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Information Day on MSCA COFUND under Horizon Europe, 3 June 2021

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Objectives

- To familiarize participants with new rules under HE

- To guide them through award criteria and financial aspects

- To share with them experience of successful applicants

Speakers:

- **Zuzana Čapková**, MSCA NCP, Technology Centre CAS
- **Patricia Gautier** (project BIENVENÜE, Region Bretagne)
- **Caroline Kohlmann-Van Noord** (project LEaDing Fellows, TU Delft)

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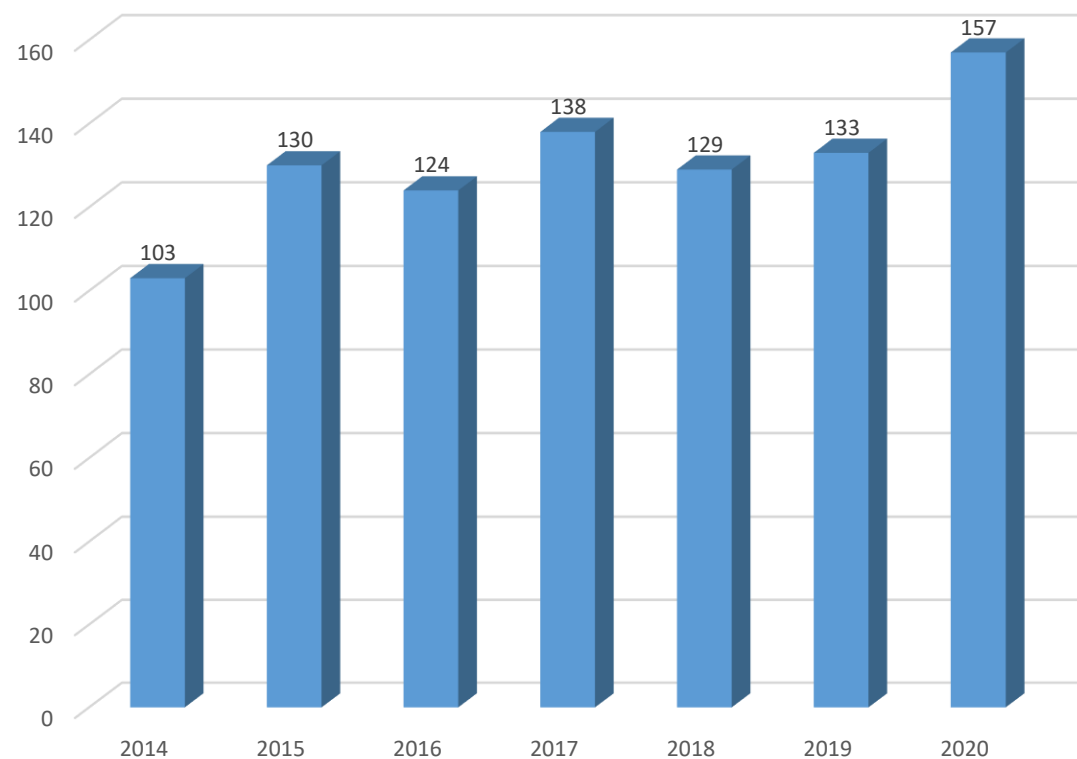Award criteria

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LESSONS LEARNT FROM MSCA COFUND UNDER H2020

Calls results

MSCA COFUND under Horizon 2020: Summary

COFUND submission evolution

MSCA-COFUND-2020 (overall results):
- 157 submitted proposals (↑ 24 compared to 2019)
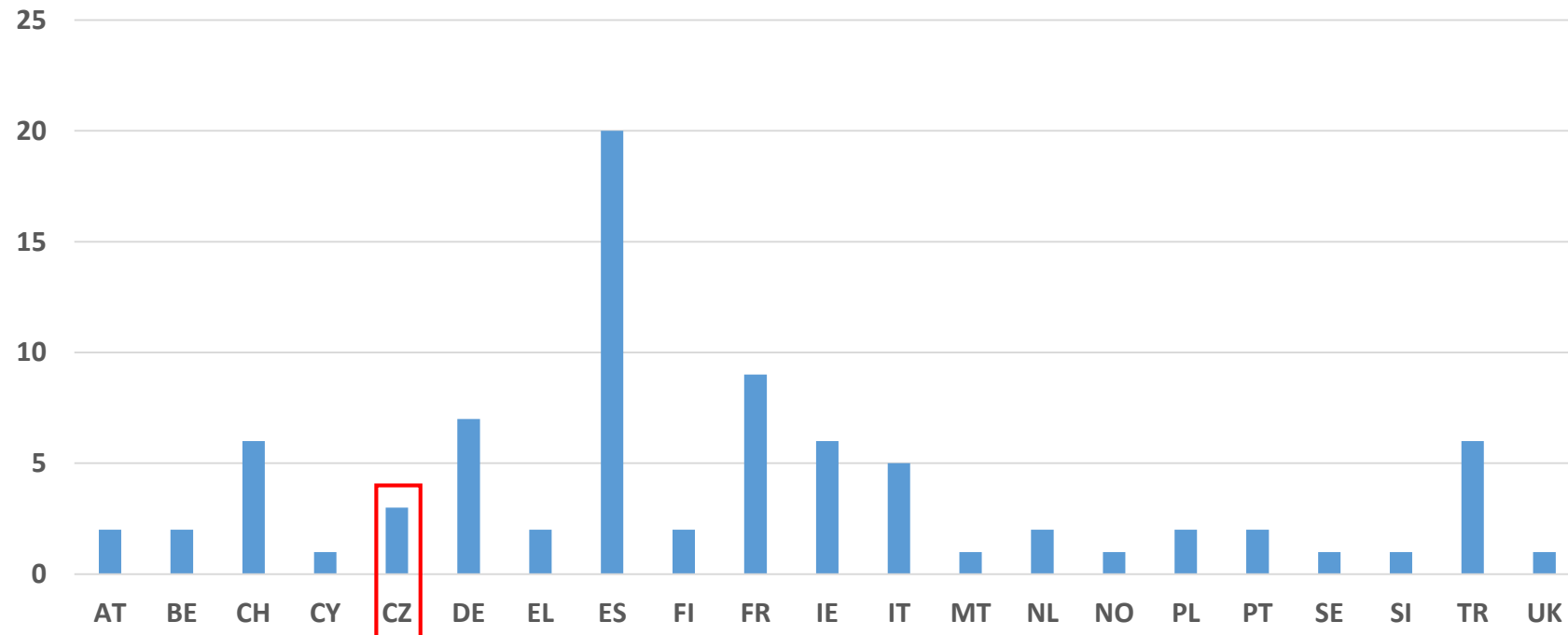- GA signed with 43
- Success rate: 29,0 %

MSCA-COFUND-2020 (CZ):
- 3 submitted proposals
- 1 on reserve list

COFUND 2020

Fellowship Programme – 82 eligible proposals
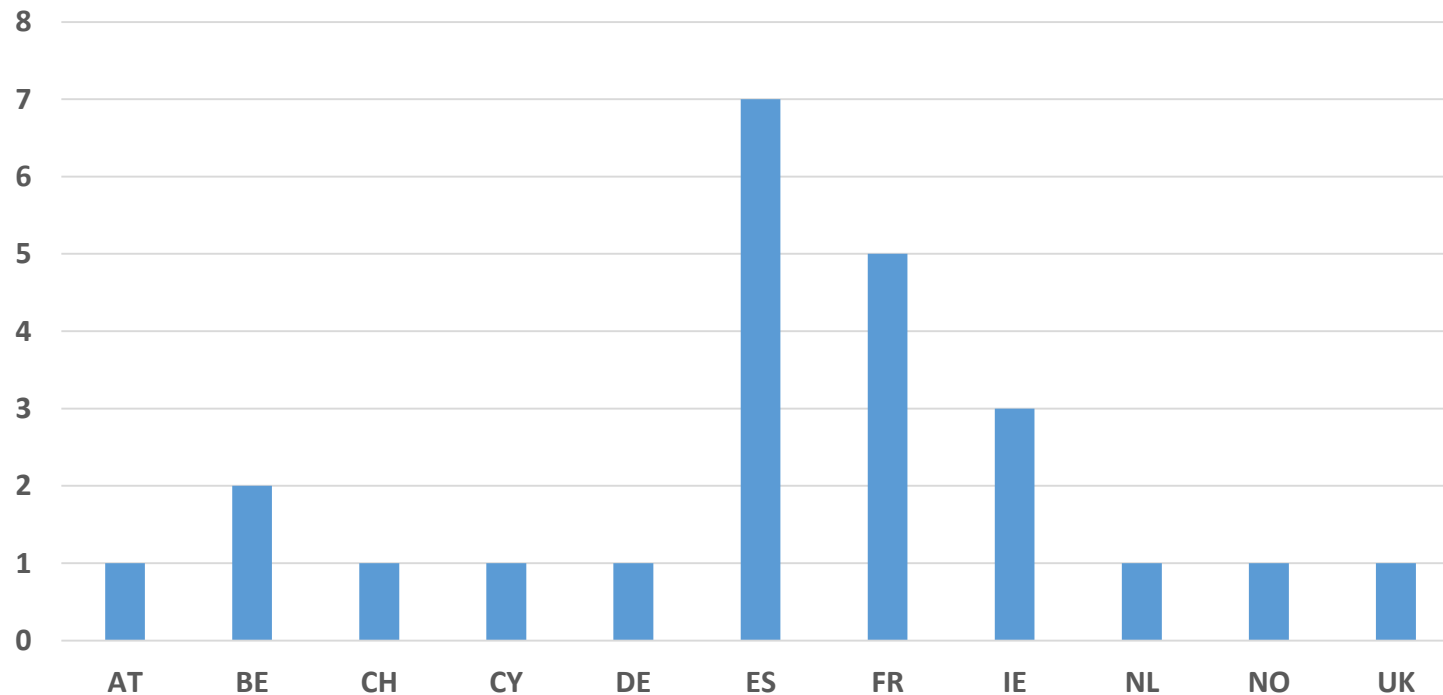Average requested budget: 2,69 mil. EUR

Number of proposals per country:

COFUND 2020

Fellowship Programme – 24 Main List proposals
Average requested budget: 2,49 mil. EUR
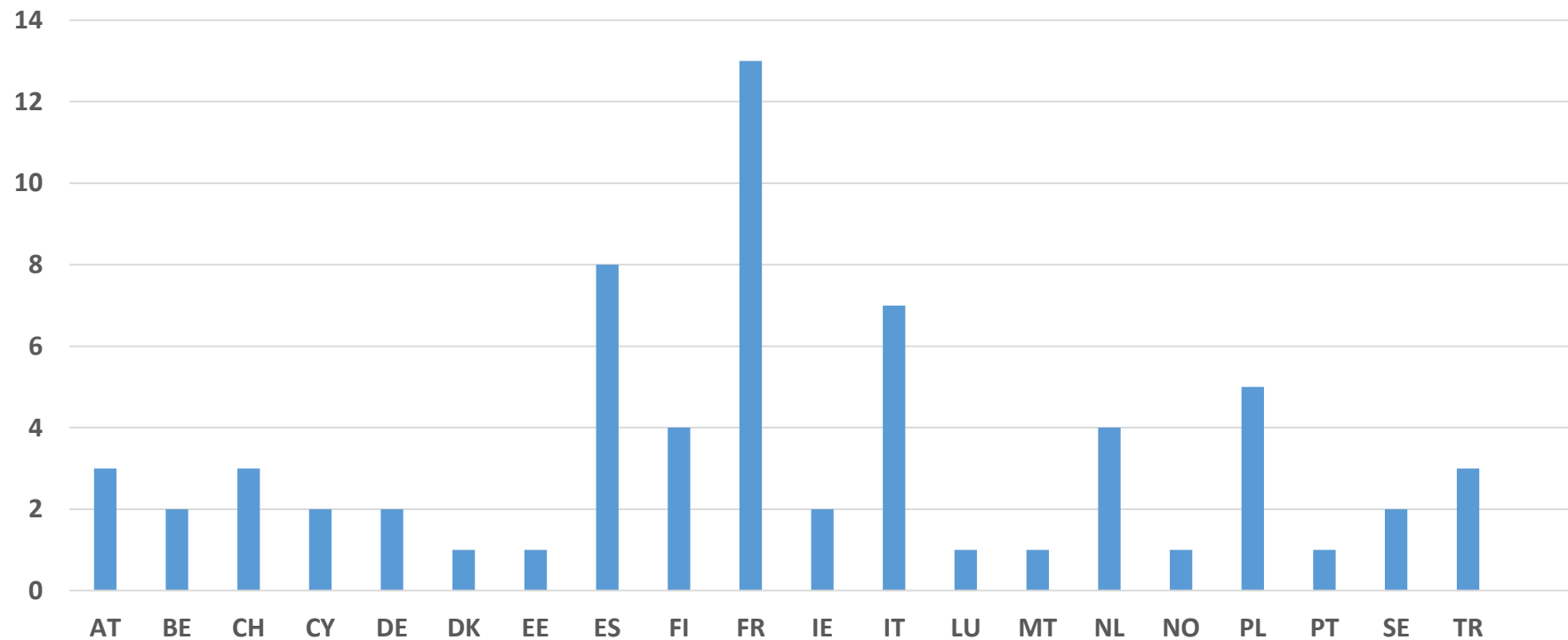
Number of succesful proposals per country

COFUND 2020

Doctoral Programme – 66 eligible proposals

Average requested budget: 2,32 mil. EUR
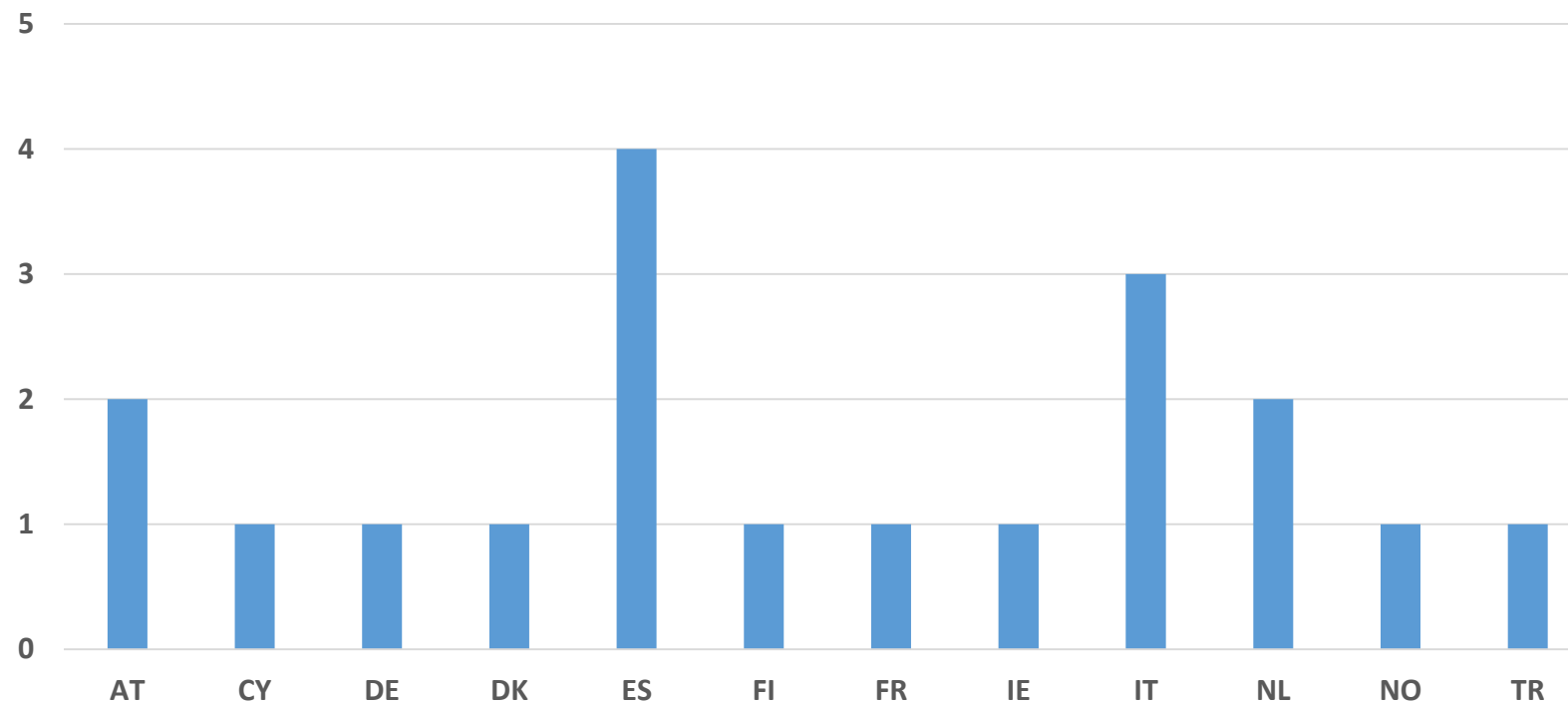
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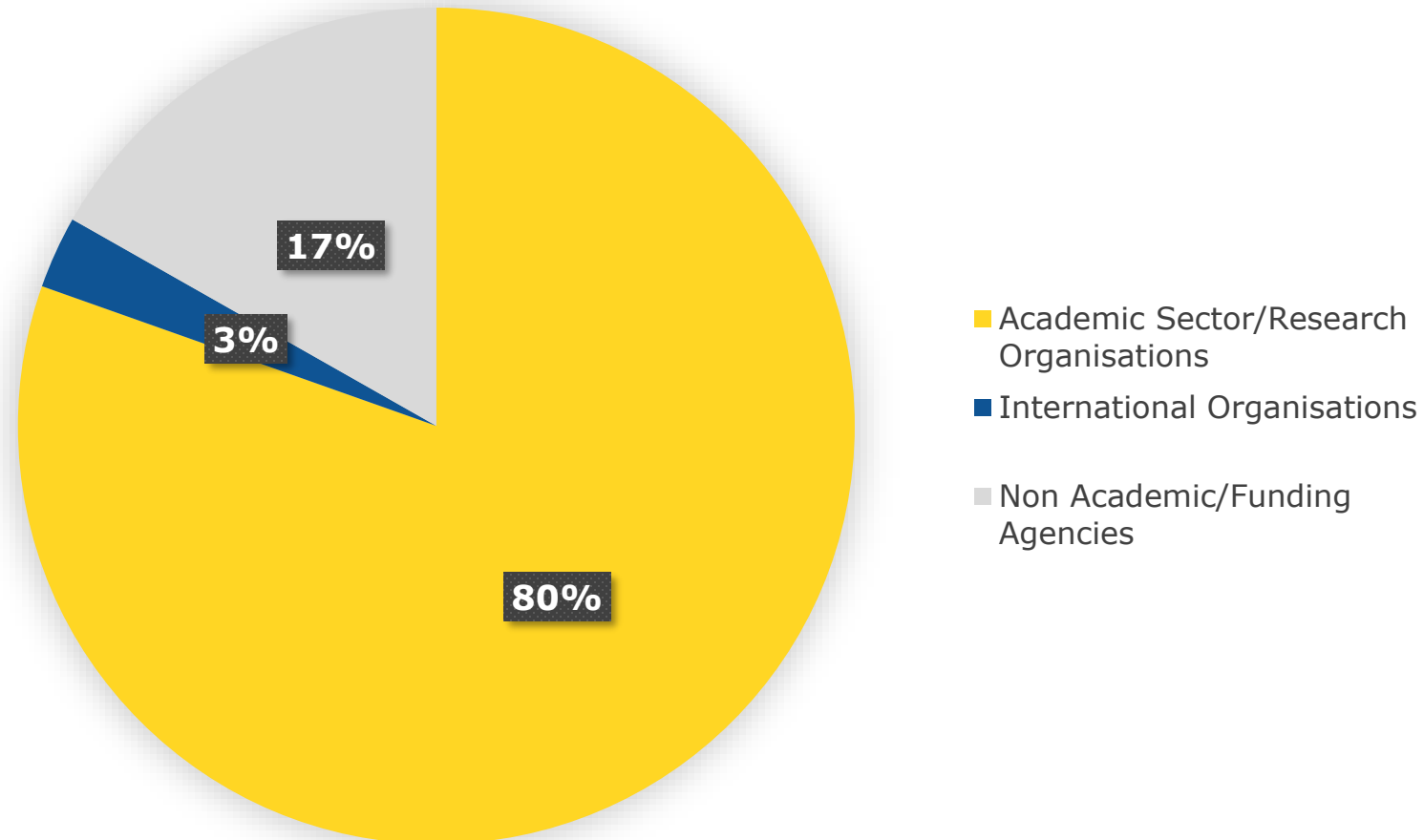
COFUND 2020

Doctoral Programme – 19 Main List proposals

Average requested budget: 2,04 mil. EUR

Number of successful proposals per country

COFUND UNDER H2020

Type of COFUND Beneficiaries

- Academic Sector/Research Organisations
- International Organisations
- Non Academic/Funding Agencies

80%
17%
3%

Czech participation in MSCA COFUND calls under H2020

Call	Number of submitted proposals
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2014	6
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2015	10
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2016	15
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017	7
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2018	1
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2019	2
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2020	3
Total	44

Action type	Number of submitted proposals
MSCA-COFUND-DP	18
MSCA-COFUND-FP	26

Institution	Role	Type of Action
Region of South Moravia	BENEFICIARY	Fellowship Programme
ELI-Beamlines	PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Doctoral Programme
Fyziologicky ustav AV CR	PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Doctoral Programme
Masarykova univerzita	PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Fellowship Programme
Ustav molekularni genetiky AV CR	PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Doctoral Programme
Number of funded projects	5	

Transition from Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe

Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)	Horizon Europe (2021-2027)	Who?
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)	Doctoral Networks (DN)	Doctoral Candidates
Individual Fellowships (IF)	Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)	Postdoctoral Researchers
Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges (RISE)	Staff Exchanges (SE)	Any type of research-related staff
Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)	COFUND (COFUND)	Doctoral Candidates, Postdoctoral Researchers
European Researchers' Night (NIGHT)	MSCA and Citizens (CITIZENS)	Public

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RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

Introduction on MSCA COFUND under HE
(2021-2027)

New Framework Programme (2021-2027)

MSCA support researchers' mobility, training and career development

MSCA COFUND: objectives

- Co-funding of new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowships

- Two types of programmes:

  — Doctoral Programmes (DP)

  — Fellowship Programmes (FP)

- Focus

  — Spreading best practices of MSCA

  — Recruitment of researchers at all stages of their career, of any nationality

  — International, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility

  — Excellence and sustainable (non-)research training

  — Encourage synergies with other Funds

Synergies with other Funds

- WP introduction:

  — *The MSCA promote the creation of strong links with the Cohesion policy funds and the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), notably by creating synergies through its COFUND action.*

New Enabling complementarities via awarding **Seal of Excellence** (85 %) certificate to proposals that exceed all of the evaluation thresholds, but cannot be funded due to lack of budget.

Who can apply?

- **Mono-beneficiary action:** single legal entity established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country

- **Implementing partners:** third parties receiving financial support from the beneficiary and implementing the MSCA COFUND Doctoral or Postdoctoral programmes, they can employ the researchers

- MSCA COFUND scheme provides funding for funders: programmes can be managed by a government ministry, regional authority, funding agency, university, research organisation, enterprise etc.

- **Co-funding** of max.**10 mil. EUR** per beneficiary per call

- **Duration of Programmes:** max. **60 months**

- **Recruitment** of min. **3 researchers**

Eligible researchers

- DP = Doctoral candidates
  - i.e. researchers without a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call, mandatory enrolment in a doctoral programme
- FP = Postdoctoral researchers
  - i.e. researchers with a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call, no scientific age restriction
- Recruitment
  - Min. 3 months
  - Via Euraxess
- Secondments
  - Up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration (PF with outgoing phase, 1/3 outgoing phase)
- Career Development Plan
  - To be jointly established by the supervisor and each recruited researcher upon recruitment, revised (and updated where needed) within 18 months

MSCA COFUND: calls

- Calls:
  - **2021:** 12 October 2021 – 10 February 2022 (budget: 89 mil. EUR)
  - **2022:** 11 October 2022 – 9 February 2023; (budget: 95 mil. EUR)

- No restrictions of resubmissions will apply
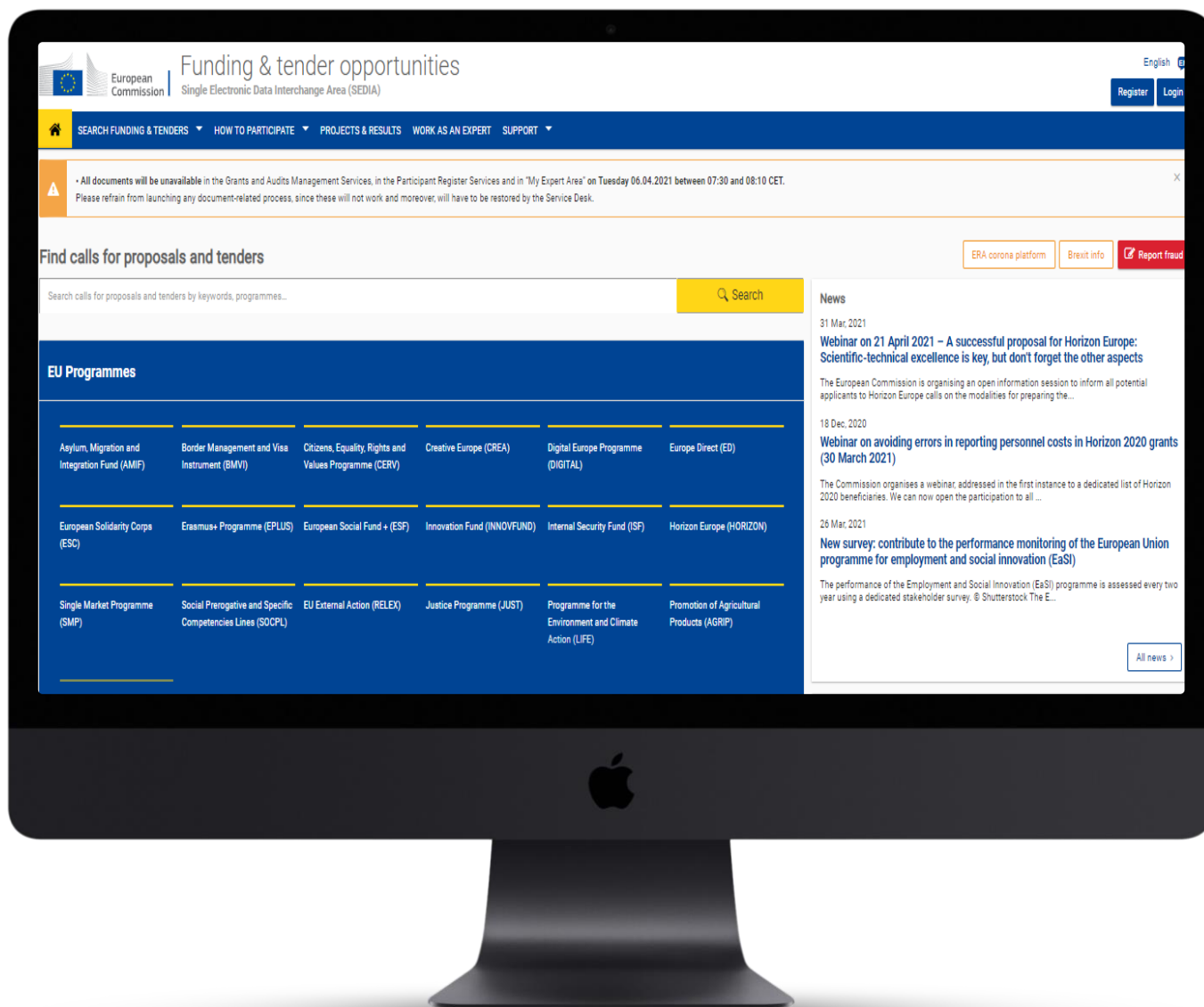
Funding & Tender Opportunities

Portal for applicants to the EU programmes:

- Information on calls

- Supporting documents, manuals

- Partner search

- Dashboard

- Experts: you can register to get experience as evaluator!!

- Support

- https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/

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AWARD CRITERIA

Excellence, Impact and Implementation

Award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and novelty of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities, the gender dimension and other diversity aspects) and quality and attractiveness of the appointment conditions, including competitiveness of the salary for the standards of the hosting countries	Strengthening human resources good practices at institutional, regional, national or international level, in particular through aligning the practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, management structures, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Quality and novelty of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, inter-sectorality and level of international mobility. Quality of open science practices	Credibility of the proposed measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of researchers and contribution to their skills development	Quality and capacity of the host institution(s) and participating organisations (where appropriate), including hosting arrangements and extent to which they bring together the necessary expertise to successfully implement the research training programme
Quality, novelty and pertinence of the research training programme (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary, inter-sectoral and gender as well as other diversity aspects)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise the expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
Quality, novelty and pertinence of the supervision, career guidance and career development arrangements		
50%	**30%**	**20%**
Weighting		

- 3 award criteria
- Each criterion scored out of 5
- Weighting factor
- Proposals scoring equal to or above 70% considered for funding

Award criteria

Horizon 2020 (2 raking lists – DP and FP)

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

Horizon Europe (1 ranking list only)

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Excellence

Horizon 2020

- **Quality of the selection/recruitment process for the researchers** (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities)

- **Quality of the research options offered by the programme** in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility

- **Quality of career guidance and training**, including supervision arrangements, training in transferable skills

Horizon Europe

- Quality and novelty of **the selection / recruitment process for the researchers** (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities, the gender dimension and other diversity aspects) and quality and attractiveness of the **appointment conditions, including competitiveness of the salary** for the standards of the hosting countries

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Impact

Horizon 2020

- Enhancing the **potential and future career prospects of researchers; strengthening human resources** on regional, national or international level

- Aligning **practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation**

- Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and **disseminate** the results

- Quality of the proposed measures to **communicate** the results to different target audiences

Horizon Europe

- Strengthening human resources good practices at institutional, regional, national or international level, in particular through aligning the practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation

- Credibility of the proposed measures to **enhance the career perspectives** and employability of researchers and contribution to their skills development

- Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise the expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities

Implementation

Horizon 2020

- Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan

- Appointment conditions of researchers

- Competence of the participant to implement the programme

Horizon Europe

- Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, management structures, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages

- Quality and capacity of the host institution(s) and participating organisations (where appropriate), including hosting arrangements and extent to which they bring together the necessary expertise to successfully implement the research training programme

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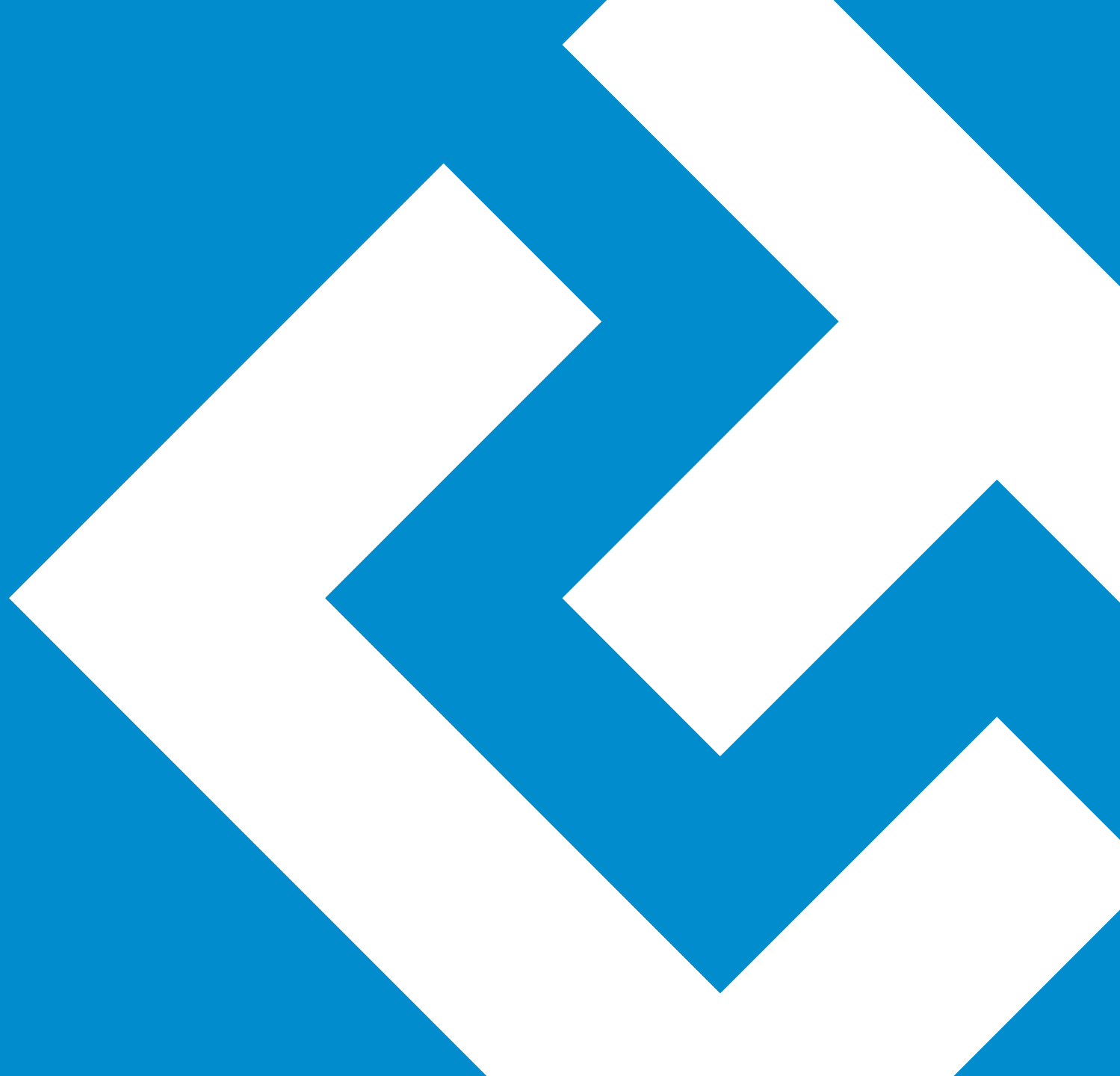
FUNDING

Horizon 2020

- EU contribution to cover living allowances for researchers and management costs

- **Costs other** than living allowance and management (such as research costs, travel and mobility allowances, overheads) **may be funded through other resources** including EU programmes other than H2020 (e.g. ESIF)

Horizon Europe

- The EU contribution can be used to support any cost items of the programme (remuneration costs, mobility costs, family costs, research, training and networking costs, management and indirect costs)

- **Individual cost items may be fully or partially funded through other resources** including EU programmes other than Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe, such as the Cohesion policy funds, provided that double-funding is avoided

FUNDING

Horizon 2020

Researcher category	EU contribution to living allowance for researchers recruited under an employment contract (EUR/person-month)	Beneficiary contribution to [living allowance + mobility allowance] for researchers recruited under an employment contract (EUR/ person-month)
Early-Stage Researchers (ESR)	1 935	minimum 774
Experienced Researchers (ER)	2 740	minimum 1 096

- Minimum amounts for monthly living + mobility allowances:
- ESR: 2709 EUR
- ER: 3836 EUR

+ **Institutional Unit costs:** 325 EUR / person-month

Horizon Europe

Contributions for recruited researchers and institutional contributions		
Per person-month		

	COFUND allowance	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)
Doctoral Programmes	EUR 2 800	EUR 2 800 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit[1] x (1/number of months)
Postdoctoral Programmes	EUR 3 980	EUR 3 980 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit[1] x (1/number of months)

MSCA COFUND – Unit contributions

DECISION authorising the use of lump sum contributions and unit contributions for MSCA under HE

Contributions for recruited researchers and institutional contributions		
Per person-month		
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Postdoctoral Programmes — EUR 3 980	EUR 3 980 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit[1] x (1/number of months)

BUDGET CATEGORIES

New COFUND ALLOWANCE

— the EU contribution covers **minimum remuneration** (70% living + mobility allowances of researchers funded under MSCA Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships) and can be used more **flexibly**

New LONG-TERM LEAVE ALLOWANCE

— contributes to the personnel costs incurred by the beneficiaries in case of the researchers' leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave, longer than 30 consecutive days.

New SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

— Additional costs for the acquisition of special needs items and services for fellows with disabilities, e.g. assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel or transportation costs.

— The pre-defined categories are as follows: EUR 3 000, EUR 4 500, EUR 6 000, EUR 9 500, EUR 13 000, EUR 18 500, EUR 27 500, EUR 35 500, EUR 47 500 and EUR 60 000

Other useful information

Technology Centre CAS
National Information Centre for European Research

Participation statistics and analysis

Trainings, workshops, information days

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Support to public authorities

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Consultations

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Publications
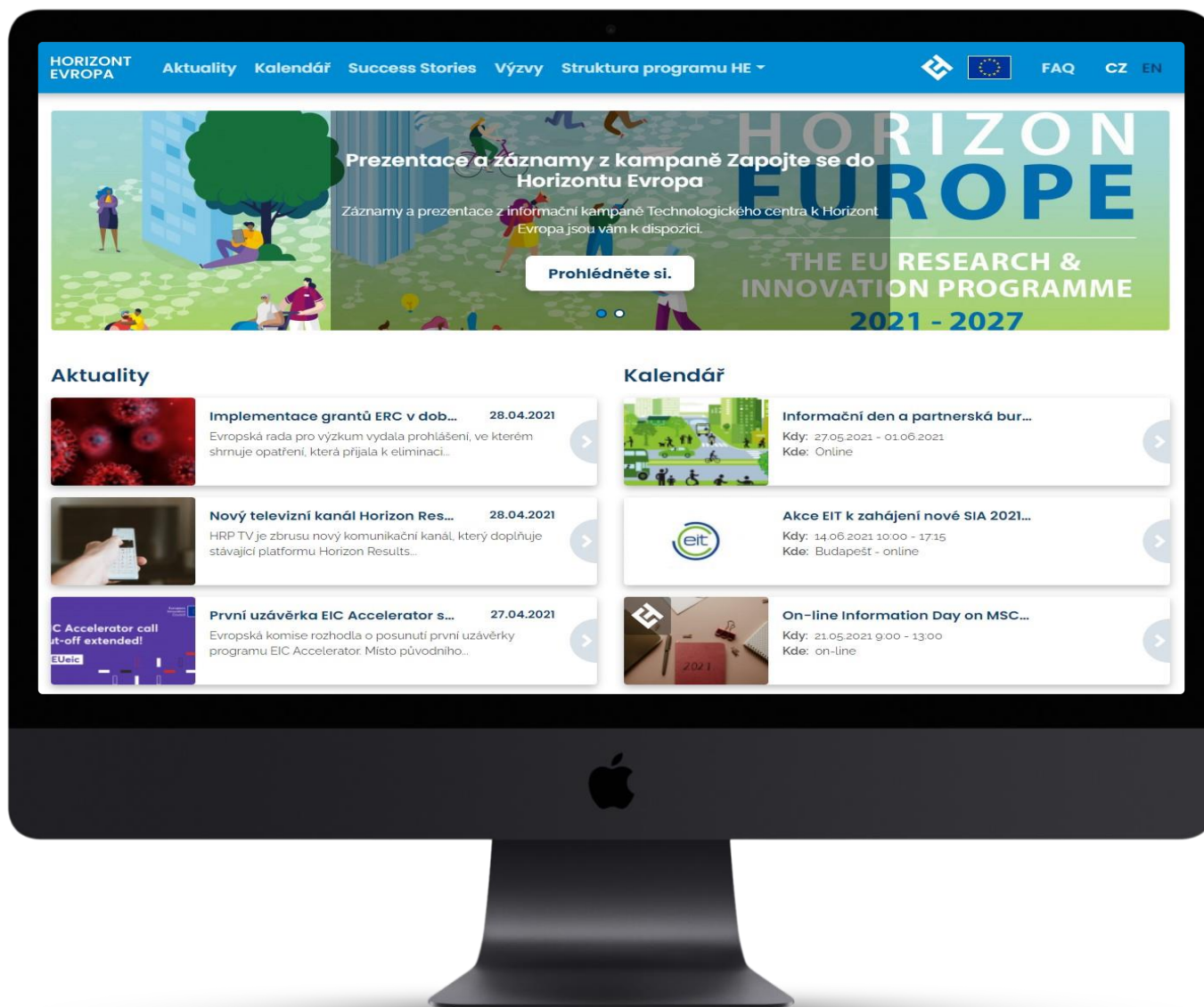
National Portal Horizon Europe

New webpage (Czech/English version)

horizontevropa.cz

- News
- Calendar
- Success stories
- Calls
- Newsletter (subscribe)
- **MSCA under Excellent Science**

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National support to MSCA applicants

Information events:

- **National Information Day** (this year within the campaign Join HE, 8 March 2021)
- **Information Days on specific Action**
- **Applicants´ workshops** (intensive training in proposal writing)
- Events on demand, specific trainings

- Brochure on MSCA to be updated in summer (Vademecum)
- Individual consulting and proposal pre-screening (non-scientific issues), e-mails, phone calls, personal/virtual meetings
- → **Collaboration with key stakeholders:** Marie Curie fellows and evaluators …
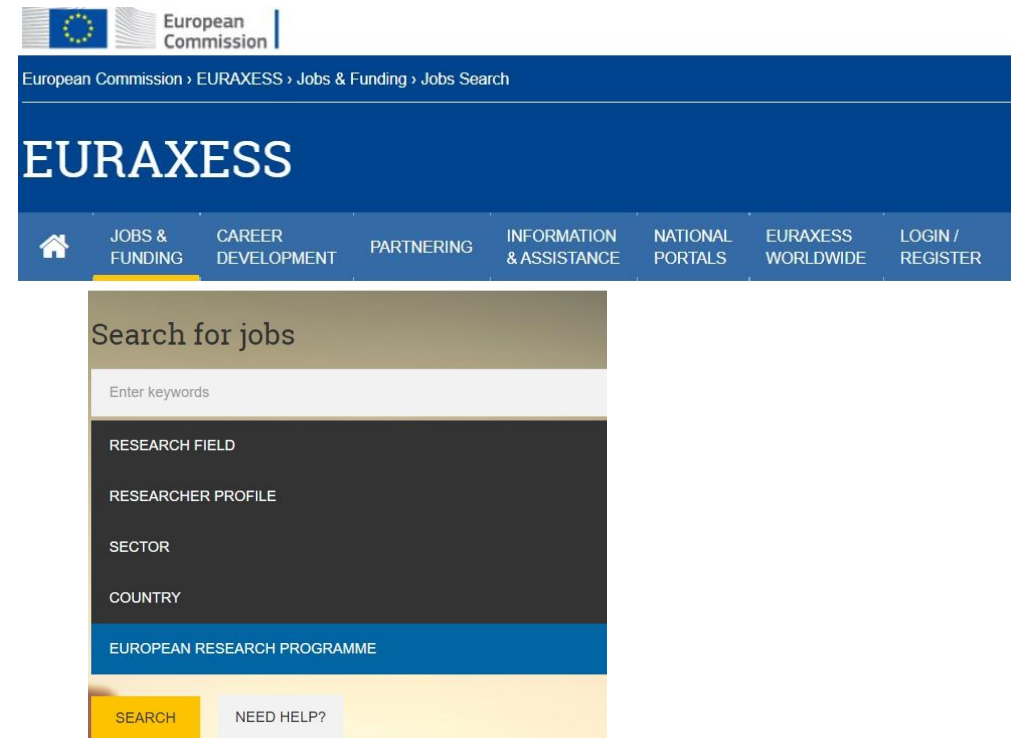
Planned events – INVITATION

Date	Venue	Event*
8 March 2021	on-line	Národní informační kampaň ZAPOJTE SE DO HORIZONTU EVROPA
23 March 2021	on-line	Infoday on MSCA under Horizon Europe – for the research community (by European Commission)
21 May 2021	on-line	Information day on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
2 June 2021	on-line	Information day on MSCA Doctoral Networks
3 June 2021	on-line	Information day on MSCA COFUND
24-25 June 2021	on-line	Module 6: Applicants´ workshop on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
September 2021	tbc	Applicants´ workshop on MSCA Staff Exchanges, 2. Networking setkání projektů MSCA RISE
October 2021	tbc	Applicants´ workshop on MSCA COFUND

* Titles according to the language of the event

USEFUL LINKS

- [Marie Curie Actions Website](#)
- [Research Executive Agency](#)
- [FTO Portal](#) (applications, documents)
- [CORDIS](#) (funded projects)
- [Net4Mobility+](#) (MSCA NCP project)
- [Euraxess Portal](#) (vacancies, COFUND Programmes)
- [Research Enquiry Service](#)
- [MSCA Green Charter](#)
- [Guidelines on Supervision](#)

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