Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

COFUNDing of Regional, National and International Programmes

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✓ Mono-beneficiary

✓ Legal entities (public and private) established in MS or AC and international European interest organisations

Doctoral Programmes

Fellowship Programmes
COFUND – Main features

- **Budget**: € 80 Million in 2017 (Doctoral Programmes: 30 Mio)
- Maximum € 10 Million per single applicant per call
- Duration of projects: minimum 3 years, maximum 5 years (including the time taken to publish calls and recruit researchers)
- **Fellowships**: minimum 3 months
- EU contribution to cover living allowances for researchers and management costs
- Minimum living allowance fixed in the WP
COFUND – Main features

- Each single application must only address the doctoral or fellowship programme, but
- More than one application can be submitted
- Recruited researchers must respect the same mobility rule as IF (for the fellowship programme) or ITN (for the doctoral programme). Existing programmes can continue with own mobility rule if well-justified.
- Unless prohibited by national legislation all fellows, including doctoral fellows, must be recruited on a work contract.
- In the doctoral programme all fellows must be registered for a PhD
Synergies with European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

- Support regional policies by internationalisation of human resources in research
- Possibility to support programmes that prioritise specific scientific disciplines based on smart specialisation strategies
- Cost items other than living allowance and management (such as research costs, travel and mobility allowances, overheads) may be funded through other resources including EU programmes other than Horizon 2020 (e.g. ESIF)
COFUND – Possible structures 1
Hierarchical

Research Funding Organisation

University 1
University 2
Laboratory 1

Education and Culture
COFUND - Possible structures 2
Horizontal

University 1 → University 2 → Laboratory 1 → University 2

Education and Culture
We do everything!
EU contribution to **living allowance** for contracts with full social security:
- Early stage researchers (ESR): € 1855 per person-month
- Experienced researchers (ER): € 2625 per person-month

EU contribution to **management costs**: € 325 per person-month

Minimum amounts for monthly living + mobility allowances:
- ESR: € 2597
- ER: € 3675

Other cost items may be funded through other resources (including ESIF funds)

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<th>Cost item</th>
<th>Total cost [€ per person-month]</th>
<th>EU contribution [€ per person-month]</th>
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<td>Living allowance</td>
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<td>Mobility allowance</td>
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<td>Research costs</td>
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<td>Management costs</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Quite simply – we have one single cost category:

• The researcher month is the cost that is reported and paid

• Typically for a 5-year programme there is

  o 55% prefinancing (based on estimated number of researchers)

  o After two years (first reporting period) we pay for all the researcher months that have taken place

  o At the end of the fifth year (second reporting period) we pay for the balance.
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<td>COFUND 2017</td>
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<td>COFUND 2018 (Provisional)</td>
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Success Rate

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Submissions and successes

Series1: 28%
Series2: 26%
Series3: 32%
Submissions and successes

Ranked by number of submissions

Series2
Series1
Submissions and successes

Ranked by success rate

European Commission

Series2
Series1

REA
Objective
✓ stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development

Scope
✓ international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sector mobility of researchers at all stages of their career
✓ Possibilities of synergies with structural funds
✓ Opportunities for researchers from all countries
✓ Researchers to comply with the mobility rules of the MSCA
✓ Open and transparent recruitment, vacancies widely publicised

Expected Impact
✓ exploit synergies between European Union actions and those at regional, national, and international level
✓ leverage funding and combat fragmentation
Within the resources available, give the widest possible choice to the researcher

Give the researcher the best possible working conditions, including an attractive salary

Read the Charter and Code – the evaluators are briefed to evaluate in the light of these documents

Ensure that the recruitment is open, transparent and free from conflict of interest.
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<th><strong>Excellence (50%)</strong></th>
<th><strong>Impact (30%)</strong></th>
<th><strong>Implementation (20%)</strong></th>
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<td>Quality of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers (transparency,</td>
<td>Enhancing the potential and future career perspectives of researchers; Strengthening human resources on regional, national or international level</td>
<td>Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan</td>
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<td>composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal</td>
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<td>Quality of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science,</td>
<td>Aligning practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by</td>
<td>Appointment conditions of researchers</td>
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<td>interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility</td>
<td>the EU for human resources development in research and innovation</td>
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<td>Quality of career guidance and training, including supervision arrangements, training</td>
<td>Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and <strong>disseminate</strong> the results</td>
<td>Competence of the participant to implement the programme</td>
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http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions

Horizon 2020

http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020

Participant Portal (applications)

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home

Charter and Code

https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter

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