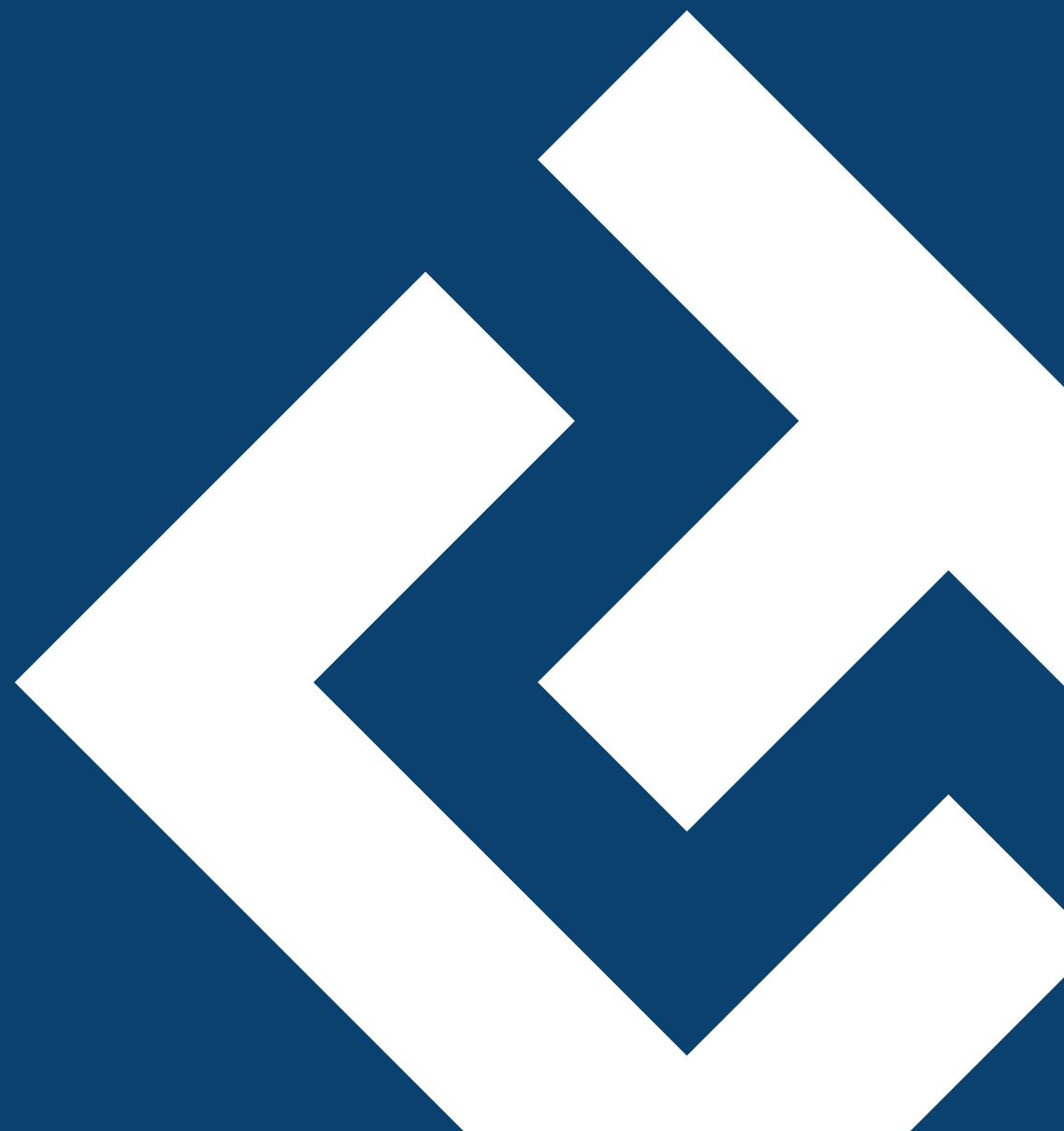


On-line školení pro projektové manažerky a manažery k přípravě MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Zuzana Čapková, NCP pro ERC a MSCA
30. června 2021



ODPOLEDNÍ PROGRAM (13:00-16:30)

- Čtení a hodnocení projektu MSCA IF (140 min)
- Jak napsat úspěšný projekt z pohledu MSCA fellow (15 min)
- Desatero užitečných rad pro přípravu a psaní projektových návrhů (30 min)
- Dotazy / Diskuze

- Přednášející:

- Zuzana Čapková, NCP pro MSCA, TC AV ČR
- Tereza Novotná, MSCA fellow, projekt EUSKOR, Freie Universitaet Berlin



INTERAKTIVNÍ ČÁST

Čtení a hodnocení projektu MSCA IF

PROJEKTOVÝ NÁVRH MSCA INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP:

EXCELLENCE (50%)
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects
Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host
Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution
Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence during the fellowship

Instrukce

- Četba: přečtete si část Excellence projektového návrhu
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EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

- **Call/Activity:** H2020-MSCA-IF-2017 / SOC
- **Proposal Acronym:** EUSKOR
- **Proposal Title:** Europe, the United States and the Crisis on the KOREan Peninsula: Between a Rock and a Hard Place
- **Host Institution:** Freie Universitaet Berlin
- **Abstract:** <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/797977> (datábaze Cordis)

Excellence

Horizon 2020

- Quality and credibility of the **research/innovation project**; level of **novelty**, appropriate consideration of **inter/multidisciplinary** and **gender aspects**.
- Quality and appropriateness of the **training** and of the **two way transfer of knowledge** between the researcher and the host.
- Quality of the **supervision** and of the integration in the team/institution.
- Potential of the researcher to **reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the fellowship**.

Horizon Europe

- Quality and pertinence of the **project's research and innovation objectives** (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art).
- Soundness of the proposed **methodology** (including **interdisciplinary approaches**, consideration of the **gender dimension** and other **diversity** aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of **open science** practices).
- Quality of the **supervision, training** and of the **two-way transfer of knowledge** between the researcher and the host.
- Quality and appropriateness of the **researcher's professional experience, competences and skills**.

Horizon Europe: Excellence

1.1 Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)

At a minimum, address the following aspects:

- Describe the quality and pertinence of the R&I objectives; are the objectives measurable and verifiable? Are they realistically achievable?
- Describe how your project goes beyond the state-of-the-art, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious.

IMPORTANT

- ✓ Formulate an overarching aim of your project
- ✓ Fine-tune the general goal through specific objective/aims/research questions
- ✓ Ensure a good state of the art, focus on your topic
- ✓ Original, ambitious but also feasible!

Horizon Europe: Excellence

1.2 Soundness of the proposed methodology (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users, where appropriate)

- At a minimum, address the following aspects:
- Overall methodology: Describe and explain the overall methodology, including the concepts, models and assumptions that underpin your work. Explain how this will enable you to deliver your project's objectives. Refer to any important challenges you may have identified in the chosen methodology and how you intend to overcome them.
- Integration of methods and disciplines to pursue the objectives: Explain how expertise and methods from different disciplines will be brought together and integrated in pursuit of your objectives. If you consider that an inter-disciplinary approach is unnecessary in the context of the proposed work, please provide a justification.
- Gender dimension and other diversity aspects: Describe how the gender dimension and other diversity aspects are taken into account in the project's research and innovation content. If you do not consider such a gender dimension to be relevant in your project, please provide a justification.
 - Remember that that this question relates to the content of the planned research and innovation activities, and not to gender balance in the teams in charge of carrying out the project.
 - Sex, gender and diversity analysis refers to biological characteristics and social/cultural factors respectively. For guidance on methods of sex / gender analysis and the issues to be taken into account, please refer to [this page](#).

Horizon Europe: Excellence

1.2 Soundness of the proposed methodology (...)

- Open science practices: Describe how appropriate open science practices are implemented as an integral part of the proposed methodology. Show how the choice of practices and their implementation is adapted to the nature of your work in a way that will increase the chances of the project delivering on its objectives [e.g. up to 1/2 page, including research data management]. If you believe that none of these practices are appropriate for your project, please provide a justification here.
- Research data management and management of other research outputs: Applicants generating/collecting data and/or other research outputs (except for publications) during the project must explain how the data will be managed in line with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable).

IMPORTANT

- ✓ Prepare your proposal in compliance with the principles of Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation
- ✓ New publishing platform and open peer review: <https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/>

Horizon Europe: Excellence

1.3 Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host

At a minimum, address the following aspects:

- Describe the qualifications and experience of the supervisor(s). Provide information regarding the supervisors' level of experience on the research topic proposed and their track record of work, including main international collaborations, as well as the level of experience in supervising/training, especially at advanced level (i.e. PhD and postdoctoral researchers).
- Planned training activities for the researcher (scientific aspects, management/organisation, horizontal and key transferrable skills...).
- For *European Fellowships*: two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and host organisation.
- For *Global Fellowships*: three-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher, host organisation, and associated partner for outgoing phase.
- Rationale and added-value of the non-academic placement (if applicable).

Horizon Europe: Excellence

1.3 Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host

IMPORTANT

- ✓ Demonstrate that the supervisors are experts in their areas (include track record and **international collaborations, experience in supervising**/training especially at advanced level (PhD, postdoctoral researchers), participation in projects, publications, patents, etc.)
- ✓ Explain the training objectives (list them, make a table, timing, duration...)
- ✓ Indicate the activities to be carried out during secondments (if any)
- ✓ Include the preparation and use of a **Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP)**: must be submitted at the beginning of the project (no later than 6 months after its start) and updated if needed throughout the project)
- ✓ See [MSCA guidelines on supervision](#)

Horizon Europe: Excellence

1.4 Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills

- Discuss the quality and appropriateness of the researcher's **existing** professional experience in relation to the proposed research project.

IMPORTANT

- ✓ Include all the relevant experience (teaching, consultancy, supervision, etc.): show your leadership /independent thinking skills...
- ✓ Evaluators have to be convinced that you are the right person to carry out the activities planned and you will still gain new skills/knowledge
- ✓ This section needs to be coherent with your CV

PROJEKTOVÝ NÁVRH MSCA INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP:

IMPACT (30%)
Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship
Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results
Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences

Instrukce

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Impact

Horizon 2020

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- Quality of the proposed measures to **exploit and disseminate the project results**.
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Horizon Europe

- Credibility of the measures to enhance the **career perspectives and employability** of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development.
- Suitability and quality of the measures to **maximise expected outcomes and impacts**, as set out in the **dissemination and exploitation plan**, including **communication activities** (to be submitted towards the end of the project).
- The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the **expected scientific, societal and economic impacts**.

Horizon Europe: Impact

2.1 Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development

At a minimum, address the following aspects:

- **Expected** skill development of the researcher.
- **Expected** impact of the proposed research and training activities on the researcher's career perspectives inside and/or outside academia.

IMPORTANT

- ✓ Present the way in which the fellowship will contribute in the medium and long term to the development of your career.
- ✓ How the training received will help broaden – diversify your career and skillset.
- ✓ What's the next step in your career and what you will learn in the PF to get there.

Horizon Europe: Impact

2.2 Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities (to be submitted towards the end of the project)

What are the audiences we are addressing our messages to?

- **Scientific Community**
- **Stakeholders**
- **Policy makers**
- **Final Users**
- **Industry...**

DISSEMINATION EXPLOITATION

(papers at conferences,
publications in journals, open data...)

- **General Public / Society**

COMMUNICATION OUTREACH

(press articles, researchers´ night,
blogs and videos...)

Horizon Europe: Impact

2.2 Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities (to be submitted towards the end of the project)

At a minimum, address the following aspects:

- Plan for the dissemination and exploitation activities, including communication activities: Describe the planned measures to maximize the impact of your project by providing a first version of your ‘**plan for the dissemination and exploitation including communication activities**’. Describe the **dissemination, exploitation measures** that are planned, and the target group(s) addressed (e.g. scientific community, end users, financial actors, public at large). Regarding **communication measures and public engagement strategy**, the aim is to inform and reach out to society and show the activities performed, and the use and the benefits the project will have for citizens. Activities must be strategically planned, with clear objectives, start at the outset and continue through the lifetime of the project. The description of the communication activities needs to state the main messages as well as the tools and channels that will be used to reach out to each of the chosen target groups. In case your proposal is selected for funding, a more detailed **Dissemination and Exploitation plan** will need to be provided as a mandatory project deliverable during project implementation
- Strategy for the management of intellectual property, foreseen protection measures: if relevant, discuss the strategy for the management of intellectual property, foreseen protection measures, such as patents, design rights, copyright, trade secrets, etc., and how these would be used to support exploitation.

Horizon Europe: Impact

2.3 The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts

- Provide a narrative explaining how the project's results are expected to make a difference in terms of impact, beyond the immediate scope and duration of the project. The narrative should include the components below, tailored to your project.
- Be specific, referring to the effects of your project, and not R&I in general in this field. State the target groups that would benefit.
- Expected scientific impact(s): e.g. contributing to specific scientific advances, across and within disciplines, creating new knowledge, reinforcing scientific equipment and instruments, computing systems (i.e. research infrastructures);
- Expected economic/technological impact(s): e.g. bringing new products, services, business processes to the market, increasing efficiency, decreasing costs, increasing profits, contributing to standards' setting, etc.
- Expected societal impact(s): e.g. decreasing CO2 emissions, decreasing avoidable mortality, improving policies and decision-making, raising consumer awareness.
- Only include such outcomes and impacts where your project would make a significant and direct contribution. Avoid describing very tenuous links to wider impacts.

Horizon Europe: Impact

2.3 The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts

- Give an indication of the magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected outcomes and impacts, should the project be successful. Provide **quantified estimates** where possible and meaningful. 'Magnitude' refers to how widespread the outcomes and impacts are likely to be. For example, in terms of the size of the **target group**, or the **proportion of that group**, that should benefit over time; 'Importance' refers to the **value of those benefits**. For example, number of additional healthy life years; efficiency savings in energy supply.

PROJEKTOVÝ NÁVRH MSCA INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP:

QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION (20%)
Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan , including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
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Instrukce

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Implementation

Horizon 2020

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Horizon Europe

- Quality and effectiveness of the **work plan**, assessment of **risks** and appropriateness of the effort assigned to **work packages**.
- **Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations**, including **hosting arrangements**.

Horizon Europe: Implementation

3.1 Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages

At a minimum, address the following aspects:

- Brief presentation of the overall structure of the work plan, including deliverables and milestones.
- Timing of the different work packages and their components;
- Mechanisms in place to assess and mitigate risks (of research and/or administrative nature).
- A Gantt chart must be included and should indicate the proposed Work Packages (WP), major deliverables, milestones, secondments, placements. This Gantt chart counts towards the 10-page limit.
- The schedule in the Gantt chart should indicate the number of months elapsed from the start of the action (Month 1).

Horizon Europe: Implementation

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IMPORTANT

- ✓ 2-4 research packages only, consistent with Excellence section
- ✓ WP Management: meetings with supervisor / reports to EU at the end of the PF
- ✓ WP Training (and knowledge transfer): consistent with activities in Excellence section
- ✓ WP Dissemination/Exploitation and Communication/Public Engagement: consistent with Impact section
- ✓ Remark possible risks for project objectives and concrete contingency plan and mitigation actions
- ✓ Adapt to project!
- ✓ Make sure it is readable when printed
- ✓ Careful with colours
- ✓ Ask your Host Institution for support

Horizon Europe: Implementation

3.2 Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements

At a minimum, address the following aspects:

- Hosting arrangements, including integration in the team/institution and support services available to the researcher.
- Quality and capacity of the participating organisations, including infrastructure, logistics and facilities should be outlined in Part B-2 Section 5 (“*Capacity of the Participating Organisations*”).
- Note that for GF, both the quality and capacity of the outgoing Third Country host and the return host should be outlined.

IMPORTANT

- ✓ Work together with your colleagues from Project Office or Technology Transfer Office.
- ✓ Section Capacities of the participating organizations is evaluated here.

Příklad abstraktu: projekt LEEP

WHAT? WHY? HOW? WHO?

- European and national ageing policies give high priority to increasing retirement age and employability of older people, but no effective solution exists. The project aims to provide practical recommendations based on evidence on the role of human capital investments (at individual and company level) for retirement transitions. This is still an understudied area in ageing research. It is also neglected by policy-makers who miss the fact that employees must be willing and able to work longer, and employers must be willing and able to provide adequate opportunities for extended employment.
The project offers an innovative and comprehensive approach to integrate individual and company perspectives theoretically and empirically in a system-level context. It compares two countries that differ greatly across many aspects relevant to retirement decisions, this is Poland and the Netherlands. Empirical evidence is based on longitudinal (panel) data of individuals and employers (supplemented by cross-sectional data). The research adopts a lifecourse approach, considering employment situation and retirement decisions of individuals as a part of life-trajectory. The results will be intensively disseminated among scientist, experts, and policy-makers. They will be also communicated to older people, employers, training and development organisations.
The researcher will be based in the 'Work & Retirement' group in NIDI (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, part of KNAW) – a leading international institute for population studies, particularly for research on employers' attitudes and behaviours towards ageing workforce. Professor Kène Henkens, a renowned expert in research on ageing labour markets and retirement, will be the supervisor. Training and two-way knowledge transfer will focus in particular on skills in longitudinal statistics and writing, and on knowhow of project management.

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1) S jakými podkritérii při psaní projektů mohou žadatelům pomoci jejich instituce?

2) Jakým kritériem/podkritériem začít při psaní?

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's <u>research and innovation objectives</u> (and the extent to which they are <u>ambitious</u> , and go <u>beyond the state of the art</u>)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the <u>career perspectives and employability</u> of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the <u>work plan</u> , assessment of <u>risks</u> and appropriateness of the effort assigned to <u>work packages</u>
Soundness of the proposed <u>methodology</u> (including <u>interdisciplinary approaches</u> , consideration of the <u>gender dimension</u> and other <u>diversity aspects</u> if relevant for the research project, and the quality of <u>open science practices</u>)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the <u>dissemination and exploitation plan</u> , including <u>communication activities</u>	Quality and capacity of the <u>host institutions and participating organisations</u> , including <u>hosting arrangements</u>
Quality of the <u>supervision, training</u> and of the <u>two-way transfer of knowledge</u> between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected <u>scientific, societal and economic impacts</u>	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's <u>professional experience, competences and skills</u>		
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		



Děkuji za pozornost.

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<https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/polwiss/euskor>

MSCA Application(s)

- 1) 2016 – GF (2 yrs at Seoul National University in South Korea; 1yr return phase at Universite libre de Bruxelles)
 - KOREU project
 - Unsuccessful (81 points)
- 2) 2017 – EF ST SOC (2 yrs at Free University Berlin)
 - EUSKOR project
 - Successful (92 points with 91 as a cut off point)

Researcher

- Political Scientist (focus on European studies/EU foreign policy)
+ policy experience (Europeum + EEAS “stage”, Czech Perm Rep)
- BA (Bc.) and MA (Mgr) degrees at Charles University Prague
- PhD. in Politics and European Studies at Boston University, USA (May 2012)
 - On EU enlargement vs German Unification
- 2012-2017 – 2 postdocs at Universite libre de Bruxelles
 - 2 yrs in an EU-funded FP7 university project (GR:EEN)
 - 3 yrs independent funding by Belgian national foundation (FRS-FNRS)
 - Both postdocs on EU foreign policy (EEAS/EU Delegations)
- 2017/2018 – Korea Foundation Fieldwork Fellowship at SNU
 - On the EU-South Korea relations (“pilot project” for MSCA IF)

Researcher

- 1 single authored monograph (2015; Palgrave Macmillan)
- 1 co-edited volume (2015, Ashgate/Routledge)
- Other publications (articles, policy papers...)
- International conferences, invited lectures, teaching
- Media and policy experience
- In addition in 2017:
 - 2017/2018 – KF Fellowship (“pilot project”)
+Sept 2016/ March 2017 – KF Next Generation Expert Network
 - JCMS article
 - 1 book chapter
 - 1 short policy piece on North Korea
 - Various media experiences (non-Korea related), invited talks, conferences (participation & organization)

Motivation & Choice of the Host

- 1) Academic
 - New geographical area – Korea(s)/NE Asia
 - New scholarly community – Germany
 - FU Berlin (Otto-Suhr Institute) – excellent university/department
 - New theory – diffusion (Prof. Tanja Boerzel)
 - Korean peninsula – a “hot topic”/area from political perspective
 - A good career step – “stamp” of quality
- 2) Personal
 - Mobility – after 4-5 years in Brussels
 - “return” to Germany and to FU Berlin – had a DAAD grant in 2007 during my PhD studies + could speak German
 - I knew Prof. Boerzel from 2007 as well as from academic conferences
 - Not too difficult to travel to Prague

Timeline

- June-September 2016 (2-3 months) – writing first GF proposal
- September 2016 – GF proposal submitted
- January/February 2017 – results - GF unsuccessful
- July-August 2017 (about 5-6 weeks) – revisions
- September 2017 – EF proposal submitted
- January/February 2018 – results – EF successful
- Spring 2018 – grant agreement
- Initial start planned for July 2018 – rescheduled
- December 2018 – start of the MSCA
- December 2020 – end of the MSCA
- February 2021 – final report

Flash information on the overall results of a call for proposals (‘flash call info’)

Call identifier:	H2020-MSCA-IF-2017
Call title:	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships
Published:	14 th October 2015
Deadline:	14 th September 2017
Budget available:	€ 248.7 million, out of which: - € 215 million allocated to European Fellowships - € 33.7 million allocated to Global Fellowships

The Research Executive Agency, assisted by independent experts, has completed the evaluation of the proposals submitted to the above call. The breakdown of evaluation results per topic (also referred to as ‘implementation mode’) is as follows:

MSCA-IF-2017- EF-ST (European Fellowships-Standard)

Number of proposals submitted:	7,154
Number of ineligible / inadmissible proposals:	52
Number of proposals receiving an evaluation score above the threshold:	5,607
Total budget requested from these above-threshold proposals:	€ 986.951.647,65

MSCA-IF-2017 : Cumulative percentage of proposals above threshold, with a given score or higher (funding range marked in green)

Number of eligible proposals	322 proposals	533 proposals	204 proposals	1012 proposals	178 proposals	350 proposals	883 proposals	1701 proposals	167 proposals	763 proposals	1511 proposals	71 proposals	21 proposals	99 proposals	124 proposals	213 proposals	8 proposals	65 proposals	232 proposals
Score equal to or above	CAR	RI	SE	ST-CHE	ST-ECO	ST-ENG	ST-ENV	ST-LIF	ST-MAT	ST-PHY	ST-SOC	GF-CHE	GF-ECO	GF-ENG	GF-ENV	GF-LIF	GF-MAT	GF-PHY	GF-SOC
100	0.00%	0.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.56%	0.12%	0.00%	0.00%	0.60%	0.00%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.43%
99	0.31%	0.56%	0.00%	0.00%	0.56%	0.47%	0.45%	0.35%	0.60%	0.00%	0.46%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.43%
98	0.62%	0.94%	0.00%	0.20%	0.56%	1.53%	0.57%	1.06%	0.60%	0.13%	0.99%	0.00%	0.00%	2.02%	3.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.72%
97	1.86%	2.06%	0.49%	1.09%	0.56%	2.94%	1.02%	2.29%	1.20%	1.05%	2.51%	0.00%	0.00%	4.04%	4.03%	0.94%	0.00%	0.00%	4.74%
96	2.80%	4.32%	0.49%	2.47%	1.12%	4.59%	3.51%	4.59%	2.99%	2.10%	4.17%	4.23%	0.00%	7.07%	4.84%	2.82%	0.00%	0.00%	6.47%
95	5.28%	8.44%	1.47%	4.35%	1.12%	6.59%	5.89%	8.29%	5.39%	2.62%	5.43%	7.04%	0.00%	9.09%	5.65%	4.23%	0.00%	3.08%	10.78%
94	6.89%	12.20%	3.43%	6.92%	3.93%	8.94%	9.51%	11.58%	7.78%	4.06%	7.61%	11.27%	4.76%	11.11%	9.68%	6.57%	0.00%	4.62%	12.93%
93	9.63%	16.70%	5.88%	9.49%	6.18%	11.41%	12.34%	15.29%	9.58%	6.42%	9.86%	16.90%	4.76%	17.17%	15.32%	10.33%	12.50%	6.15%	15.09%
92	12.42%	20.26%	8.82%	12.75%	7.90%	13.08%	15.63%	18.17%	13.17%	9.70%	11.52%	21.13%	4.76%	22.22%	17.74%	14.08%	25.00%	12.31%	17.24%
91	15.22%	25.89%	9.80%	16.30%	9.55%	16.00%	19.25%	21.34%	16.17%	12.19%	14.56%	22.54%	4.76%	25.25%	22.59%	17.84%	25.00%	20.00%	19.83%
90	17.39%	29.64%	10.78%	19.07%	12.36%	18.47%	22.54%	24.93%	18.56%	16.12%	17.47%	28.17%	4.76%	32.32%	26.61%	21.60%	25.00%	23.08%	21.98%
89	18.32%	33.96%	12.75%	22.83%	14.61%	21.76%	25.59%	28.45%	22.16%	19.66%	19.66%	29.58%	4.76%	36.36%	29.84%	23.94%	25.00%	26.15%	24.57%
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87	23.60%	40.71%	20.59%	31.03%	20.22%	27.06%	32.50%	36.16%	26.95%	27.99%	25.08%	40.85%	38.10%	42.42%	41.94%	30.52%	25.00%	35.38%	30.60%
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83	34.16%	54.41%	29.90%	46.44%	28.66%	41.18%	49.26%	51.97%	45.51%	45.74%	36.47%	56.34%	61.90%	52.53%	58.87%	42.72%	25.00%	55.38%	39.66%
82	36.02%	55.72%	34.80%	51.09%	30.90%	43.65%	51.53%	56.32%	50.30%	49.41%	39.51%	60.56%	61.90%	56.57%	62.90%	49.30%	50.00%	58.46%	43.10%
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Percentage of proposals below threshold (<70)	36.09%	17.07%	38.24%	17.39%	40.46%	26.47%	20.60%	13.62%	21.66%	14.29%	28.39%	15.49%	23.81%	20.20%	16.13%	14.08%	12.50%	15.38%	21.98%
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How to interpret this table

The percentage of proposals above the overall threshold and with a given score or higher is shown per ranking list. Green shows the funding range. Proposals below the overall threshold are shown separately and are not part of the cumulative total.

For example:

- in the CAR ranking, 5.28% of all proposals submitted in the ranking list (total 322) scored 95 or higher. The funding cut off is between 91 and 92.
- in the ST-PHY ranking, 23.98% of all proposals submitted in the ranking list (total 763) scored 88 or higher. The funding cut off is at 90.
- in the GF-SOC ranking, 21.98% of the proposals scored less than 70, meaning that 78.02% score more than 70.

2017 MSCA Application

- 2017 – EF ST SOC (2 yrs at Free University Berlin)
 - EUSKOR project
 - Successful (92 points with 91 as a cut off point)
- 7,154 submitted proposals (ineligible 52 proposals)
 - 5,607 proposals above threshold
 - 1,511 proposals above threshold for ST SOC
 - 14.56% of proposals scored 91 or higher
 - = 220 proposals funded in ST SOC

Financials

- Living Allowance (4,650)*country coefficient (about 99% for DE) + Mobility (600) +possibly family allowance
- = 5,250 EUR - **includes EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION!!**
- FUB – gross salary after employer's deduction is 4.329,76 EUR
 - Cf. around 4,600 EUR at the end of my postdoc at ULB in Brussels
 - Cf. postdoc positions 13 TVL, Step 4 for 100% employment (full-time) around 4857.49 EUR (in 2019)
- Very generous Management/Indirect + Research/Networking/Training Costs

WRITING TIPS

Writing Tips I

- Follow the MSCA guide for applicants (especially the template) to the letter!
 - Tick off points that you have already included
 - Make sure to include/address ALL the points
- Allocate enough time & ask for help
 - For writing, but also revisions
 - Ask colleagues to read your proposal (one from your discipline, one from outside)
 - Ask your future supervisor to read your proposal
 - Ask a funding officer/NCP to read your proposal
 - REVISE based on the comments!!

Writing Tips II

- It is also about the visuals
 - Make it easier to read the proposal + draw attention to the most important points (and “hide” your weaknesses)
 - Underline / **highlight**
 - Use a chart / graph / map (e.g. a table for impact/communication)
- Gantt Chart
 - It's a pain but do spend time on it
 - Don't use colors but different types of shape fills (due to black & white printing)

Writing Tips III

- Host institution / Host supervisor
 - Make sure both the host / supervisor are a good fit
 - Ask for /Look up a detailed CV of your supervisor and highlight publications/projects relevant to your project
 - Emphasize the host's experience with external (especially EU) funding, e.g. other MSCAs, ERCs, national funding (e.g. DFG in Germany)
 - Ask host's funding office for data / info about the university
- Don't forget JFK's dictum
 - “Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country”
 - = TWO-WAY KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Writing Tips IV

- Secondment
 - Would recommend including it
- Multi- or crossdisciplinarity
 - E.g. your project talks to various (sub)disciplines
- Gender
 - Not if you are/work with women, but whether your research addresses gender issues

Writing Tips V

- Ethics
 - Interviews – say not just who but how (e.g. will transcribe, use Nvivo)
 - How you will store interview data
 - Open data vs privacy (GDPR)
- Risks
 - Think about a Plan B
 - Low-medium-high
 - Content vs tools (e.g. a change in political situation vs not understanding the language and therefore need to use an interpreter)
- Impact /Implementation
 - Don't overdo it with activities

Writing Tips VI

- Don't propose to do too much, narrow things down
 - You must be able to complete the project
- Find a catchy acronym
 - You will be using it for 2 (and more) years!
- First paragraph
 - Most important – must catch attention (e.g. a quote, “joke”), but also set the scene
- Abstract
 - Will be read first + Should summarize it all

Abstract

The objective of the EUSKOR project is twofold: firstly, to explore why the EU has so far been unwilling and incapable of becoming a credible political and security actor in North East (NE) Asia despite its declared intentions, trade power and experiences applicable for the region; secondly, to examine whether and how the EU could upgrade its political and security role in NE Asia by its increased strategic engagement on North Korea. The EUSKOR first examines the new ways in which the EU (and its Member States) can 'download' its foreign policy preferences and help reach denuclearization on the Korean peninsula and peace settlement between the ROK and DPRK (WP 1). Second, the EUSKOR project explores how by 'downloading' the EU's preferences and policies to the North Korean issue could the EU 'upload' an upgraded strategic standing in NE Asia (WP 2). Given the EU's push for free trade, particularly at the time of a growing American protectionism, WP2 also investigates whether and how the EU could better link its political and security interests with its trade leverage. The EUSKOR project's highly topical empirical findings are complemented by theory-building through looking at who/what drives EU foreign policy and why and whether diffusion of European ideas and policies could 'travel' beyond Europe, hence making the link between EU internal governance and EU foreign policy. Drawing on extensive series of semi-structured interviews to be conducted in Berlin and during short visits in NE Asian capitals, the EUSKOR project is cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary, informing at least three fields (international relations, comparative politics and political economy). The EUSKOR project is based at the Center for European Integration at Free University Berlin and supervised by Prof. Tanja Börzel, leading to a two-way knowledge and skills transfer as well as policy impact during dissemination through a think-tank secondment at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik.

Resources

- MSCA guide for applicants
- Former / current MSCA fellows
 - My contact details:
 - Tereza.Novotna@fu-berlin.de
- NCPs – both in CZ and in your host country
- EURAXESS office if outside of the EU (GF)
- Funding office at your host institution
- Facebook MSCA group (“Marie Curie Fellows Network”):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/30898102459/?ref=share>

My proposal

- 2 Thematic Work Packages – 1 year each
- Publications
 - 2 working (conference) papers, 2 academic papers, 2 policy papers (+ book proposal)
- Conferences
 - Organized: 1 workshop, 1 final conference
 - Presented: 5 alternative conferences / workshops
- Secondment – to a think tank (SWP)
- Research based on interviews during short trips

“Covid-19 Reality”

- „Risk Management“
- 1 Work Package (1st year), 2nd WP/year difficult
- 6 Publications (no book proposal)
 - 1 book chapter
 - 5 policy and working papers
- Conferences
 - Organized: final conference cancelled, 1 hybrid workshop
 - Presented: many more conferences, lectures, outreach events
- Secondment – cancelled
- Research trips – impossible since Jan 2020

Career steps after MSCA

- Since January 2021 – a new time-limited position at FU Berlin (Korean studies rather than European studies)
- A new 6 month grant by the Korea Foundation (second half of 2021)
- Career plans: DFG, ERC, permanent position

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Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un need the European Union

By Tereza Novotná, Alessandro Ford, May 3, 2019



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (second from left) chats with North Korea's Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho (center right) as the European Union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini (left), Philippine Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano (center behind), Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop (bottom right) and South Korea's Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha (top right) look on during the 51st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Ministerial Meeting (AMMM) in Singapore in August 2018. (Photo credit: MOH RASAFAN/APR/Getty Images)

Much ink has been spilled analyzing the surprising turn of events at the US-North Korea Hanoi summit in late February. Accounts differ as to what happened, or which side overstepped first with its demands. At a late-night post-summit press briefing, North Korea sought to make its position abundantly clear: It would give up the nuclear production facilities in the Yongbyon complex in exchange for the lifting of post-2016 UN sanctions. The United States, on the other hand, has insisted on complete denuclearization before giving in on any sanctions relief.

Echoing the Brexiters' mantra, many in the United States, including several Democrats in Congress, agreed with President Trump that "no deal is better than a bad deal." But maybe Trump walked away only because no one expected him to, possibly sending a signal to the Chinese that they, too, should budge on US demands unless they want to suffer a similar loss of face in the ongoing US-China trade talks.

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EU-Korea convergence and partnerships 10 years after the EU-Korea FTA, in the post Covid era and within the US-China trade war

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What EU-ROK Partnership within the US-China Conflict?

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Abstract

The chapter examines the ways in which the EU and South Korea can cope with the conflict between the US and China both as the result of a shorter-term Corona crisis and of previous underlying long-term trends. The chapter suggests that the EU should intensify cooperation with the Republic of Korea (ROK) as the key country in North East Asia which is in a similar situation of "being caught between the US and China". The chapter argues that the EU and ROK should: firstly, strengthen their Strategic Partnership, especially in the areas of common interest such as health, trade, digitalization, climate change and multilateralism; secondly, identify areas where the EU and ROK can pre-empt the Sino-American rivalry from escalating by coming up with joint proposals that would be acceptable both to the US and China (e.g. North Korea); and, thirdly, create a network of like-minded partners in South/South East Asia (e.g. ASEAN countries) and Asia-Pacific (e.g. New Zealand, Australia), particularly since most of these countries have also been successful in combatting Covid19.

Introduction

"...perhaps the best way is to see COVID-19 as the great accelerator of history. It strengthens trends that were already present before... everywhere we look we see increasing rivalries, especially between the US and China. The pressure to choose sides is growing. As EU, we should follow our own interests and values and avoid being instrumentalised by one or the other. We need a more robust strategy for China, which also requires better relations with the rest of democratic Asia. That's why we must invest more in working with India, Japan, South Korea et cetera."

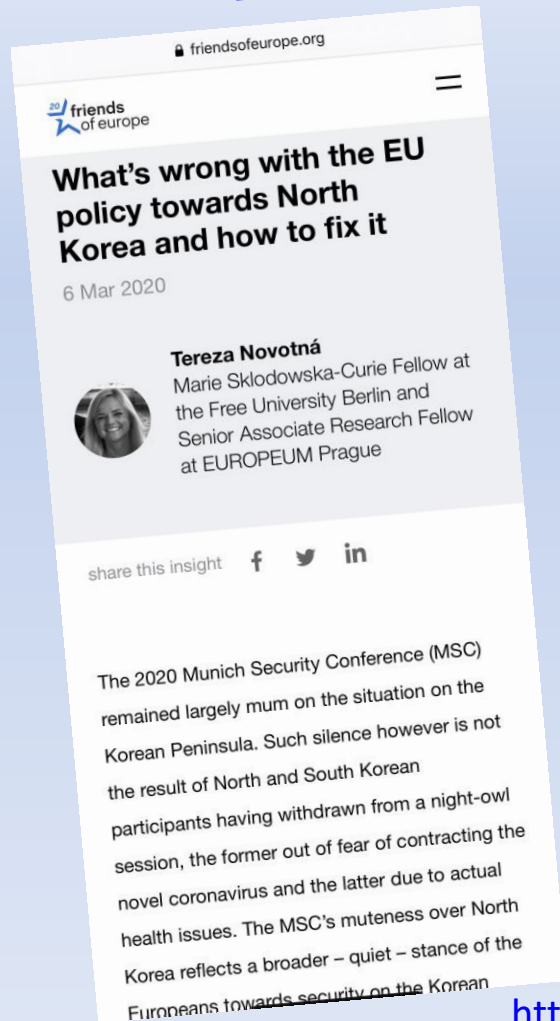
Josep Borrell, 25 May 2020

With these words, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs (HRVP) Josep Borrell outlined how he sees the long-term geopolitical challenges for the European Union (EU) that have not been brought about, but were reinforced by the Corona crisis when he greeted German ambassadors during their annual gathering in May 2020. HRVP Borrell, who is also Vice-President of what its

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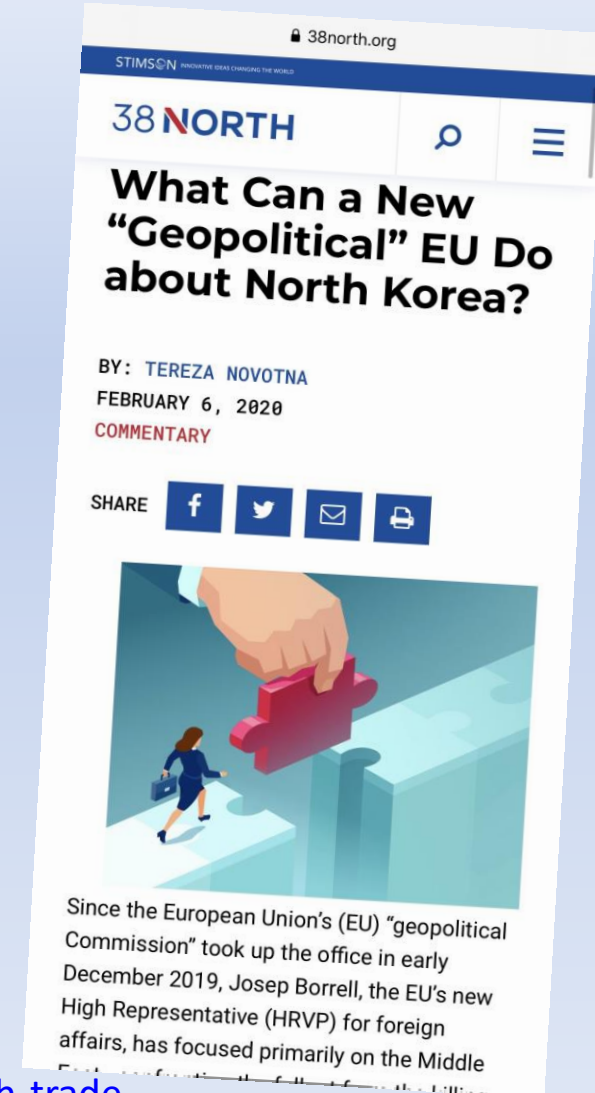
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