- **Advice to those with MC contracts:**
  - Social security and tax
  - Model agreements between host and fellow
  - Contractual issues

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**Framework Programme 7 and the 'People' specific programme** 

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**FP7 – Policy Background**

**Policy Background**



- FP7 is designed to achieve the **Lisbon** and **Barcelona** objectives and to complement activities in Member States.
- Support to the **European Research Area**
- **Budget** of €50 521 million
- **Complementarity** with other EC programmes:
  - Competitiveness and Innovation
  - Education and Training
  - Structural Funds

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**FP7 Overview**

**Who is eligible for funding?**



**EU-27**  
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK

**Associated Countries (FP7)**  
*Albania\*, Croatia\*, FYR Macedonia\*, Iceland\*, Israel\*, Liechtenstein\*, Montenegro\*, Norway\*, Serbia\*, Switzerland, Turkey\*, Bosnia Herzegovina\**

*\*except Euratom*

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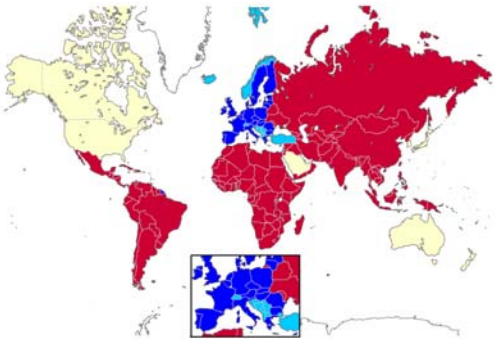
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**Cooperation**

**Country eligibility**


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Framework Programme 7

### FP7 Specific Programmes



**Co-operation – Collaborative Research**

**European Research Council**

**Marie Curie Actions**

**Capacities – Research Capacity**

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FP7 – Marie Curie Actions

**Marie Curie Actions**



**Objectives and Policy Context:**

- Make Europe more **attractive** to researchers
- Structuring effect on the European Research Area through transnational and intersectoral mobility in order to create a European labour market for researchers
- Strengthen **human potential** by:
  - Encouraging people to become researchers
  - Encouraging researchers to carry out their research in Europe
- Trans-national and inter-sectoral **mobility**
- €4.7 Billion

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**Marie Curie Actions**



**Objectives and Policy Context:**

“The People Work programme actively supports the Commission’s Europe 2020 Strategy, and in particular 3 flagship initiatives: ‘Innovation Union’, ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘An Agenda for new skills and jobs’” (2011 Work programme)

EU 2020: [http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/index_en.htm)

Innovation Union: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm)

Youth on the Move: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2540\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2540_en.htm)

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### Principles



- Skills and competence development at all stages of researchers career
- Open to all research areas addressed under the Treaty plus possibility of targeted calls
- Strong participation from enterprises
- Reinforce international dimension
- Appropriate gender and work/life balance
- Good working environment, transparent recruitment and career development




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### Overview of Marie Curie Actions



Host Actions	Individual Actions
Initial Training Networks Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	Intra- European Fellowships International Incoming Fellowships International Outgoing Fellowships <b>New! Career Integration Grants</b>

Also funded: Researcher's Night, CO-FUND

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### MCA – Deadlines & Budgets



Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways	7/12/2010	€80m
Researchers' Night	12/01/2011	€4m
Initial Training Networks (ITN)	26/01/2011	€318.41m
COFUND	17/02/2011	€90m
IRSES	17/03/2011	€30m
Career Integration Grants (CIG)	08/03/2011 & 6/09/2011	€40m
Intra- European Fellowships (IEF)	11/08/2011	€110m
International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)		€40m
International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)		€40m

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### Changes in 2011



- Career Integration Grants replace the European Reintegration & International Reintegration Grants Schemes
- New, simplified cost categories
- In ITN, Visiting Researchers to be funded out of programme expenses
- Dissemination plans to be taken into account during evaluation
- Non-MS/AC Nationals can apply in IOF scheme if in Europe for 5 years before deadline
- COFUND – maximum contribution now EUR10m for up to 5 years

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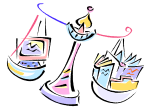
### Central to all MC projects



#### The RESEARCHER, their training and mobility

**In order to assess eligibility (for project or fellowship), it is essential that you consider the following:**

- The minimum or maximum amount of research experience stipulated for the action
- The transnational mobility requirements for the action




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### Individual Actions



- **Researcher applies jointly with host**
- **Length of stay depending on Action**
- **Reintegration Phase**
  - Mandatory for International Outgoing Fellowships
  - Optional for International Incoming Fellows (if the fellow is from an international co-operation partner country (ICPC))
- **Fellow who withdraws cannot be replaced**

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### Definition of researchers

Early-Stage Researchers	0 - 4 years (FTE) <i>from obtaining degree that qualified them to embark on a doctorate</i>
Experienced Researchers	i) in possession of a PhD or ii) at least 4 years experience (FTE)

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### Transnational Mobility Requirements

- Must not have been resident in host country for **more than 12 months in the last 3 years** immediately before application deadline / date of recruitment or secondment
- Mobility rule now applies to all individual fellowships – no ERG option to remain in same country under new CIG schemes unless you meet this requirement
- Nationality criteria remains only in IOF scheme, in which applicants must *either* be nationals of a MS/AC or have been residing/carrying out main activity in MS/AC for 5 years before deadline
- 'Impact' sub-criterion for individual fellowships: *'benefit of the mobility to the ERA'*

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### Individual Fellowships

- Aimed at 'Experienced Researchers'
- Skills diversification and knowledge sharing
- Three categories:
  - Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)
  - International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
  - International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)
- **Deadline: 11 August 2011**

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### Intra-European Fellowships



- Researchers based in the EU or Associated Country
- Must have spent less than 12 months in the last three years in the country where the fellowship is undertaken
- 12 – 24 months in an EU Member State or Associated Country
- Resuming a career in research
- Individual applies with host
- Attaining or strengthening professional independence
- Skills diversification




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### Intra-European Fellowships



- ‘Career-Restart option’
- Aimed at encouraging researchers to return to research after career break
- Dedicated multidisciplinary career restart panel
- Choose scientific panel and tick ‘yes’ box in A3 form (‘Are you applying for this grant in order to resume a career after a break?’)
- To qualify: must not have been active on a fellowship, or employed on a research contract, for the 12 months prior to the deadline

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### International Outgoing Fellowships



- **EU Member or Associated State Nationals only**
  - *PLUS non-nationals in MS/AC for more than 5 years at deadline*
- **24 – 36 months in total of which 12 -24 months in third country followed by mandatory reintegration phase in European host institutions**
- Individual applies with host
- Acquiring new knowledge in the third country – bringing it back to the EU/AS
- Contract is between European host institution and Commission for duration of fellowship
- Mandatory return phase of 1 year

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FP7 – Marie Curie Actions

International Incoming Fellowships 

- Researchers based in third countries
- 12 – 24 months incoming phase in EU/AS
- Possible 1 year reintegration grant for nationals from International Co-operation Partner Countries
- Individual applies with host
- Contract between European host institution and EC for incoming phase, and between third country host and EC for reintegration / return
- Knowledge-sharing
- Mutually-beneficial research co-operation

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FP7 – Marie Curie Actions

Career Integration Grants 

- Supports integration into research career in Europe
- To provide those taking up stable post with own research budget
- Should enable transfer of knowledge & building of links with country from which researcher has moved
- No requirement to have benefited from MCA previously
- Must comply with mobility rule
- Support a research project of 2- 4 years
- Contributes to the research costs
- Researcher applies with host institution
- Host commits to researcher for at least duration of project
- €25 000 per year flat rate funding
- **Deadline: September 2011**

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**Financial Issues** 

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**Managed by host institution**



**Category 3: Contribution to training expenses of eligible researchers and research/transfer of knowledge programme expenses**

- Flat rate of €800 per researcher month

**Category 5: Contribution to overheads**

- Flat rate of €700 per researcher month  
*Correction factor applied*

**Reintegration phase of ICPC IIF**

- Flat rate of €15,000 for the year

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**Contribution to the researcher – example**



*Activities carried out by the researcher:*

*Researcher < 10 years experience with family, going from Bucharest to London for two years with an Intra-European Fellowships:*

- Living Allowance: 58 500 x 2yrs = € 117 000
- Mobility Allowance: 1000 x 24 months = € 24 000

*Correction factor = 120.3 %      141 000 x 1.203 = €169,623*

- Contribution to training expenses: 800 x 24 = €19,200

*Community contribution      € 188,823*

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**Contribution to institution**



*Activities carried out by host institution*

- Contribution to overheads: €700 x 24 = €16 800
- *Correction factor for UK = 120.3%*
- €16 800 x 1.203 = €20,210

**Total Community contribution = € 188,823 + €20,210 = €209,033**

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### Reintegration Grants



#### Career Integration Grant:

Fixed amount €25,000 per researcher per year

*“to contribute to the research costs of the researcher at the career integration host”*

**Can cover:**

- part of the salary of the research (or other staff working on the project);
- equipment, consumables or travel;
- and overheads or management costs.

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### Submission and Evaluation



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### Proposal Submission



- **All submission done online**  
Contact the EC if there are compelling reasons for why you are unable to submit online
- **Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS)**
  - Is available
- **Meet the deadline!**

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### Proposal Submission - FAQ



#### Proposal co-ordinator vs. lead scientist

**Co-ordinator** = researcher who will undertake the fellowship. Co-ordinate and submit application

**Scientist in charge**= researcher at host overseeing fellowship. Named on A2 form. Becomes Commission's main contact point once proposal is submitted

Note – cannot be the same person!

#### Referees

- Are they compulsory?
- Who should they be?
- From host institution?
- Deadline?
- EPSS Process - Register early!

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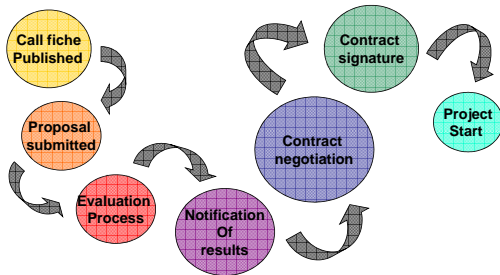
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### Outline of the Process




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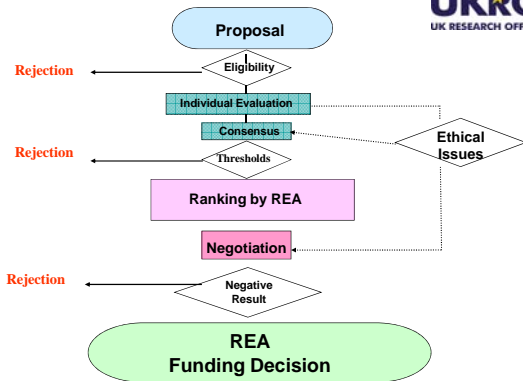
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### Evaluation Process




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Your project is mainly defined in ....



...PART B of the proposal forms  
(Part A is administrative info)

- **PART B addresses the evaluation criteria**
  - ...which vary according to MCA
  - ...and have different weightings and thresholds
- **General structure of Part B for individual fellowships is:**
  - Cover Page, Table of Contents
  - S & T Quality
  - Training/Transfer of Knowledge
  - Researcher
  - Implementation
  - Impact

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Evaluation of proposals



- Evaluation by competent experts in the field
- Need to address all of the issues to maximise scores
- Total score is 100%
- Overall threshold (70% or 3.5/5)
- Some criteria have a threshold
- Each area is weighted
- Science counts for 25%
- You must focus on the objectives of the activity to be successful

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European Charter and Code



- **European Charter for Researchers** addresses:
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - Entitlements
  - of researchers and their employers or funding organisations.
- **Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers** aims to:
  - improve recruitment and make selection procedures fairer and more transparent
  - proposes different means of judging merit




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*"In endorsing the principles, we, the signatories, hereby adopt the principles of the European Charter for Researchers And Code of Practice for the Recruitment of Researchers"*



UK Concordat - <http://www.researchconcordat.ac.uk>

- If principles of the revised Concordat are adopted by an institution then they have also adopted the principles of the Charter and Code
- However, it is an institutional decision to become a signatory to the Charter and Code

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## Maximising Your Chances of Success - Individual Fellowships

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Marie Curie – What's required

What does the Commission want?



**A project that matches  
"their" objectives**

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### Individual Fellowships – Part B



S & T Quality	25%	3/5
Training & knowledge transfer	15%	3/5 <i>No thresholds for IIF</i>
Researcher	25%	4/5
Implementation	15%	<i>No threshold</i>
Impact	20%	3.5/5

*Overall threshold 70%*

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### MCA – S&T Quality



Sub-criteria	3/5	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific/technological quality, incl any interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposal</li> <li>• Research methodology</li> <li>• Originality &amp; innovative nature of project, and relationship to 'state of the art'</li> <li>• Timeliness and relevance of project</li> <li>• Host scientific expertise in the field</li> <li>• Quality of the group / supervisors</li> </ul>		

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### S&T Quality – Assessor Comments



**Positive Feedback**

- Research is timely with number of innovations beyond 'state of the art'
- Research methodology is detailed and clearly explained

**Negative Feedback**

- The techniques to be used are well known in the field so not very innovative
- Research methodology not given in full detail

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**MCA – Training – IEF/IOF**



Sub-criteria	3/5	15%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity and quality of the research training objectives for the researcher</li> <li>• Relevance &amp; quality of the additional scientific training &amp; complementary skills offered</li> <li>• Host expertise in training experienced researchers in the field &amp; capacity to provide mentoring / tutoring</li> </ul>		

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**MCA – Transfer of Knowledge - IIF**



Sub-criteria	15%
<p><i>No threshold for IIFs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential of transferring knowledge to European host and/or bringing knowledge to Europe</li> <li>• Clarity and quality of the transfer of knowledge objectives</li> </ul>	

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**IOF/IEF - Training tips**



- Generic training provision
- Individual training provision
- Give details of courses – how long, how many attended
- How will training be monitored throughout?
  - Meetings?
  - Any formal monitoring at Grad School level?
- How does the training match with the research?
- Role of Lead Scientist – experience in mentoring
- Role of larger research community

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**IIF - Transfer of Knowledge tips**



- What knowledge will be transferred?
- What are the researcher's unique skills/knowledge
- How will knowledge be disseminated?
- Seminars?
- Supervision of PhD students?
- Teaching?
- Conferences?

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**Training/Knowledge transfer (1) – Assessor Comments**



*Positive feedback*

- **Contemplates training courses specifically designed for postdoctoral fellows**
- **Research training objectives are clearly identified, described, and planned**
- **Both participants will benefit from their mutual collaboration, not only through direct joint work, but also through the interaction with the whole research group**
- **Fellow has range of relevant knowledge and expertise to be brought to the project**

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**Training Transfer of Knowledge (2) - Assessor Comments**



*Negative Feedback*

- **A research project with no training element**
- **The host asserts skills without presenting convincing evidence of competence**
- **The range of techniques described would clearly be valuable to the researcher, but the lack of detailed description does not inspire confidence in the quality of training available**
- **Objective are research objectives with out specifying the unique knowledge the fellow will bring**

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**MCA – Researcher**



Sub-criteria	4/5	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research experience</li> <li>• Results including patents/publications/teaching</li> <li>• Independent thinking &amp; leadership qualities (<i>and ability to transfer knowledge for IIF</i>)</li> <li>• Match between the fellow's profile and research</li> <li>• <i>IIF and IOF: Potential for reaching a position of professional maturity</i></li> <li>• <i>IIF and IOF: Potential to acquire new knowledge</i></li> </ul>		

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**IIF/IOF Tips - Researcher**



- **Work experience (in research)**
  - **Industrial experience and expertise**
  - **Transferable skills**
  - **Prizes, Awards, Lectures etc**
  - **Research potential**
  - **Independent thinking and leadership qualities**
  - **Match between fellow's profile and project**
  - **Cross and multi-disciplinary experience**
- Give evidence of statements***
- **Referee assessment**

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**Researcher – Assessor Comments**



***Positive Feedback***

- **Clear proof of independent thinking during PhD and the possibility to progress and develop**
- **Clear evidence of leadership qualities**
- **Potential to acquire new knowledge is high**
- **Good references and clear list of Prizes, Awards, Lectures, etc**

***Negative Feedback***

- **CV lacks data on record**
- **Continuation of previous research so exposure to new approaches is lacking**
- **References were similar and from one institution**

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### MCA – Implementation



Sub-criteria	
No threshold	15%

- Quality of infrastructure / facilities & international collaborations of host
- Practical arrangements for implementation & management of scientific projects
- Feasibility & credibility of project, including work plan
- Practical & administrative arrangements & support for hosting fellow

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### IEF/IIF/IOF Tips - Implementation



- Does the host institution have the infrastructure/experience required for the project – and will the researcher have access to it?
  - Facilities
  - Collaborations
  - Experience of European projects at Lead Scientist, Departmental, institutional level
  - Personnel/research capacity/critical mass
- Have you thought about how the project will be implemented in practice?
  - Work plan
  - Timetables
  - Milestones
  - Objectives

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### IEF/IIF/IOF Tips - Implementation



- What support is the host providing for the fellow? (e.g. resources for helping the fellow settle in; access to language courses)
  - Personnel/research capacity/critical mass
  - HR/finance support
  - Pastoral care (help with accommodation, orientation, etc.)
  - Linguistic training

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**Implementation Assessor  
Comments**



**Positive Feedback**

- The facilities of the host are appropriate for the research project
- The research activities, milestones, foreseen deliverables and schedule is very comprehensive, well described and appropriate

**Negative Feedback**

- Practical arrangements for management, administration, and support for hosting the fellow are not well described
- The amount of work and timeline may be too ambitious

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**MCA – Impact**



Sub-criteria	3.5/5	20%
<b>All Individual Fellowships</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to European excellence and European Competitiveness</li> <li>• Benefit of mobility to European Research Area</li> </ul>		
<b>IOF and IIF</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for creating long term collaborations and mutually beneficial co-operation between Europe and the third country</li> </ul>		

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**Impact**



Sub-criteria	3.5/5	20%
<b>IEF and IOF</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential of acquiring competences during fellowships to improve prospects of reaching and / or reinforcing a position of professional maturity, diversity &amp; independence, in particular through exposure to complementary skills training (<i>IEF only: with special attention to exposure to the industrial sector, where appropriate</i>)</li> <li>• Contribution to the career development, or re-establishment where relevant</li> </ul>		

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

**Impact tips**



- Impact on researcher's career and skills development
- Impact on host organisation
- Impact of research in terms of European priorities
- Impact of mobility

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

**Impact tips**



- Give details of any lasting collaborations
- What are the societal, economic, academic impacts of the research?
- How does the project respond to European policy (Innovation Union, Youth on the Move)?
- *IOF/IEF* - What new skills will researcher gain? How will it improve their career prospects? Will they have exposure to the commercial sector?
- What is the benefit of them working in a different country? Linguistic skills? Specialisation? Facilities?
- *IIF* – How will the host/country/EU benefit from researcher's stay?
- Dissemination/public engagement plans?

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

**Impact – Assessor Comments**



*Positive Feedback*

- **Contribution to European excellence and competitiveness is well presented**
- **Skill acquired during the project will greatly contribute to the fellow's career development**

*Negative Feedback*

- **Lack of career development plan for the applicant**
- **Lack of details means it is difficult to judge whether a independent position is achievable**

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**Marie Curie Actions**  
Individual Fellowships – IEF/IOF/IIF



- **Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) – Aug 2008**
  - 1738 eligible proposals received
  - Success rate: 26.6%
- **International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) – Aug 2008**
  - 441 proposals received
  - Success rate: 24.9%
- **International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) – Aug 2008**
  - 661 proposals received
  - Success rate: 21.2%

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**Marie Curie Actions**  
Individual Fellowships – IEF/IOF/IIF



- **Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) – Aug 2009**
  - 2388 eligible proposals received
  - Success rate: 24.08%
- **International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) – Aug 2009**
  - 590 proposals received
  - Success rate: 20.33%
- **International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) – Aug 2009**
  - 1040 proposals received
  - Success rate: 14.8%

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**Marie Curie Actions**  
Individual Fellowships – IEF/IOF/IIF



- **Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) – Aug 2010**
  - 2832 eligible proposals received
  - Success rate: 17.8%
- **International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) – Aug 2010**
  - 730 proposals received
  - Success rate: 16.44%
- **International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) – Aug 2010**
  - 1160 proposals received
  - Success rate: 11.8%

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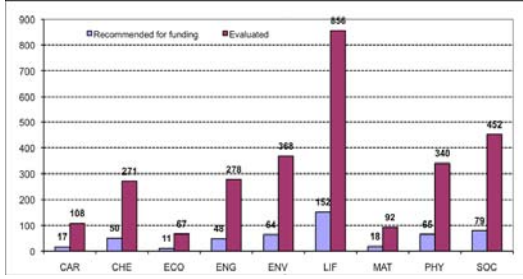
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Marie Curie IEF 2010 results by research area panel




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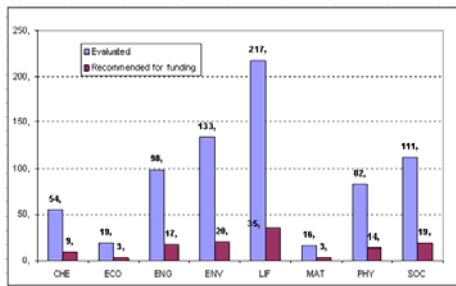
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Marie Curie IOF 2010 results by research area panel




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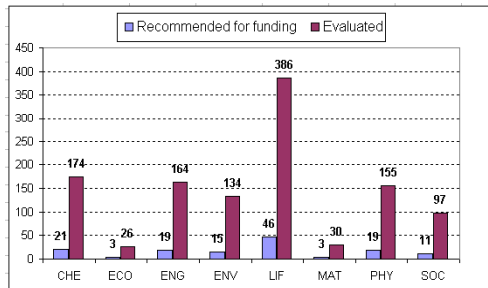
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Marie Curie IIF 2010 by research area panel




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FP7 – Marie Curie Actions

### Career Integration Grants– Part B



S & T Quality	30%	3/5
Researcher	30%	3/5
Implementation	20%	No threshold
Impact	20%	No threshold

Overall threshold 70%

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### MCA – S&T Quality



Sub-criteria	3/5	30%
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- Scientific/technological quality, incl any interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposal
- Research methodology
- Originality & innovative nature of project, and relationship to 'state of the art'
- Timeliness and relevance of project

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Marie Curie – Evaluation Criteria

### MCA – Researcher



Sub-criteria	3/5 (IRG only)	30%
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- Research experience
- S&T quality of previous research
- Independent thinking & leadership qualities
- Match between fellow's profile and project
- Benefit to the career of the researcher from the period of re-integration

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### MCA – Implementation



Sub-criteria	
No threshold	20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of infrastructure / facilities &amp; international collaborations of host</li> <li>• Practical arrangements for implementation &amp; management of scientific projects</li> <li>• Feasibility &amp; credibility of project, including work plan</li> <li>• Dissemination and exploitation of results</li> </ul>	

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### Impact



Sub-criteria	
No threshold	20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential of transferring knowledge to host</li> <li>• Capacity to develop lasting co-operation with the third country</li> <li>• Contribution to scientific excellence by attracting first class researchers</li> <li>• Contribution to European excellence and European competitiveness</li> <li>• Potential and quality of lasting professional integration (expected length of work contract, expected career development)</li> <li>• Impact of proposed outreach activities</li> </ul>	

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### Reintegration Grants: Success rates



	Apr 07	Oct 07	Apr 08	Oct 08	Apr 09	Oct 09	Mar 10	Sep 10
ERG	93%	94%	89%	89%	65%	65%	69%	50%
IRG	83%	43%	51%	48%	64%	66%	68%	50%

- March 2010 apps for ERG/IRG = 303
- Sept 2010 apps for ERG/IRG = 455
- March 2011 CIG apps = 720

*Note: decision taken to merge budgets and align success rates of the two schemes from 2009 onwards*

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FP7 –Marie Curie – Hints & Tips

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### Approaching your project proposal writing

- **Work with your supervisor**
- **Keep the Guide for Applicants in front of you**
- **Treat the criteria as examination questions**
- **Think about the way your write**
  - Brainstorm each section
  - Then focus on a section at a time
- **Plan your proposal writing**

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FP7 –Marie Curie – Hints & Tips

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### Approaching your project proposal writing

- **It will feel repetitive – addressing issues from different angles**
- **Stick to the page limit**
- **Think about your evaluators**
  - Clearly address the main objectives
  - Use clear and concise language
  - Explain country specific jargon
  - Provide them with the evidence they need
- **Find colleagues to read it through**

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FP7 – Marie Curie Actions

Overview of Marie Curie Actions 



Any questions?

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Further Information 

UKRO NCP website:  
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Other useful websites:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>

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