

MSCA Unit Cost Review Questions

Doctoral Networks (DN) and Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

1. Is the amount of living allowance paid per researcher month competitive and attractive? (DN EUR 3,400 per month, PF EUR 5,080 per month)
2. Is the mobility allowance competitive and attractive? (DN and PF EUR 600 per month)
3. Is the family allowance competitive and attractive? (DN and PF EUR 660 per month)
4. Are the research, training, and networking contributions (RTN) and management contributions paid to organisations per researcher month appropriate? Should they be increased or decreased? (DN RTN EUR 1,600, Management & Indirect EUR 1,200; PF RTN EUR 1,000, Management & Indirect EUR 650)
5. Is the country-specific correction coefficient (136,9%) too high or too low for the UK?

Staff Exchanges (SE)

1. During their secondment, staff members continue receiving their salary and in addition receives a monthly top-up allowance of EUR 2 300. Is this way to fund the secondments in principle attractive and fair?
2. Is the monthly top-up allowance of EUR 2,300 sufficient? Should it be increased or decreased?
3. Are the research, training, and networking contributions (RTN) and management and indirect contributions paid to organisations per secondment month appropriate? Should they be decreased? (RTN EUR 1,300, Management & Indirect EUR 1,000)

COFUND

1. How would you evaluate the current COFUND financial system? The European Commission currently provides co-funding of EUR 2,800 for doctoral programmes and EUR 3,980 for postdoctoral programmes, which can be used flexibly.

General Questions

2. Does your organisation top-up of the MSCA individual allowances for DN, PF and or SE from own resources or institutional funding?
3. Is there scope for equalising the institutional unit contributions for the different types of actions?
4. Are any of the outputs/activities such as open access publishing, field work, access to research facilities/laboratories, IP, conference attendance etc. particularly costly
5. Do you feel the new Long-term leave allowance is appropriate?
6. Is the new approach to the Special needs allowance appropriate? Do you think the current system can be improved and unit contributions adjusted?
7. How does your research organisations cope with accommodating researchers with disabilities? Is this an important topic among your organisations?