Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchanges

Further Points for Consideration in Proposal Development

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Gender and Intersectionality

Renewed emphasis on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Every cell is sexed, everyone has a gender

Adds a valuable dimension to research and can take it in a new direction

Aims to eliminate gender inequalities and intersecting socio-economic inequalities
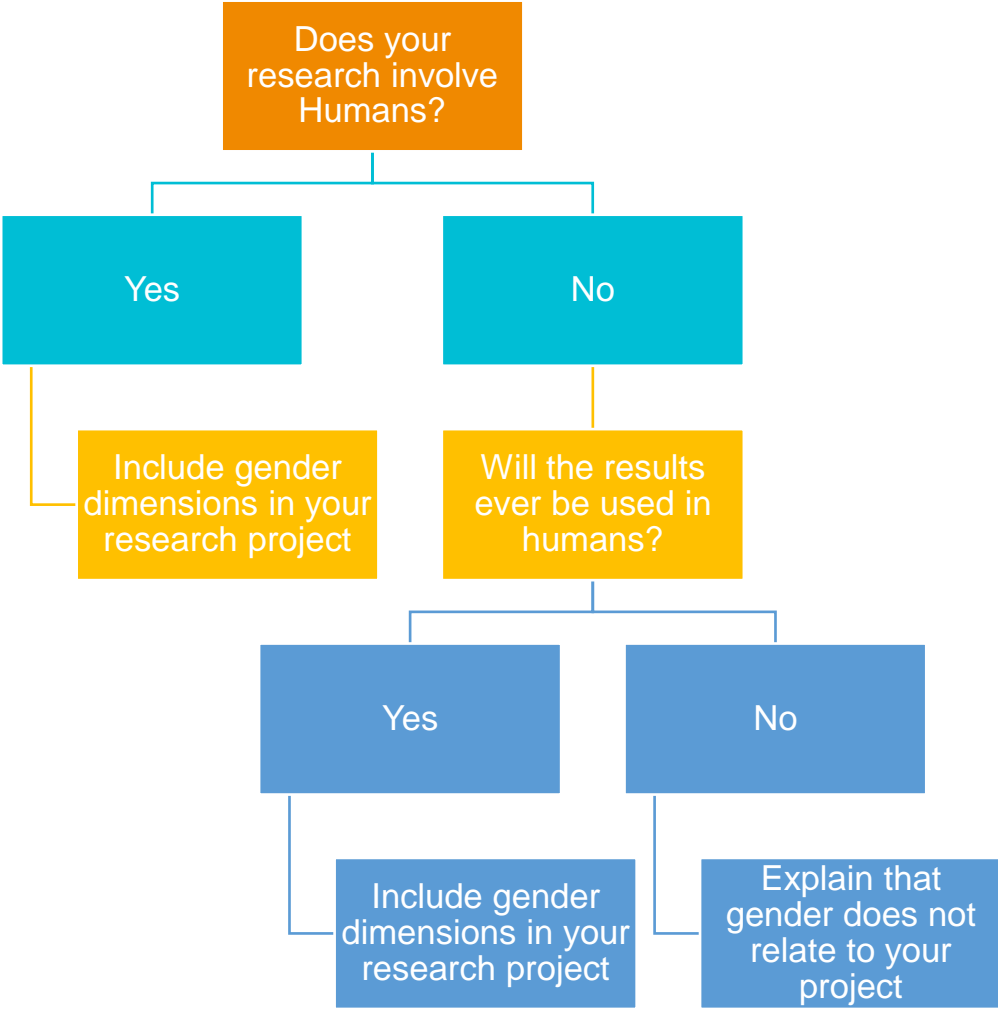
Makes research more responsive to social needs

Enhances societal relevance research and outputs

Ensures excellence and quality in outcomes and enhancing sustainability

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How Do You Know If Gender Is Important?

The gender dimension of the research project will be evaluated under the criterion "Excellence"

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Gender Dimension in the proposal

It could be considered that some research topics/projects have no or limited gender dimension

- **If so, that needs to be explicated in the proposal and not left out**
- Think about the other elements, such as :
  - communication, dissemination and exploitation?
  - research environment and consortium composition?
  - training?

Resources

- Genderaction.eu
- Gendered Innovations
- Gender in Research

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Open Access

Encouraging uptake of Open Science Practices

Enhance researcher skills in Open Science and support reward systems

Open access to scientific publications as well as to data

Immediate open access via repository at the latest upon publication under open licence

All research data must be managed in line with FAIR principles, with data management plan as a standard deliverable

Open access to research data via repository under principle 'as open as possible, as closed as necessary'

The use of and quality of open science practises is evaluated as part of the 'Excellence' Criterion

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Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication

What do you do with your results…

Dissemination

Promotion and raising awareness of project results

Exploitation

Using the results, such as for commercial purposes or in public policymaking

Communication

Making your research activities known to society throughout project life span – Public Engagement

Evaluated under the Impact criterion

Institutions often have teams that can help/support these activities

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Addressing D,E & C

	Objective	Focus	Target Audience
Communication	Researching out to society Demonstrating impact and benefits	Informing about and promoting the project and the results/successes	Multiple audiences
Dissemination	Transfer of knowledge and results Aim to enable others to use and take up results	Ensure results are available and able to be used by others	Those that are interested in the potential use of the results
Exploitation	Use of project results through scientific, economical, political or societal exploitations Turn R&I actions into concrete value and impact for society	Make concrete use of results	People/organisations, including project partners that can make concrete use of the results User groups

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Expected Impact

Steps towards the achievement of the expected impacts of the project over time

Scientific impact
- Creating high-quality new knowledge
- Strengthen human capital in R&I
- Fostering diffusion of knowledge and Open Science

Societal impact
- Addressing EU policy priorities and global challenges
- Delivering benefits and impacts via R&I missions
- Strengthening the uptake of R&I in society

Economic impact
- Generating innovation-based growth
- Creating more and better jobs
- Leveraging investments in R&I

- Begins with the results, through to dissemination, exploitation and communication
- Maps the contribution to the expected outcomes in the destination and wider work programme
- Depending on the project may address only 1 or more of the three expected impacts
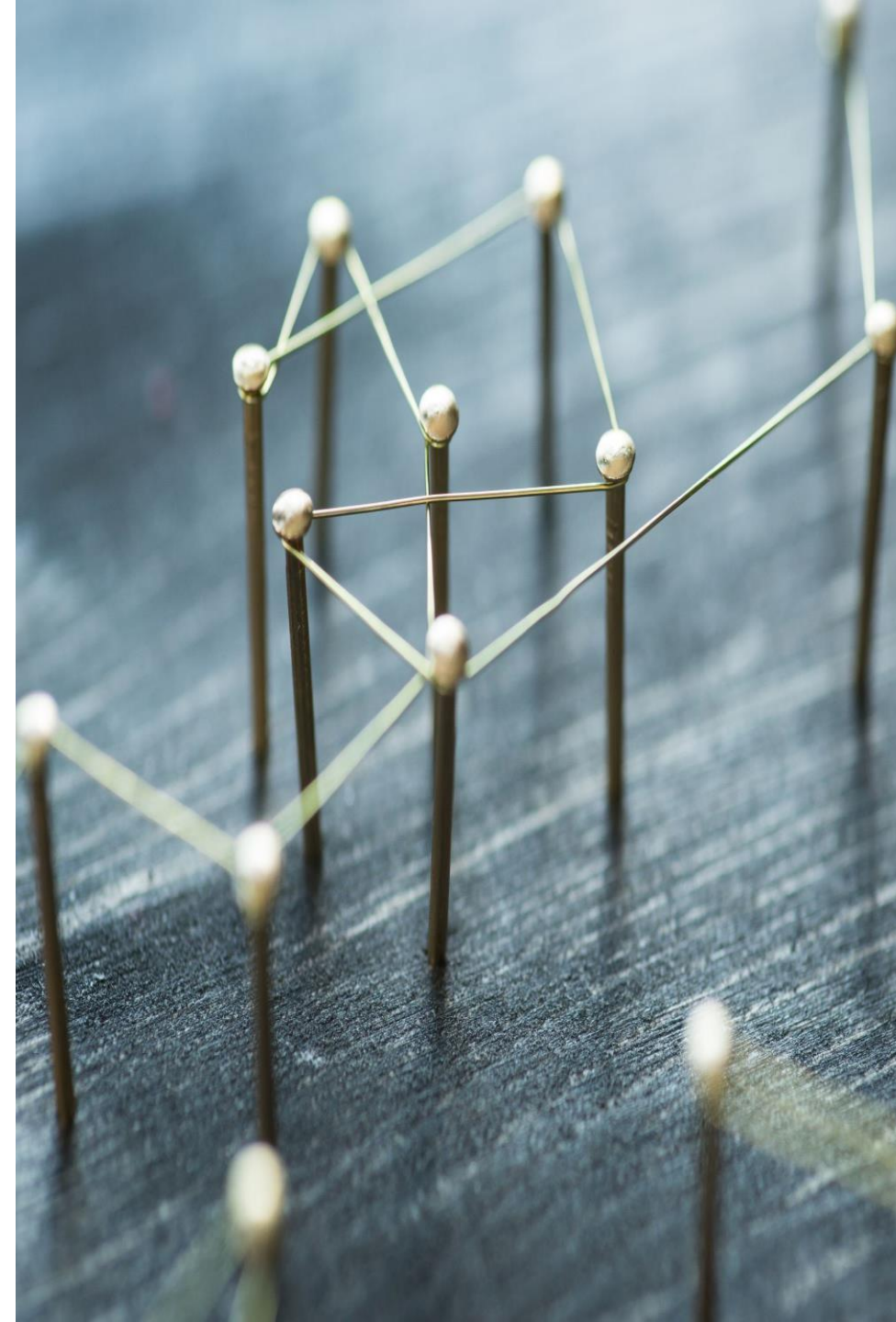
Setting up the consortium and finding partners

Setting up your consortium

- As early as possible, discuss and agree with your partners on:
  - Research project
  - Respective sectors and interdisciplinarity of secondments
  - Research and training needs and opportunities?
  - How does each secondment fit into the overall project?
  - Research resources, supervision, training provision(s)?
  - Financial allocation (budget)
  - Governance and monitoring structure of the consortium

- Simple tables and Gantt charts can help

	Particular skills and knowledge (RI)			
Consortium Members (CM)	RI1	RI2	RI3	…
CM1		X	X	
CM2	X			
CM3		X		X
….				

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Finding partners

- Use the [MSCA matchmaking platform](#)

- Use the Partner Search function on the [2022 Staff Exchange Call Webpage](#): find partners or publish your own advertisement.

- Use your existing networks

- Contact potential partners - ask yourself:
  - Is my internet presence up-to-date?
  - Am I clear on what I'm contributing to the project?

- Check [Previous Projects](#) for potential collaborators

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Upcoming events

2022 MSCA STAFF EXCHANGE CALL

Session 1: MSCA Staff Exchange: Overview and Eligibility Rules, 11 October 13:00-14:30 UK time.

Session 2: MSCA Staff Exchange: Practical Matters, 13 October 2022 13:00-14:30 UK time.

- Sandra Pinto Marques from the Research Executive Agency (REA)

Session 3: Non-academic Sector in MSCA Staff Exchanges, 19 October 2022 10:00-11:00 UK time.

- Sandra Pinto Marques from the Research Executive Agency (REA)

- Gavin McConvey, Member of the MSCA RISE project MENHIR, from the SME Action Mental Health.

- Claire Griffin, the UK National Contact Point for European Innovation Council (EIC) in Horizon Europe and Global Innovation Lead at Innovate UK

2022 COFUND CALL

Session 1: MSCA COFUND: Overview and Eligibility Rules, 25 October 2022, 09:00 -10:30 UK time.

- Manuel Gomez Herrero from the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture

- Prof Jian Chang, Bournemouth University, Coordinator of the MSCA COFUND project Centre for Applied Creative Technologies (CfACTs).

Session 2: MSCA COFUND: Practical Matters, 27 October 2022, 09:00-10:30 UK time.

- Alexandra Pedersen Gonçalves from the Research Executive Agency (REA)

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Resources

- **MSCA How to Apply** https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/horizon-europe-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions/horizon-europe-msca-how-apply_en#ecl-inpage-293

  - Guide for Applicants, MSCA Work Programme, Dedicated

    FAQs, Instructions on how to complete the template,MSCA Keywords

- **Call page** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-msca-2022-se-01-01

- **General Work Programme** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-1-general-introduction_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf

- **Horizon Europe Programme Guide** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf

- **List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe**

  https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

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