



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

COFUND evaluation criteria and how to address for success

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H2020 priorities



Excellent Science - *Priority I*

- ✓ European Research Council
- ✓ Future and Emerging Technologies
- ✓ Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- ✓ Research Infrastructures

Industrial leadership - *Priority II*

- ✓ Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies
- ✓ Access to risk finance
- ✓ Innovation in SMEs

Societal challenges - *Priority III*

- ✓ Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- ✓ Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, bio-economy
- ✓ Secure, clean and efficient energy
- ✓ Smart, green and integrated transport
- ✓ Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials
- ✓ Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- ✓ Security

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MSCA Objective

Ensure the optimum development and dynamic use of Europe's intellectual capital in order to generate new skills, knowledge and innovation

Budget 2014-2020: 6 162 million €

Strategic programming approach



- Attract and retain **research talent**
- Develop state-of-the-art, **innovative training schemes**, consistent with the highly competitive and increasingly inter-disciplinary requirements of research and innovation
- Promote sustainable **career development** in research and innovation
- Focus on **delivering new knowledge and skills**, in line with the key driver identified in the strategic programming approach
- Contribute to a **strong partnership with MS** via the co-funding mechanism

Key features



- Open to all domains of **research and innovation** from basic research up to market take-up and innovation services
- Entirely **bottom-up**
- Participation of **non-academic sector** strongly encouraged, especially industry and SMEs
- **Mobility** as the key requirement - funding on condition participants move from one country to another
- (Almost) no nationality conditions
- Promotion of attractive **working and employment conditions**
- Particular attention to **gender** balance
- **Public engagement** of supported researchers
- Annual calls (except for NIGHT – biennial)

MSCA: 4 Actions



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Support for experienced researchers undertaking
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International and inter-sector cooperation
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MSCA to foster excellence throughout Europe

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

Award criteria: COFUND



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Excellence (50%)	Impact (30%)	Implementation (20%)
<p>Quality of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities)</p>	<p>Enhancing the potential and future career perspectives of researchers; Strengthening human resources on regional, national or international level</p>	<p>Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan</p>
<p>Quality of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility</p>	<p>Aligning practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation</p>	<p>Appointment conditions of researchers</p>
<p>Quality of career guidance and training, including supervision arrangements, training</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the results</p>	<p>Competence of the participant to implement the programme</p>
	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the results to different target audiences</p>	



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website

<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>

Horizon 2020

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

Participant Portal (applications)

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