Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions in Horizon Europe

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Agenda

13.00 – 13.05 UK participation in Horizon Europe

13.05 – 13.50 Overview of Doctoral Networks (DNs)

13.50 – 14.40 Overview of Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)
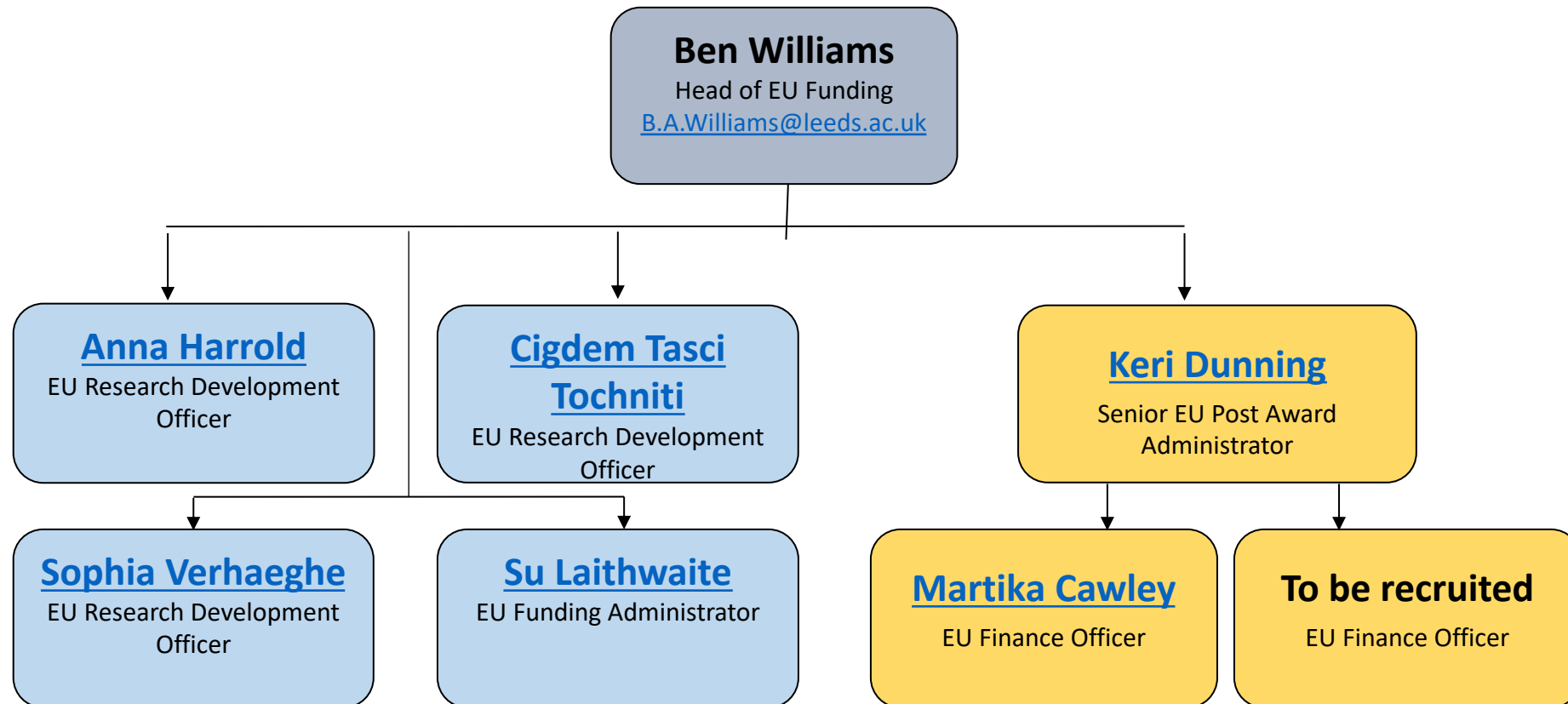
14.40 –15:00 OD&PL - transferable skills training
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15.00 – 15.15 Support available for applicants

Q&A

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What is the Framework Programme?

- The main programme for R&I funding across Europe

- You may have heard of previous Framework Programmes FP4/5/6/7 or Horizon 2020

- We now enter Horizon Europe (HEu - 2021-27)

- 7-year programme cycles, 95 billion € budget

- Brings together Research and Innovation through various mechanisms, both industry and academia-focussed

- Covers research life-cycle from concept to market

- Contributes to the ethos of the European Research Area

UK Participation in Horizon Europe

- UK-EU Trade And Cooperation Agreement (Brexit deal) allows the UK to become an Associated Country

- This means access to Horizon Europe on the same terms as a Member State

Key message 1: *Business as usual for EU R&I Funding*

- Terms of association already agreed in Brexit Deal Protocol 1, so association is a formality – just due legal process

- Association only needs to be finalised at point of GA signature for first awards – early 2022

Key message 2: *UK will not miss any Horizon Europe calls*

EU Member States

Austria	Italy
Belgium	Latvia
Bulgaria	Lithuania
Croatia	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Ireland	

Associated Countries

Albania	Moldova
Armenia	Montenegro
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Morocco
North Macedonia	Norway
Faroe Islands	Serbia
Georgia	Tunisia
Iceland	Turkey
Israel	Ukraine
Kosovo	United Kingdom

Third Countries

- Any country that is not an EU member state (MS) or Associated Country (AC).
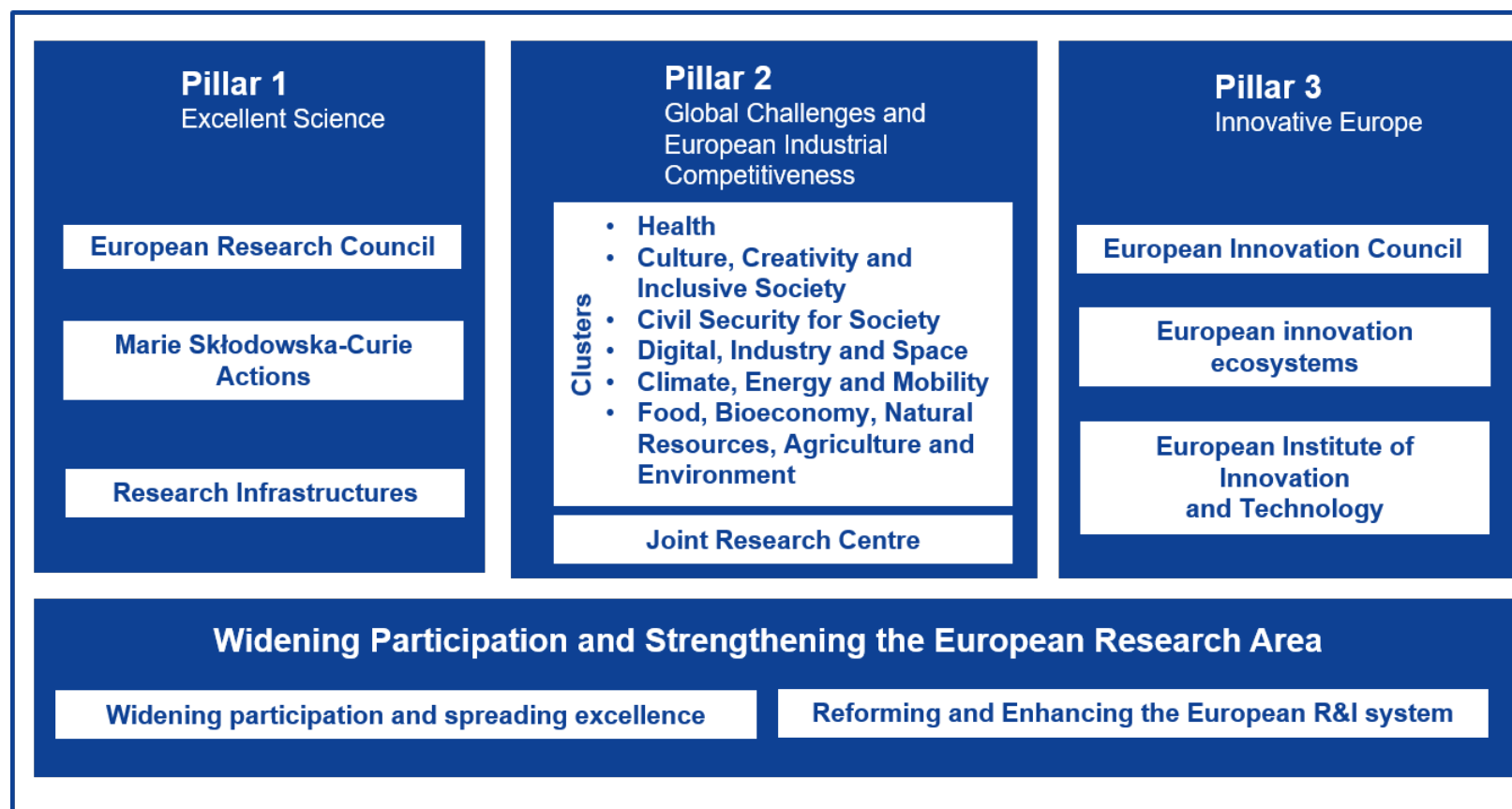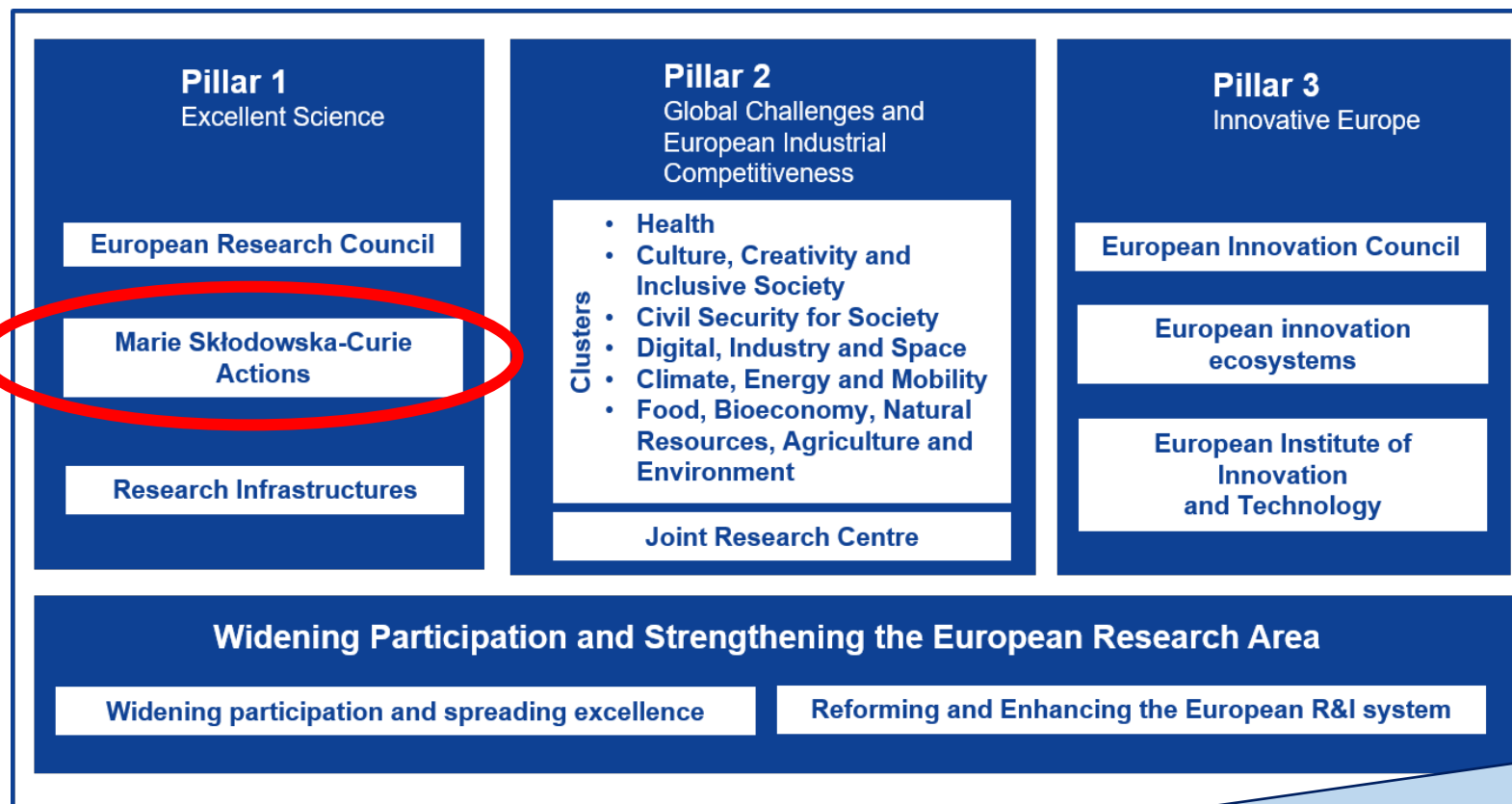- Only certain countries receive funding (ICPC countries)

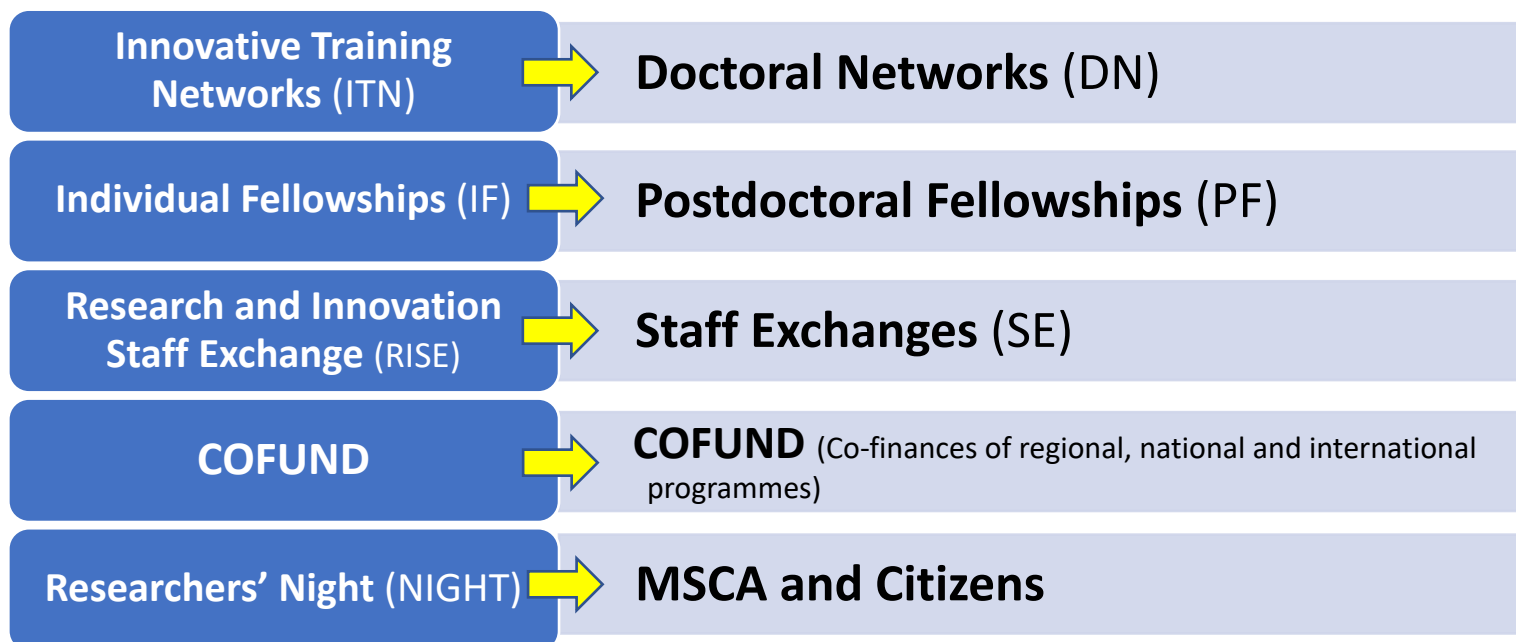# Introduction to MSCA

Horizon Europe

"Evolution not revolution"

Pillar 1 Excellent Science	Pillar 2 Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness	Pillar 3 Innovative Europe
European Research Council	**Clusters** • Health • Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society • Civil Security for Society • Digital, Industry and Space • Climate, Energy and Mobility • Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment	European Innovation Council
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions		European innovation ecosystems
Research Infrastructures		European Institute of Innovation and Technology
	Joint Research Centre	

Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area

Widening participation and spreading excellence

Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system

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Pillar 1
Excellent Science

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Research Infrastructures

Pillar 2
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Clusters
- Health
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Joint Research Centre

Pillar 3
Innovative Europe

European Innovation Council

European innovation ecosystems

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Total Marie-Curie budget of €6.6 billion!

MSCA Instruments: name changes

H2020		Horizon Europe
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)	→	**Doctoral Networks** (DN)
Individual Fellowships (IF)	→	**Postdoctoral Fellowships** (PF)
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)	→	**Staff Exchanges** (SE)
COFUND	→	**COFUND** (Co-finances of regional, national and international programmes)
Researchers' Night (NIGHT)	→	**MSCA and Citizens**

Introduction to MSCA Doctoral Networks

What are MSCA Doctoral Networks?

- A network of organisations who, together, deliver a multi-disciplinary project via a series of inter-connected Ph.D. projects

The research experience from the network should be greater than from a Ph.D. at any individual entity

Doctoral Networks

Doctoral candidates will be recruited in a Doctoral Network as supported researchers

Networks of international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary partners will deliver a collaborative research training programme

What will a Doctoral Network do?

- Train the next generation of researchers in an emerging, new or important area of research

- Equip Doctoral Candidates for a future career in the area – not just academic routes

- Provide enhanced career perspectives in academic & non-academic sectors through the '3 Is':
  - International
  - Intersectoral
  - Interdisciplinary

Expected Impact

Researcher level:

• Greater skills set, career prospects and platform for productivity as future leaders through intersectoral, interdisciplinary and international mobility

Host Institute level:

• Further sustainable collaboration and networks, knowledge transfer and R&I capacity between academic and non-academic organisations
• Foster the culture of open science, innovation and entrepreneurship

EU-level:

• Increased mobility of researchers
• Promoting European research
• Equipping future research leaders to maximise EU's competitiveness and growth

2021 Call Timeline

Action	Date (tentative)
Call opening	22 June 2021
Deadline for Submission	16 November 2021 16:00 UK Time (5pm CET)
Evaluation of Proposals	December – February 2022
Informationon Outcome of Evaluations	March – April 2022
Indicative Date for Signing the Grant Agreement	April - June 2022

General Principles

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1. Research is "Bottom-up" - applicants can choose any research topic (excluding nuclear as covered by EURATOM)

2. Consortium of a min 3 organisations (beneficiaries) from 3 different Member States/Associated Countries. At least one must be established in an EU Member State. (+ Any Additional beneficiaries from MS/AC and eligible Third Country + associated partners from any country)

3. Fellows must be Doctoral Candidates exhibiting mobility (crossing a border). Fellows usually hosted for 36 months but can be employed between 3 – 36 months

4. Finances are based on unit costs per researcher month

Eligible Researcher

- **Must be doctoral candidates** (not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of the recruitment)

- **Must be enrolled in a doctoral programme** leading to the award of a doctoral degree in at least one EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country, (Joint Doctorates in at least two)

- Can be of **any nationality**

- They must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than **12 months in the 36 months** immediately before their recruitment date.

Beneficiary vs Associated Partner

Beneficiary (= Project Partner)

- signs the Grant Agreement

- hosts researcher

- contributes to direction of project

- Associated Partner

- offers training or secondment to Fellows

- associated to project, not contracted

- potential future employer of researcher

Participants

	Beneficiary	Associated Partner
Recruits & employs fellows	Yes	No
Provide specialised research training	Yes	Yes
Provide complementary skills training	Yes	Yes
Provide secondment opportunities	Yes	Yes
Participate in network actions	Yes	Yes
Participate in Steering Board	Yes	Yes
Signatories to the Grant Agreement	Yes	No
Budget holder	Yes	No

Doctoral Networks Models

	Regular Doctoral Networks (DN)	Industrial Doctorates (DN-ID)	Joint Doctorates (DN-JD)
Purpose	Multi-partner, network of international institutions to provide doctoral candidates with an integrated research degree	Split-site academic/industrial doctoral programme industry- oriented research	EU network to offer joint/double/multiple degrees
Min. no. Beneficiaries (MS or AC) In order to respect all DN rules and DN-ID/JD specific rules, multiple consecutive recruitment should be foreseen	3 - from 3 different MS or AC (at least one must be from MS)	3 - from 3 different MS or AC (at least one must be from MS) (at least one academic, at least one non- academic)	3 - from 3 different MS or AC (at least one must be from MS) (allowed to award doctoral degrees)
Max no. of person months	360 (10 ESR)	540 (15 ESR)	540 (15 ESR)
Duration of action	48 months (each fellowship min 3 and max 36 months)	Recruitment must be between 3 -36 months	Recruitment must be between 3 -36 months
Ph.D. Qualification	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory (min 3 entities of which 2 in MS/AC)
Secondments (Virtual mobility will not be considered)	• Encouraged – should be at least 1 researcher • Max duration of 1/3 of the total recruitment period	• Max duration of 1/3 of the total recruitment period	• Max duration of 1/3 of the total recruitment period
Considerations	• Joint supervision encouraged • Secondments to Associated Partner important • Participation of the non-academic sector is expected. • Each beneficiary must recruit, host and supervise at least 1 researcher	• Mandatory minimum 1/2 time in non-academic sector • Each beneficiary must recruit, host and supervise at least 1 researcher • Joint Supervision mandatory	• Degree awarded by institutions from at least 3 entities of which 2 in MS/AC (can be beneficiaries / partners) • All researchers enrolled in a joint/double/multiple degrees • Each beneficiary must recruit, host and supervise at least 1 researcher • Joint supervision mandatory

Doctoral Networks Budget

Doctoral Networks Budget

Allowances	€ Per Person Month
Living Allowance*	3,400
Mobility Allowance	600
Family Allowance	660
Long-term Leave Allowance	EUR 4000 x % covered by the beneficiary
Special Needs Allowance	Requested unit x (1/number of months)
Research, Training & Network Costs	1600
Management & Indirect Costs	1,200

Note that:

*A *country coefficient* applies: UK = 136,9 %

The location of the premises of the recruiting beneficiary will have an influence on the fellow's salary in view of the different country correction coefficients

40% rule – *no more than 40% of the total EU financial contribution can go to a single country in a DN*

*Both **long-term leave** and **special needs allowances** should be requested when the need arises.*

Example budget

3 ESRs to Leeds:

	Unit Cost	Budget per Researcher	Budget for 3 Researchers
Living Allowance [1]	€ 3,400.00	€ 167,565.60	€ 502,696.80
Mobility Allowance	€ 600.00	€ 21,600.00	€ 64,800.00
Family Allowance [2]	€ 660.00	€ 11,880.00	€ 35,640.00
Research, Training & Network Costs	€ 1,600.00	€ 57,600.00	€ 172,800.00
Management & Indirect Costs [3]	€ 1,200.00	€ 43,200.00	€ 129,600.00
TOTAL		€ 301,845.60	€ 905,536.80

[1] – including UK coefficient of 136,9 %
[2] – As fellows to be recruited, estimate of €330/m used
[3] – Coordinator will withhold a proportion of this

A typical 10-ESR DN will have overall value of c. €2.5 - 3 million.

For a Leeds-coordinated project with 3 ESRs to Leeds, we could expect a budget of c. €1.1m

Budget Reallocation

- Management/Indirect Costs budget
  - Co-ordinator retains largest share
  - Part time project manager

- Research, Training & Network budget
  - Central pot to cover network level costs sometimes preferred

- Guide to splitting the budget from EU Team

- Will be detailed in Consortium Agreement at grant award stage but should be agreed at application stage

- Inform FRIO about your plans

Financial Considerations

- Maximum person months: standard DN = 360; DN-ID/DN-JD = 560 - to encourage more applications for these schemes

- Management budget depends on total no. person months

- Reasonable to have 3-4 ESRs at Leeds if co-ordinating

- Avoid involving too many UK beneficiaries

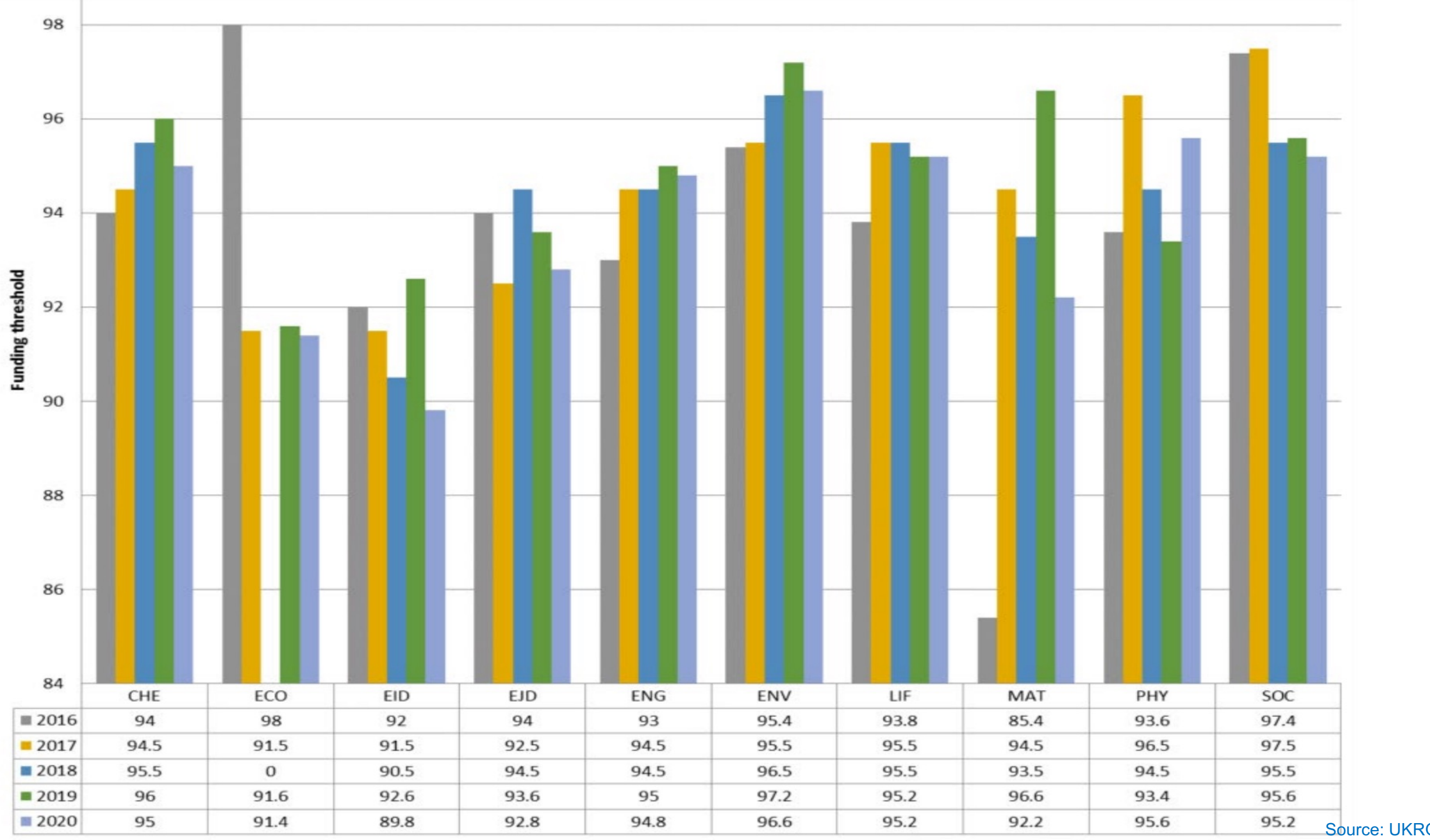- 40% rule only applies prior to any budget split
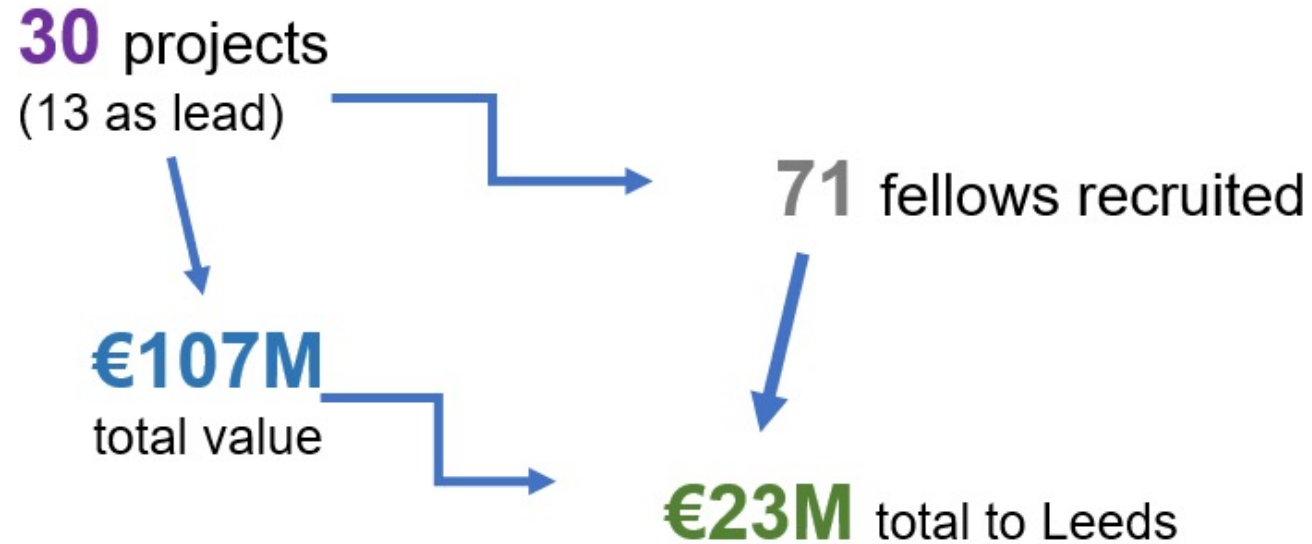
Doctoral Network success rates

Success Rates

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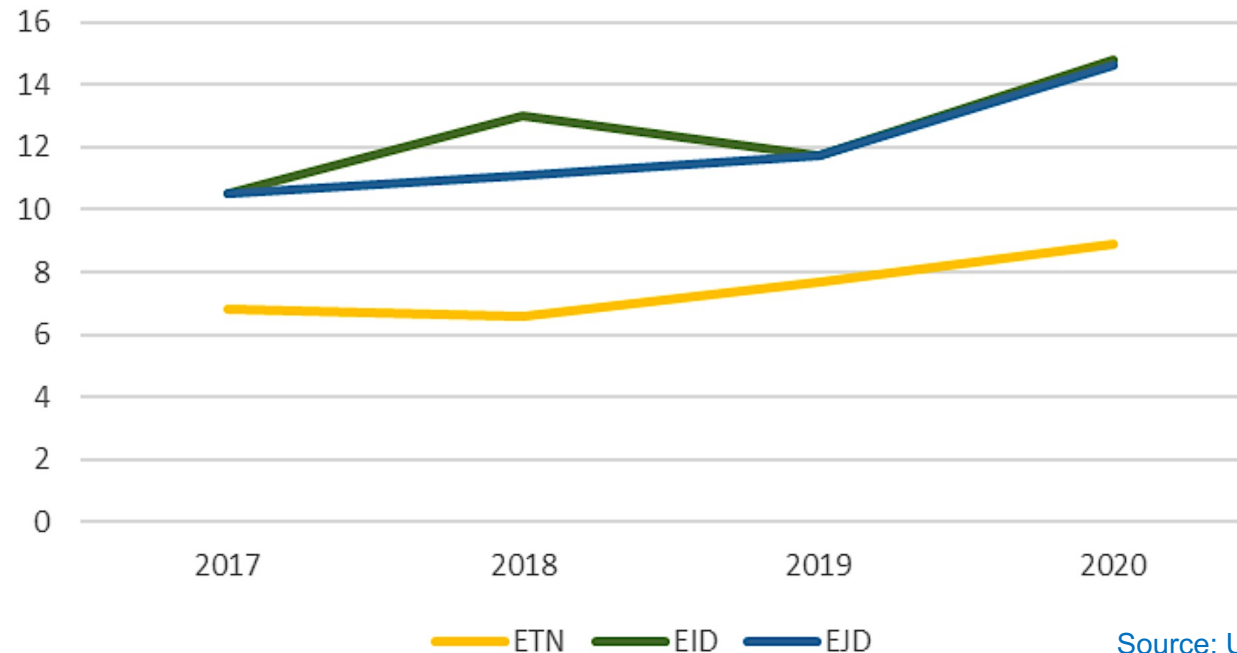
Don't be put off! Success rate is less terrifying when you consider:

- A lot of proposals that go in are very poor!
- Ranking rather than score determines funding

NEW: **Resubmission restrictions** apply as of 2022 for applications with score **below 80%**

	CHE	ECO	EID	EJD	ENG	ENV	LIF	MAT	PHY	SOC
■ 2016	94	98	92	94	93	95.4	93.8	85.4	93.6	97.4
■ 2017	94.5	91.5	91.5	92.5	94.5	95.5	95.5	94.5	96.5	97.5
■ 2018	95.5	0	90.5	94.5	94.5	96.5	95.5	93.5	94.5	95.5
■ 2019	96	91.6	92.6	93.6	95	97.2	95.2	96.6	93.4	95.6
■ 2020	95	91.4	89.8	92.8	94.8	96.6	95.2	92.2	95.6	95.2

How Does Leeds perform in ITNs?

30 projects
(13 as lead)

71 fellows recruited

€107M
total value

€23M total to Leeds

- Ranked 4th in UK for value of ITN awards
- Ranked 17th internationally for value of ITN awards
- Ranked 2nd in UK for number of Coordinated ITNs
- Ranked =7th internationally for number of Coordinated ITNs
- Ranked =2nd internationally for number of EID awards

Why Apply?

- Opportunity to focus on establishing future of research you are passionate about

- Prestige: large-scale projects

- Build reputation for future EU bids

- Extends international / intersectoral networks, aids international citations metrics

- Opportunity to work with best research team in Europe

- Researcher supervision – allows you to develop your team with supervision experience

- Contributes to both income and PGR targets!

Application Requirements

Application

EU Login - Electronic submission

Part A - online admin forms: Partner info / Budget (automatic) / Ethics table

Part B1 (max 34 pages in total)
*   Start Page, Table of Contents, List of Participating Organisations data
*   Sections 1-3 (Excellence, Impact and Implementation) – max 30 pages for these 3 sections

Part B2 (no overall page limit)
*   Partner capacity, Ethics, Letters of Commitment

Evaluation

Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Scored on a scale of 0-5		
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		
1	2	3
Priority in case of ex aequo		
Overall threshold of 70% applies to total score		

Secondments

- Highly recommended (= "must do it!")

- Relevant, feasible, beneficial to researchers & in line with project objectives

- Specific training or intersectoral placement

- At least 1 per ESR recommended. Intersectoral /and/or outside host country encouraged

- Can be international (=outside EU)

- If duration <6 months, costs must be covered by Research budget

DNs: Max 1/3 of the total recruitment period

DN-ID: min. 50% in Industry (Max. 1/3 of the total recruitment period)

DN-JD: Max 1/3 of the total recruitment period

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Considerations for Coordinators

Co-ordinator Roles

- Main point of contact with the Commission

- Prepare & submit application

- Liaise with/ provide feedback to partner organisations

- Lead the grant agreement preparation

- Distribute pre-financing

- Monitor progress, collate and submit reports

- Chair management meetings

- Conflict resolution

Advantages of Co-ordinating

- Significant kudos attached to leading a multi-national project

- Able to set the agenda and direction of the whole project

- Host more fellows and thus attract larger share of funding

- Opens doors to other project opportunities – invited to join other consortia because you are higher profile

Fellow Considerations

- Researchers all given employment contracts rather than studentships
  - Integration into host
  - Still returned as students to HESA
  - Exchange rate mitigation
  - Pension – default is not to include
- Must register for a PhD
- Promoting careers in all sectors
- Special needs allowance and long-term leave allowance new for 2021
- VISAs - *all entry visa costs for researcher must be covered from institutional costs (including secondments)*

What is new?

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- mandatory enrolment in doctoral training
- **Manage demand**, improve success rates:
  - Reduced number of fellow months in project, 360 person months
  - Restricted resubmissions below quality threshold, 80% in previous call
- **Incentives** for industrial and joint doctoral programmes
  - Up to 540 person months
- Focus on the **supervision**
  - Provide a short profile of each supervisor

Introduction to MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Aim of the PF Programme

- To enhance the creative & innovative potential of postdoctoral researchers wishing to diversify their competences in terms of skills acquisition through advanced training, international & intersectoral mobility.

- Provide opportunities to acquire & transfer knowledge, build networks & work anywhere in the world.

- Support the **return & (re)integration of researchers** from outside Europe and to **promote the career restart** of individual researchers

Who is involved in the application?

- **Researcher:** in possession of PhD at the call deadline – no more than 8 years full time research experience after (first) PhD.

- **Supervisor** is the senior researcher who supervise the fellow and the project. The fellow should develop the project proposal in liaison with the supervisor.

- **Beneficiary**: has the responsibility for the proper implementation of the action. This is the university or institute or industry in MS or AC validated by the EC as a 'legal entity' with Participant Identification Code (PIC).

Beneficiary vs Associated Partner

Beneficiary (= Project Partner)
- must be located in a MS or AC
- signs the Grant Agreement
- recruits the postdoctoral researcher
- receives funding, claims costs
- **host organization** for European Fellowships
- **return host organization** for Global Fellowships

Associated Partner(s)
- do not sign the grant agreement
- contribute to the implementation of the of the action
- associated to project, not contracted
- no right to charge costs or claim contributions
- Provide secondments / placements;
- Host outgoing phase (for GF only)

General Principles

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- **Bottom-up** scheme which funds any research project: applicants can choose any research topic (including domains covered by EURATOM Treaty (Nuclear))

- 12 up to 36 months fellowships depending on fellowship type.

- Do **not only** fund **research projects** but also training through research. Emphasis on **knowledge transfer, skills and career development**

- **Transnational mobility** is required

- Full time as a general rule.

- Part time possible: to pursue 'supplementary activities' (e.g. set up a company, advanced studies not related to the fellowship, teaching commitment etc.) except for outgoing phase of GF. Subject to prior approval.

- Apply to 8 subject panels regardless of fellowship type

Eligible Researcher

❖**Fund '*Postdoctoral Researchers*'**

- On **12 October 2021** (call deadline): Be in possession of a **Doctoral Degree**
- Have a maximum of **8 years full-time equivalent research experience** measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree
- Periods of inactivity in research do not count (e.g. unemployment, employment outside research, long-term sick leave, parental leave etc).

❖Open to **any nationality**
(Global Postdoctoral Fellowship or researchers who wish to reintegrate to Europe, must be nationals or long-term residents* of MS or AC)

*** Long-term residents:** *Third Country nationals based within Member States or Associated Countries for at least 5 consecutive years*
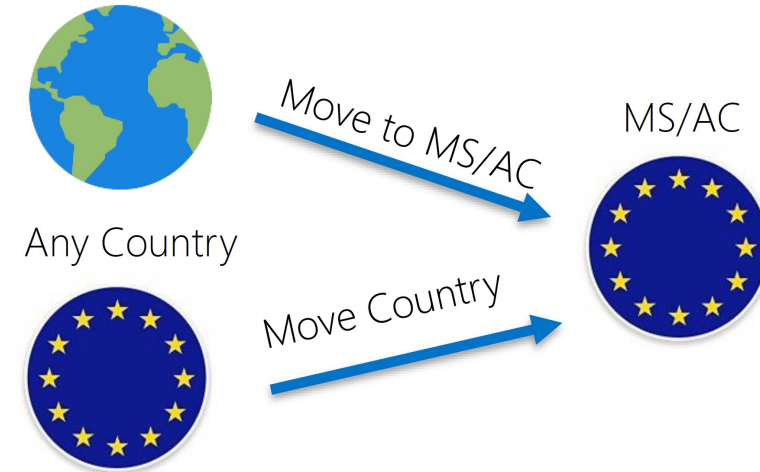
Type of Postdoctoral Fellowships

European Postdoctoral Fellowship

- ▪ Open to **any nationality**
(researchers who wish to reintegrate to Europe, must be nationals or long-term residents of MS or AC)

- ▪ Must move or have recently moved to a MS/AC

- ▪ Must have spent less than **12 months in previous 3 years** in host country as of 12 October 2021

- ▪ **Duration** from 12 to 24 months

Global Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Nationals or long-term residents of MS or AC.

- Must have spent less than **12 months in previous 3 years** in **host TC country** as of 12 October 2021

- Fellowship supported by two host organisations: one located in a MS/AC and one located in a TC

- **Duration** from 24 to 36 months (12-24 months)+(12 months return phase)

MS/AC → outgoing → Third Country → return → MS/AC
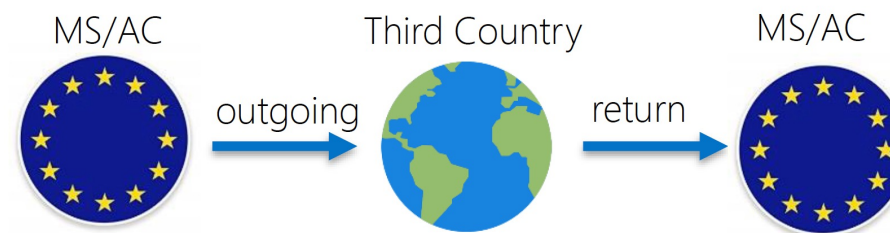
- **Outgoing phase**:

12-24 months in 'outgoing host organisation' in a Third Country

- **Return phase**:

Return phase in a 'return host organisation' (grant holder) in MS/AC (mandatory 12 months return phase)

Secondments

- Not mandatory but improve score of proposal (where clearly beneficial)
- Secondments in any country worldwide (need supervision in the organisation holding the secondment)
- Can take place in any sector
- EF - Max 1/3 of the standard project duration.
- GF- Max 1/3 of the outgoing phase. Cannot take place during the 12 months return phase in GF.
- Include in Admin form (Part A) and also in section 5 of B-2
- All secondments can be divided into several shorter periods.
- Short visits (e.g. field work etc.) are not secondments (and can be included in application & in any country)

Placement

- Placements in only MS or AC
- Can only take place in the non-academic sector
- Up to 6 months duration
- Additional period after the standard duration of the fellowship.
- A letter of commitment is required at the submission stage
- Include in Admin form (Part A) and also describe relevance in section B-1

How to identify candidates

- Ex-colleagues working overseas who may wish to return to the UK

- Former students who are now working overseas

- Established researchers who may wish to have a funded sabbatical

- Colleagues with whom you co-publish

- Post-docs of colleagues you collaborate with

- Unsuccessful but strong overseas applicants for posts within the Faculty

- Colleagues who recently moved to the UK (for EF)

- Advertise your interest in hosting a fellow on EURAXESS (**contact the EU team**!)

BUT THE SCHEME IS COMPETITIVE – SO HIGH QUALITY CANDIDATES RELATIVE TO CAREER STAGE

The Application

Application – Portal & Part A

- Create an account* on the **Funding and Tender Portal**

- Register your proposal* (PIC number of host organisation & supervisor email address required)

- Complete the online **Part A** - Admin forms

- If Leeds is the host organisation - PIC number: 999975426

- Add us (EU team) as a contact person to give us access:

    Ben Williams eufunding@leeds.ac.uk

*For more information, consult our **step-by-step guidance slides** as well as the **guide for applicants** (p.11-13)

Part B Document 1

1. Excellence
2. Impact
3. Implementation

(**must not exceed 10 pages**)

Excess pages above 10 page limit are made <u>invisible</u> to evaluators!

Do not include a start page, table of contents, list of participating organisation and end page.

List of participating organisation is now in B-2

Part B Document 2

No overall page limit but indicative lengths for the different sections

- B4 CV of the researcher (indicative length max 5 pages)

- B5 List of participating organisation (1 page) **+** Capacity of the participating organisations (max 1 page per beneficiary; ½ for associated partner)

- B6 Additional ethics information (if needed)

- B7 Additional information on security screening (if needed)

- B8 Letter of commitment from associated partners (**Global fellowship/placements only** – if not provided, your proposal is **<u>ineligible</u>**)

Budget

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Researcher Unit Costs (Contributions for recruited researchers Per person-month)					Institutional Unit Costs (Institutional unit contributions Per person-month)	
Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Long-term Leave Allowance	Special Needs Allowance	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 5 080	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650

- Based on unit costs per researcher month
- Living*, mobility & family allowances for Researcher – after statutory employer & employee deductions all must go to researcher
- Participation expenses for research, training and KT etc. held by host organisation
- Management & indirect costs for host organisation
- Both long-term leave and special needs allowances only requested when the need arises.

* subject to country correction factor (page:106) (**UK: 136.9%**)

Payments to Fellows

- Institutional costs go to host but still for use on Fellow's project
- Allowances paid as salary and UK tax law means all are taxable
- MSCA salary is <u>gross</u> salary
- Default is not to opt-in to pension, as contributions come from MSCA allowances
- Salary is paid at a lower exchange rate so Fellows do not have to have salary reclaimed. Top-up made at end of project so **<u>full € amount is always paid</u>**

Submission & Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
50%	30%	20%
Weighing		
1	2	3
Priority in case of *ex aequo*		
NB: An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.		

- Make sure to consult the evaluation form
- Each section scored out of 5
- Overall threshold for funding - 70%
- Score in the 90s to get funded – see 2020 scores

NEW: resubmission restrictions in 2022. If received a score below 70% will be restricted to resubmit the following year.

Standard Panels

- Chemistry (CHE)

- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

- Economic Sciences (ECO)

- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)

- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)

- Life Sciences (LIF)

- Mathematics (MAT)

- Physics (PHY)

➡ Evaluators chosen based on panel and free keywords/ descriptors (and abstract) <mark>See MSCA Keywords document for full list of descriptors</mark>

➡ Choose your panel carefully – proposals not transferred between scientific panels

Each panel establishes two ranked lists, one for EF and one for GF.

Timeline

- Submission Deadline **12 October 2021**, **4pm UK time!**
- Submit as many times as you like before the deadline (the applicant submits it!)
- Outcome of the evaluation: you will receive an Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) with useful comments to improve proposal if not successful
- Resubmissions are usually more successful! Don't give up if unsuccessful first time *but you need to reach 70% to apply the following year!*

Action	Date (tentative)
Invitation to Submit Proposal	22 June 2021
Deadline for Submission	12 October 2021 16:00 UK Time (5pm CET)
Evaluation of Proposals	October - December 2021
Informationon Outcome of Evaluations	February - March 2022
Indicative Date for Signing the Grant Agreement	March - April 2022

Why should you apply?

- Bottom up (no pre-determined topics): Opportunity to focus on research you are passionate about
- Opportunity to work with best supervisors in Europe/ most talented researchers – but need a good match!
- Relatively straightforward application – good entry point to EU Funding

Why should you apply?

- Success rates are **competitive:** 15.2% in 2019; 14.3% in 2020

  - Leeds success rate: 33.3% (2019); 22.9% (2020)

- Generous funding (very competitive salaries for fellows)

- Prestigious grants. Build fellows and supervisors' reputation and **track record of EU funding** for **future bids**

- Builds a track record of **leadership** for **supervisors**

- Build/ Extend international networks

- Simpler financial reporting

Success Rates - EF

Panel	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018		
	Main	Reserve	Success Rat	Main	Reserve	Success Rat	Main	Reserve	Success Rat	Main	Reserve	Success Rat	Main	Reserve	Success Rate
CHE	89.6	88.0	18.4	90.8	89.4	14.1	91.8	90.4	13.2	91.4	90.4	14.8	92.8	90	12.5
ECO	86.6	85.4	19.1	89.8	87.0	14.1	90.6	89.4	12.7	89	88.8	14.8	89.4	88	11.8
ENG	88.6	87.0	18.8	90.6	89.4	14.1	91.8	90.8	13.1	91.4	90.4	14.6	93	89.6	12
ENV	90.4	89.4	18.6	91.2	90.4	14.1	92	91	12.9	92.2	91.6	14.8	92.4	91	12.6
LIF	90.6	89.2	18.5	92.4	91.4	14.1	92.2	91.2	13.1	93	92.2	14.8	93.6	91.6	11.3
MAT	90.2	88.4	18.8	91.0	90.0	13.8	91.6	91.2	13.2	91.6	90.6	15.1	92.6	90.2	12.4
PHY	90.4	89.4	18.8	91.2	90.4	14.2	91.2	90.2	13.2	90	89.6	14.8	90.8	89.6	12.5
SOC	92.8	90.8	18.6	92.2	90.8	14.3	92.8	91.4	13.1	91	90	14.7	92.6	89.8	12.5
CAR	87.2	85.0	18.2	91.2	90.0	13.8	90.8	89	12.8	91.4	89.2	14.6	91.2	87.6	18
RI	90.8	89.4	19.0	92.2	91.0	14.6	92.6	91.6	13.4	93.4	93	15	92.4	90.4	19.4
SE							80.6	75.4	36.4	83.6	82.2	28.7	87	83.8	15.3

Scheme Averages															
IF_EF			18.7			14.1			13.1			14.8			12.2
CAR			18.2			13.8			12.8			14.6			18.0
RI			19.0			14.6			13.4			15.0			19.4
SE									36.4			28.7			15.3

- 2020 Leeds success rate: 17%
- 2020 Overall success rate: 14.3%

Success Rates -2020 Call

Panel	European Fellowships	Global Fellowships
	Retained List Threshold	Retained List Threshold
CHE	93.0	90.20
ECO	95.0	93.0
ENG	94.0	92.2
ENV	93.6	91.8
LIF	94.4	90.8
MAT	93.8	93.8
PHY	92.4	92.6
SOC	93.4	90.4
CAR	90.0	NA
RI	92.4	NA
SE	88.6	NA

What is new?

What is new?

- Areas of research covered by the EURATOM Treaty are now included
- Special panels (Career Restart, Reintegration, Society and Enterprise) are removed (replaces with incentives)
- Intensify exposure/secondments to training in entities beyond academia
  - ✓ **Additional up to 6 months** for working in the non-academic sector in MS/AC (placement)
  - ✓ Letter of Intent from the non-academic host
- A **doctoral degree** is now required
- Limited research experience –up to 8 years of research experience after PhD (with possible exceptions)
  - ✓ Maternity leave and other career breaks
  - ✓ Periods of working outside research
- Restricted resubmissions below a quality threshold
  - ✓ **1 year penalty period** for proposals that score below 70%

Become a Horizon Europe Evaluator

- Learn what makes a good proposal/ what evaluators are looking in an application
- Become better placed to bid in the future: build your confidence, knowledge and skills to apply for Horizon Europe calls
- Enables you to share expertise/advise your own team/colleagues
- Gain insight into the latest developments in your field
- Build your reputation via role recognition as a Horizon Europe expert
- Gain an understanding of Horizon Europe

Become a Horizon Europe evaluator

- Experts needed from all scientific areas to participate in the evaluation of Horizon Europe Proposals
- Over 5,000 experts were used per year in H2020
- Experts work remotely on the evaluation; occasional/short-term assignments
- Generous remuneration (depends on the Horizon Europe scheme, at least €150 per proposal)
- Gender balanced panels : participation of female evaluators encouraged (shortage of women in database!)

Register here: Work as an expert (europa.eu)

Support Available (Leeds – host organisation)

EU Team Support

- The EU Team offers tailored support for key Horizon Europe schemes:

  - ERC
  - MSCA Doctoral Networks
  - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
  - EIT Pathfinder/Transition
  - Collaborative projects

- Each has bespoke support package. For more information, consult our EU Funding brochure

EU Team Support

- One-to-one support from European Team at all stages of the proposal

- [Flow diagram](#) of support

- Coordinator pack (annotated template, fact sheet for applicants, analysis of previous evaluators' feedback etc.)

- Advising on non-scientific content of bids

- "Boiler-plate" text available to applicants

- Access to successful proposals

- Proposal-read through service

- Grant Agreement Preparation & Post Award support

Who else can help?

- Faculty R&I Office (FRIO) – KRISTAL for costing

- R&ID Managers (within Themes, Platforms, Faculties)

- Library – Research Data Management Team

- OD&PL – Training & Impact

- The Postgraduate Research & Operations – advice on Ph.D. models and timelines

- Public Engagement Team - Outreach

- Colleagues / Successful applicants / Evaluators

- UKRO - Marie Curie National Contact Point (NCP)

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