INFORMATION DAY ON MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS: 2022 CALL

Date: 26 April 2022
9.00 am – 2 pm
Where: on-line

On-line Information Day on MSCA PF:
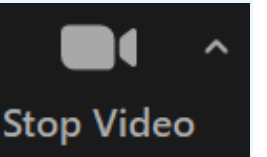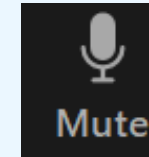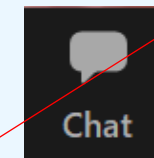Support of creative and innovative potential of postdoctoral researchers

Programme

- Introduction on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
  — Rules for participation
  — Financial aspects

- How should your proposal be structured?
  — Proposal creation and submission
  — Your CV and abstract, feasible and clear work plan

- *Lunch break (12:00-12:30)*

- How to write a competitive MSCA PF proposal?
  — Evaluation criteria
  — What to stress and what to avoid?

- Support to applicants

- Q&A sessions, discussion

Speakers

- Zuzana Šimek and Petra Fedorová, *MSCA and ERC NCP, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

- Lenka Chvojková, *Legal and Financial NCP, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Zuzana Šimek (Čapková), MSCA and ERC NCP
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Horizon Europe (2021-2027)

MSCA support researchers' mobility, training and career development

2022 Call

- **Opening**: 12 May 2022
- **Deadline**: 14 September 2022
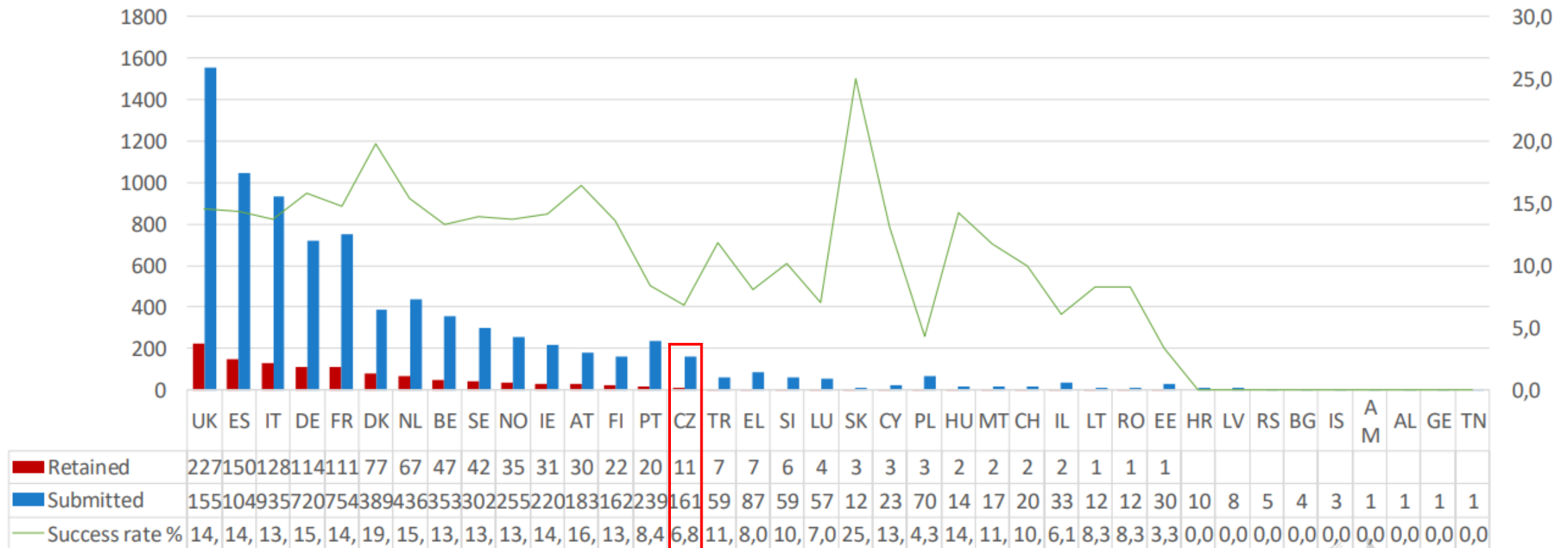- **Budget**: 257 million EUR

Key sources of information:
- Webpage of the Call MSCA-2022-PF
- Work Programme 2021-2022 (to be updated)
- Guide for Applicants (2021)
- Project proposal – Technical description (2021)

National support to MSCA applicants in 2022:
- 29 March: National Information Day on MSCA
- 26 April: Information Day on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
- 30-31 May: On-line workshop on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022 for applicants and their supervisors
- 24 August: Pre-screening deadline

Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF): 2021 Call

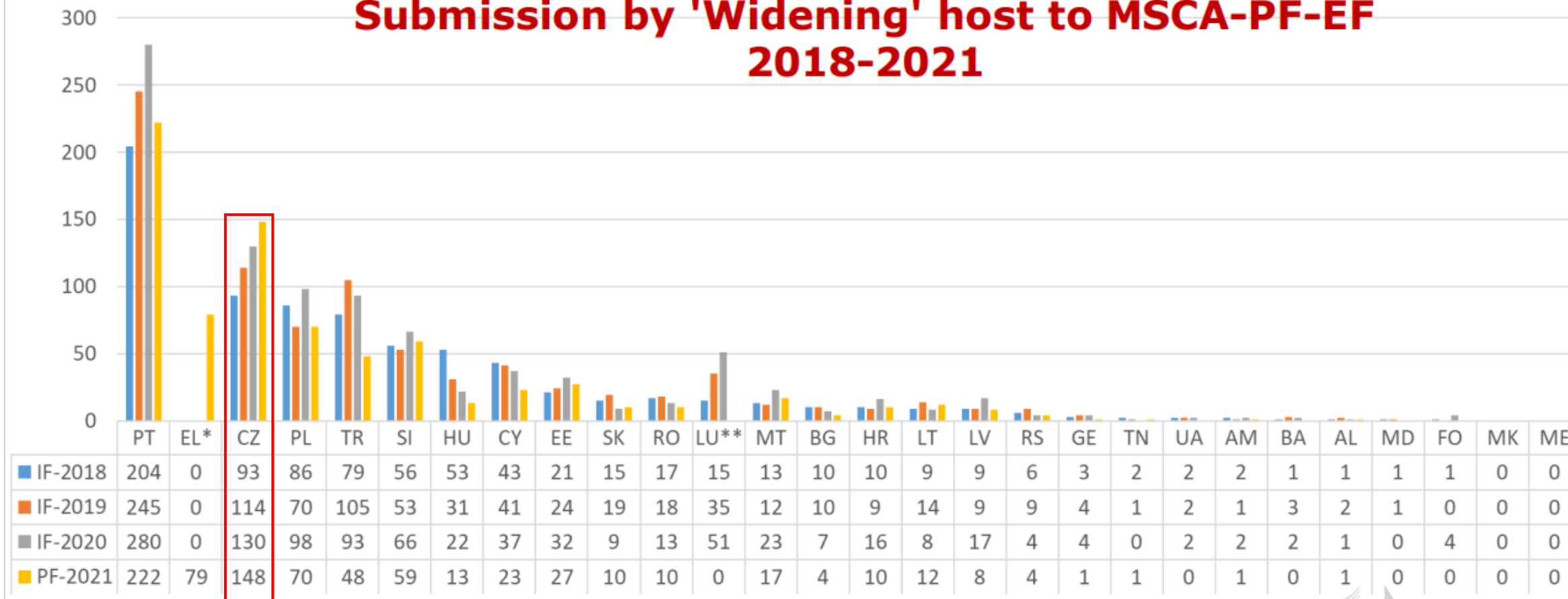## Submitted vs retained for funding proposals per country

	UK	ES	IT	DE	FR	DK	NL	BE	SE	NO	IE	AT	FI	PT	CZ	TR	EL	SI	LU	SK	CY	PL	HU	MT	CH	IL	LT	RO	EE	HR	LV	RS	BG	IS	AM	AL	GE	TN
Retained	227	150	128	114	111	77	67	47	42	35	31	30	22	20	11	7	7	6	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1									
Submitted	1551	1049	935	720	754	389	436	353	302	255	220	183	162	239	161	59	87	59	57	12	23	70	14	17	20	33	12	12	30	10	8	5	4	3	1	1	1	1
Success rate %	14,	14,	13,	15,	14,	19,	15,	13,	13,	13,	14,	16,	13,	8,4	6,8	11,	8,0	10,	7,0	25,	13,	4,3	14,	11,	10,	6,1	8,3	8,3	3,3	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0

Source: European Commision

ERA Fellowships: 2021 Call

Submission by 'Widening' host to MSCA-PF-EF 2018-2021

	PT	EL*	CZ	PL	TR	SI	HU	CY	EE	SK	RO	LU**	MT	BG	HR	LT	LV	RS	GE	TN	UA	AM	BA	AL	MD	FO	MK	ME
IF-2018	204	0	93	86	79	56	53	43	21	15	17	15	13	10	10	9	9	6	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
IF-2019	245	0	114	70	105	53	31	41	24	19	18	35	12	10	9	14	9	9	4	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	0	0
IF-2020	280	0	130	98	93	66	22	37	32	9	13	51	23	7	16	8	17	4	4	0	2	2	2	1	0	4	0	0
PF-2021	222	79	148	70	48	59	13	23	27	10	10	0	17	4	10	12	8	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

*EL new „Widening" country as of 2021   ** LU no longer „Widening" country as of 2021

Source: European Commision

Postdoctoral and ERA Fellowships: 2021 Call

Grants for 'Widening' countries under MSCA-PF and ERA-PF call 2021

Czechia:
Submitted projects: 165
Success rate (MSCA PF): 6,67 %
Success rate (MSCA PF + ERA Fellowships): 14,54 %

	PT	CZ	EL	SI	TR	PL	CY	MT	HU	SK	RO	ES**	EE	LT	HR	RS
MSCA-PF	20	11	7	6	7	3	3	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	0
ERA-PF	13	13	6	5	2	3	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	33	24	13	11	9	6	5	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
Increase thanks to ERA-PF	65%	118%	86%	83%	29%	100%	67%	50%	50%	0%	200%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
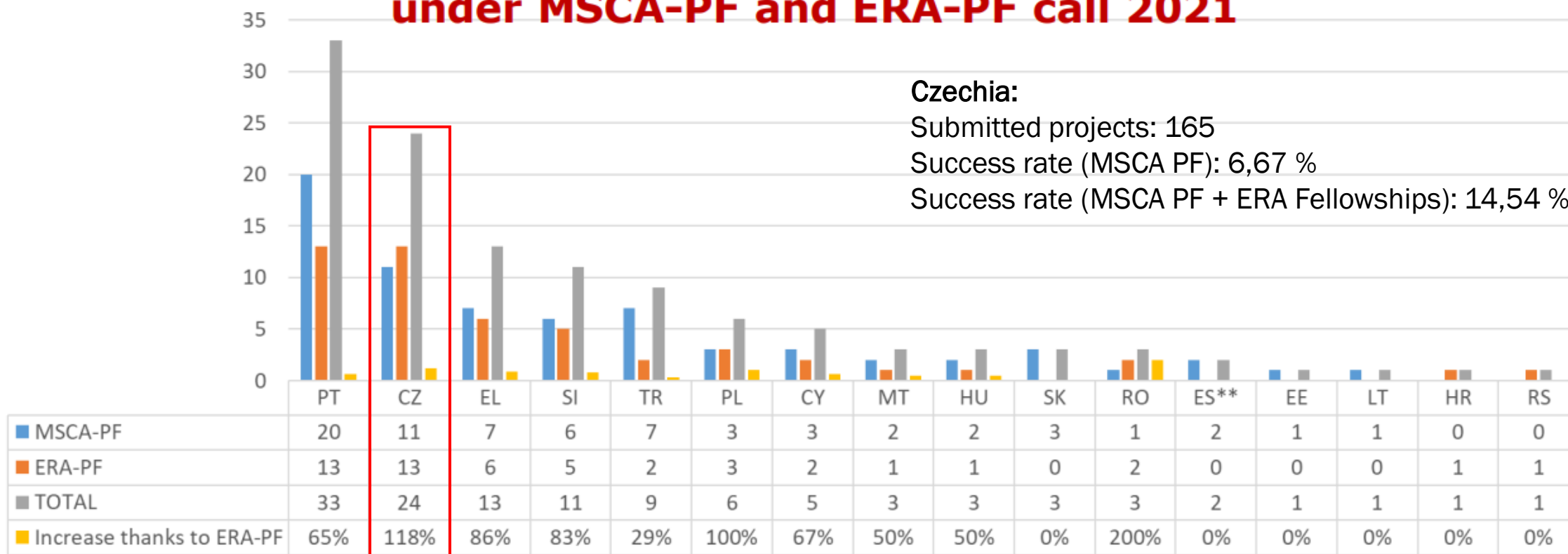
**ES (represented here as outermost region „Canary Islands")

Source: European Commision

MSCA-2020-PF: Cut-off scores

Cut off score for funding*	92,8	92,0	92,8	93,6	94,4	92,4	92,2	93,6	92,0	83,8	95,0	95,8	95,8	92,0	94,2	92,8
Score equal to or above	EF-CHE	EF-ECO	EF-ENG	EF-ENV	EF-LIF	EF-MAT	EF-PHY	EF-SOC	GF-CHE	GF-ECO	GF-ENG	GF-ENV	GF-LIF	GF-MAT	GF-PHY	GF-SOC
100	0,38%	0,00%	1,05%	0,56%	0,66%	1,84%	0,12%	0,92%	1,54%	0,00%	1,43%	0,84%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,58%
99	1,41%	0,00%	1,43%	1,34%	1,50%	3,68%	0,71%	1,91%	1,54%	0,00%	2,86%	3,36%	2,52%	0,00%	1,45%	2,03%
98	3,39%	0,81%	3,23%	3,01%	3,95%	4,29%	2,01%	3,88%	1,54%	0,00%	8,57%	7,56%	5,04%	7,69%	1,45%	4,36%
97	5,08%	3,25%	4,75%	5,47%	6,22%	7,36%	2,72%	5,79%	3,08%	0,00%	10,00%	9,24%	10,08%	7,69%	2,90%	6,40%
96	7,53%	6,50%	6,75%	7,25%	9,15%	8,59%	4,13%	8,25%	6,15%	0,00%	14,29%	14,29%	15,13%	7,69%	2,90%	9,30%
95	9,23%	6,50%	9,32%	9,82%	11,96%	9,20%	6,73%	10,65%	6,15%	0,00%	15,71%	21,85%	18,49%	7,69%	7,25%	11,34%
94	11,02%	8,13%	11,60%	12,61%	15,31%	9,82%	9,21%	12,87%	7,69%	0,00%	18,57%	25,21%	21,85%	7,69%	17,39%	13,95%
93	13,65%	10,57%	13,50%	16,07%	19,08%	12,88%	11,92%	15,83%	13,85%	0,00%	24,29%	27,73%	26,89%	7,69%	23,19%	15,99%
92	16,10%	15,45%	15,68%	19,98%	22,13%	15,34%	14,76%	18,90%	16,92%	11,11%	30,00%	31,93%	31,09%	15,38%	27,54%	17,44%
91	18,83%	16,26%	18,54%	23,44%	24,58%	17,79%	18,06%	21,80%	24,62%	11,11%	32,86%	33,61%	32,77%	15,38%	36,23%	21,22%
90	20,90%	16,26%	20,44%	27,34%	27,63%	22,70%	21,61%	23,95%	30,77%	11,11%	37,14%	36,13%	35,29%	15,38%	43,48%	22,67%
89	23,73%	17,89%	22,43%	29,91%	31,04%	28,22%	25,62%	26,29%	33,85%	11,11%	38,57%	39,50%	39,50%	15,38%	46,38%	25,87%
88	26,18%	18,70%	24,81%	32,48%	33,79%	29,45%	29,16%	28,45%	36,92%	11,11%	40,00%	42,86%	43,70%	23,08%	50,72%	29,07%
87	28,15%	23,58%	27,47%	35,94%	36,78%	32,52%	32,35%	30,85%	38,46%	11,11%	41,43%	46,22%	44,54%	30,77%	50,72%	31,10%
86	31,73%	25,20%	30,42%	39,17%	39,29%	36,20%	34,12%	32,82%	40,00%	11,11%	45,71%	51,26%	45,38%	38,46%	52,17%	32,56%
85	34,46%	27,64%	32,70%	41,52%	41,93%	38,65%	38,72%	34,85%	44,62%	11,11%	48,57%	53,78%	47,90%	53,85%	60,87%	35,76%
84	37,29%	31,71%	34,89%	44,08%	45,16%	42,94%	42,15%	37,32%	50,77%	11,11%	51,43%	57,98%	49,58%	53,85%	62,32%	37,21%
83	40,30%	33,33%	36,88%	45,76%	47,73%	45,40%	45,57%	39,66%	52,31%	22,22%	55,71%	60,50%	52,94%	53,85%	66,67%	40,12%
82	44,16%	36,59%	39,26%	49,55%	50,30%	47,85%	49,23%	42,36%	56,92%	22,22%	57,14%	64,71%	54,62%	61,54%	66,67%	43,60%
81	46,89%	39,84%	42,21%	53,46%	53,23%	53,99%	52,54%	45,38%	60,00%	22,22%	57,14%	66,39%	62,18%	61,54%	68,12%	46,80%
80	49,62%	44,72%	43,82%	56,81%	55,68%	55,21%	55,73%	47,17%	60,00%	33,33%	58,57%	68,91%	68,07%	61,54%	72,46%	49,13%
79	52,92%	47,15%	47,15%	58,26%	58,37%	59,51%	58,80%	49,88%	60,00%	44,44%	62,86%	70,59%	69,75%	61,54%	73,91%	50,87%
78	56,03%	49,59%	48,95%	60,83%	61,18%	61,96%	61,39%	52,22%	60,00%	55,56%	64,29%	73,11%	70,59%	76,92%	75,36%	53,20%
77	59,23%	52,03%	50,86%	62,72%	64,35%	66,26%	64,58%	54,68%	63,08%	55,56%	67,14%	77,31%	73,95%	76,92%	79,71%	55,52%
76	62,24%	54,47%	52,95%	64,73%	67,17%	67,48%	66,71%	56,65%	64,62%	55,56%	71,43%	79,83%	75,63%	76,92%	81,16%	57,56%
75	63,75%	56,10%	55,13%	66,74%	69,20%	71,78%	68,71%	59,11%	64,62%	55,56%	72,86%	80,67%	76,47%	84,62%	82,61%	59,59%
74	65,82%	59,35%	57,32%	67,86%	70,93%	73,01%	70,96%	60,78%	69,23%	55,56%	74,29%	82,35%	77,31%	84,62%	82,61%	61,34%
73	67,89%	61,79%	59,41%	69,08%	72,19%	74,23%	73,67%	62,68%	70,77%	55,56%	78,57%	83,19%	79,83%	84,62%	84,06%	63,08%
72	69,77%	62,60%	61,69%	70,76%	73,86%	76,07%	75,80%	64,22%	72,31%	66,67%	80,00%	83,19%	81,51%	84,62%	86,96%	65,70%
71	71,94%	65,85%	63,78%	72,21%	75,42%	77,91%	77,69%	65,52%	75,38%	66,67%	81,43%	84,87%	84,03%	84,62%	88,41%	66,28%
70	74,11%	68,29%	65,40%	74,44%	77,27%	79,75%	79,46%	67,67%	76,92%	66,67%	82,86%	87,39%	85,71%	84,62%	88,41%	69,77%
Percentage of proposals below threshold (<70)	25,89%	31,71%	34,60%	25,56%	22,73%	20,25%	20,54%	32,33%	23,08%	33,33%	17,14%	12,61%	14,29%	15,38%	11,59%	30,23%

Postdoctoral and ERA Fellowships: 2021 Call in Czechia

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Host Institution	Number of projects
Fyzikální ústav AV ČR	3
Univerzita Karlova	2
Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci	2
Vysoké učení technické v Brně	2
Česká zemědělská univerzita v Praze	1
Masarykova univerzita	1
Total number	**11**

ERA Fellowships

Host Institution	Number of projects
Masarykova univerzita	2
Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci	2
Vysoká škola chemicko-technologická v Praze	2
Vysoké učení technické v Brně	2
Biotechnologický ústav AV ČR	1
Fyzikální ústav AV ČR	1
Mikrobiologický ústav AV ČR	1
Národní ústav duševního zdraví	1
Univerzita Karlova	1
Total number	**13**

Only two types of fellowships

EUROPEAN POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Member State (MS)
Associated Country (AC)

- For fellows coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe (MS/AC)

- Duration 12-24 months

  ERA Fellowships (in Widening Countries)

GLOBAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS
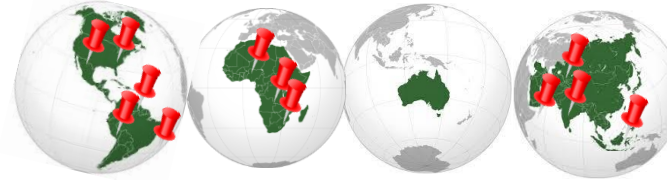
Third Country (TC)

- For fellows from Europe going to third countries (12-24 months) = **outgoing phase** and returning to Europe (12 months), transfer of knowledge through a **return phase** to Europe is mandatory
- Total duration 24-36 months

Associated Countries (AC):
Already associated: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey
Association negotiations in progress: Albania, Armenia, Faroe Islands, Kosovo, Morocco, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Typical Postdoctoral Fellowship

- **Individual research project**: training-through-research under direct supervision of a senior colleague
- **Target group:**
  - Young generation of postdocs
  - Can be used as career restart grant: to be well explained in the Impact criterion (Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development)
  - Can be used as reintegration grant by those who want to move back to their country of origin after their studies/work abroad (to be well explained in the proposal)
- Emphasis on **international, intersectoral (academic and non-academic) and interdisciplinary cooperation**
- **Two-way transfer of knowledge** between researcher and host
- **Hands on training**: scientific skills (new techniques, instruments, etc.) and transferable skills (proposal preparation, patent applications, management of IPR, gender issues, Open Science, etc.)
- Optional stays **(secondments)** outside the host institution
- **Dissemination activities** aimed at communicating research results with peers
- **Communication (outreach) activities** aimed at creating awareness among the general public about the project

Research areas and participating organisations

Research areas
- All scientific fields (bottom-up)
- Including areas of research covered by the Euratom Programme 2021-2025
- You need to select only one out of 8 scientific areas (panels) in your proposal:

CHE Chemistry	SOC Social Sciences and Humanities	ECO Economic Sciences	ENG Information Science and Engineering	ENV Environmental and Geosciences	LIF Life Sciences	MAT Mathematics	PHY Physics
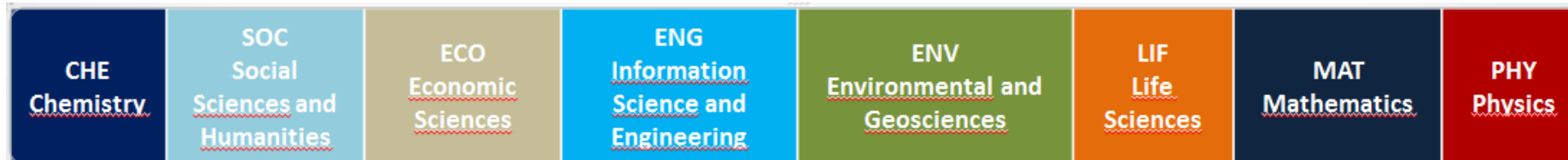
Participating organisations (mono-beneficiary action)
- **Beneficiary:** institutions in an EU Member State (MS) or HE Associated country (AC), from academic and non-academic sector
- **Associated partners:** institutions involved in the project during outgoing phase of GF or secondments, incl. third countries
- Specific eligibility criteria for PFs supported by Euratom: legal entity established in an EU Member State or Euratom AC

- Academic sector
  — Public or private higher education establishments, public or private non-profit research organisations, International European Research Organisations
- Non-academic sector
  — Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector

Possible roles

	Beneficiary (EU/AC)	Associated partner (GF, secondment)
Signs grant agreement	✔️	❌
Recruits researchers	✔️	❌
Trains/hosts researchers on secondment	✔️	✔️
Directly claims costs	✔️	❌

- **Letter of commitment** – associated partner hosting the outgoing phase in GF or associated partner hosting the additional placement in the non-academic sector
- **Partnership Agreement** – beneficiary is encouraged to sign PA with associated partners to regulate the internal relationship between all participating organisations

GF: additional employment contract with the researcher can be concluded in order to ensure adequate medical/social insurance

Eligibility conditions

- **Researchers of any nationality** (Global Fellowships: nationals or long-term residents of MS or HE/Euratom AC)
  - long-term residents: continuous residence in MS/AC of at least 5 consecutive years. Periods of absence from the territory of EU/AC will be taken into account for the calculation of this period where they are shorter than six consecutive months and do not exceed in total ten months within this period.

- **Postdoctoral researchers: in possession of PhD** at the call deadline (successfully defended doctoral thesis)

- **Research experience (full-time equivalent): maximum 8 years from date of award of the (first) doctoral degree** (with exceptions: career breaks, work outside research, research outside Europe for reintegrating researchers,...)

- **Mobility rule:** applicants must have not resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host institution (for European PFs) or the host institution for the outgoing phase (for Global PFs) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.

- **Part-time commitment** of at least 50 % working time can be **requested** for personal/family reasons or for professional reasons (creating a company, pursuing another research, project etc.) **during the implementation**, REA´s approval needed, at application phase plan your project with full-time commitment

- **Resubmission restrictions** applying <u>as of 2022</u> for applications receiving a score below 70 % in the previous call (same fellow, same supervisor and same host institution)

8-year research experience after PhD

This limit can be extended (in days) for the following reasons:

- **Maternity leave** (18 months – i.e. 548 days per child born after the PhD award date, or the exact duration of leave taken, whichever is longest)
- **Paternity leave** (exact duration per child born after the PhD award date)
- **Research in a non-associated third country** (only for nationals or long-term residents of MS/AC, wishing to reintegrate in Europe)
- **Compulsory national service**
- **Time spent not working in research** (also applies to part-time contracts)
- **Long term sick leave** (periods > 30 days)

- MSCA-PF: self-assessment tool – 8 years of research experience

- Short stays such as holidays and time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status under the Geneva Convention are not taken into account.

Secondments

- Worldwide in the academic or non-academic sector
- Must be meaningful and appropriate to the type of fellowship and research field
- It can be a single period or can be divided into shorter mobility periods. It can take place at one or more organisations, which can be located in the same country as the beneficiary
- Up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration, or outgoing phase of GF
- For GF, a maximum of three months can be spent at the start of the project at the beneficiary (or any other organisation), secondments cannot take place during the mandatory return period to the host organisation in EU/AC
- **No letter of commitment is required**
- In Part A: In "Call Specific Questions" complete all required information
- In Part B: The relevance and quality will be assessed by the evaluators

Additional non-academic placements

- Up to 6 months in a non-academia (duration of your project extended) in Europe
- Aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer
- Fellows recruited in the non-academic sector, such a placement must be implemented at a different non-academic host organisation established in EU/AC
- Integral part of the proposal, added-value for the project and for the career development of the researcher must be explained
- **A letter of commitment** from the European non-academic organisation **is required**
- In Part A: the associated partner must be encoded as a participating organisation
- In Part B: The relevance and quality will be assessed by the evaluators

ERA Fellowships

- For specific countries = Widening Countries

EU: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, **Czechia**, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia

AC (on condition of an association agreement): Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine

Outermost regions: Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Réunion, Mayotte Saint-Martin, The Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands

- Budget in 2022: 8 million EUR
- **No separate application or evaluation** – integral part of the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call application form (you indicate willingness to participate in this call in the "call specific question" section)
- Only for European Fellowships, Global Fellowships do not qualify
- Only proposals scoring over 70 % in the PF call will be considered
- Timing aligned with PF call

International Mobility of Researchers – Fellowships MSCA

- Operational Programme John Amos Comenius (OP JAC) 2021-2027
- Provider: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS)
- Proposals which obtained a high score in the MSCA PF call (at least 70 %) but were not funded under that call
- Support for arrivals to the Czech Republic and departures from the Czech Republic + newly Global Fellowships with return phase in Czechia
- First OP JAC MSCA PF call will be open also for proposals from MSCA IF Horizon 2020 calls from previous years
- Call to be opened in July/August

INTRODUCTION ON MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Financial aspects of MSCA PF

Budget structure

- **100 % reimbursement rate** – automatically calculated by the EC (Part A of the MSCA proposal) based on the duration of your fellowship

- **Simplified model for financing = unit contributions**

- What is the unit? 1 Person-month = 1 person working for 1 month FTE (full-time equivalent)

Contributions for the recruited researcher per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Long-term leave allowance	Special needs allowance	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions
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

Contributions for recruited researchers

Contributions for the recruited researcher per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
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Contributions for recruited researchers

- They have to be fully paid to the researcher

- LIVING ALLOWANCE

  — Paid to the researcher in his/her monthly salary

  — Super-gross figure (include all social and health contributions or taxes payed both by the employer and the employee) → the net amount will be lower

  — Adjusted through the country correction coefficient (in the Work Programme)

  — Applied according to your host institution; CZ - 79.1%

  — GF: outgoing phase = CCC of the country of the associated partner, return phase = CCC of the beneficiary

- MOBILITY ALLOWANCE

  — To cover costs incurred in relation to the researcher´s personal travel and accommodation costs (NOT: business trips, conference fees, etc., covered by research, training and networking contribution)

Contributions for recruited researchers

- **FAMILY ALLOWANCE**
  - Applicable to researchers with a family (persons linked to the researcher by mariage, or equivalent status, and dependent children)
  - accessible to all, even if their parental status changes during the duration of the project

- **LONG-TERM LEAVE ALLOWANCE**
  - contributes to the beneficiary's pay obligations related to researchers' leave, including maternity, paternity, parental, sick or special leave, longer than 30 consecutive days

- **SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE**
  - additional costs of staff members with disabilities (long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments), their participation in the action may not be possible without the acquisition of special needs items or services
  - 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

Institutional unit contributions

Contributions for the recruited researcher per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Long-term leave allowance	Special needs allowance	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions
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

Institutional unit contributions

- Their eligibility depends on the eligibility of researcher´s unit costs

- RESEARCH, TRAINING AND NETWORKING COSTS
  - Career development of the researcher, research expenses – e.g. conference fees, library fees, business trips, visa-related fees, etc.
  - Unused amounts may be used to the benefit of the researcher

- MANAGEMENT AND INDIRECT COSTS
  - For the beneficiary´s additional costs in connection with the action
  - Unused amounts may be used to the benefit of the researcher, but a consortium (GF) may redistribute the institutional costs according to their needs!

Budget transfers?

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RECRUITED RESEARCHERS

INSTITUTIONAL UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS
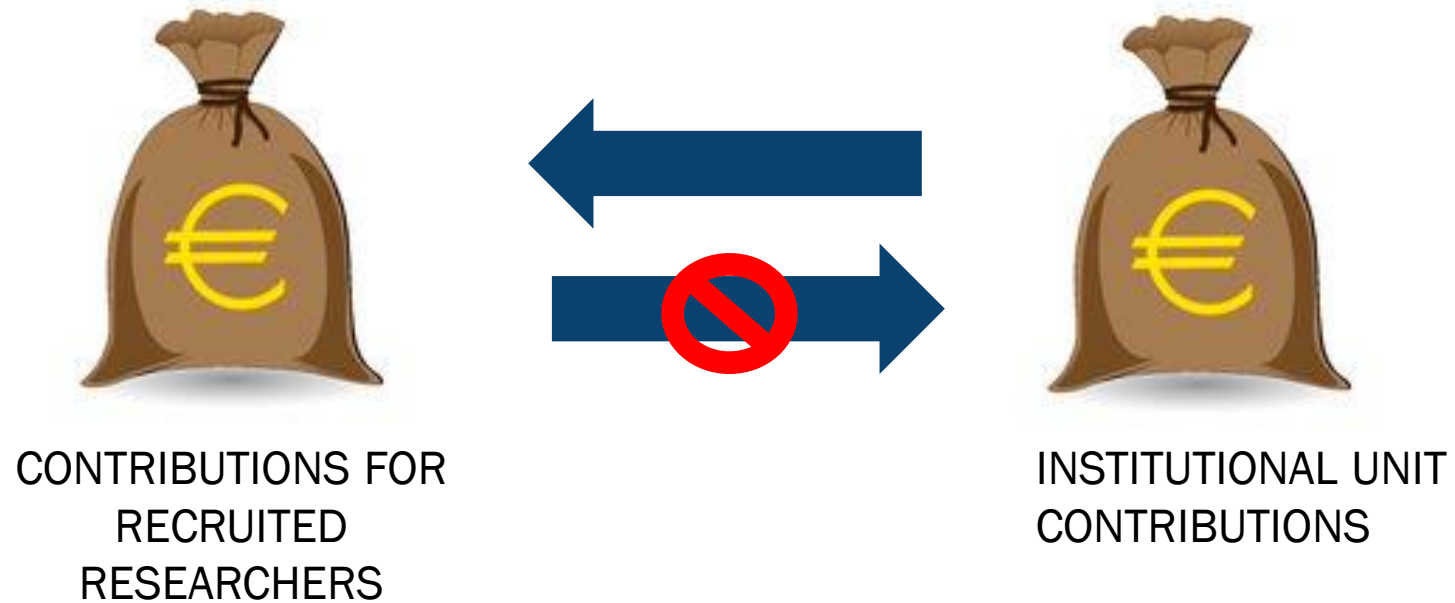
Do you have any specific questions?

- finance@tc.cz

- https://www.horizontevropa.cz/en

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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

Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

English EN

Register   Login

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS   HOW TO PARTICIPATE   PROJECTS & RESULTS   WORK AS AN EXPERT   SUPPORT

⚠ · Legal Entity and Bank Account validations tasks will experience issues in the Grant Management Services on Thursday, 21.04.2022, between 20:00 and 23:55 CET.
· The Identity, Bank Account, Contracts & Payments functionalities in the Experts Area of the F&T Portal will be unavailable on Thursday, 21.04.2022, between 20:00 and 23:55 CET.

• Log in via EU Login
• Choose the type of Action
• Click on **Start submission**

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022
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Type of action
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships

Type of MGA
HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Forthcoming

HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships

HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Deadline model
single-stage

Planned opening date
13 April 2022

Deadline date
14 September 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time

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Templates & forms
Expert names (annual lists)

Proposal structure

Part A - administrative forms

Part A (electronically)

General Information about the Proposal including Abstract (max. 2 000 characters), Administrative data on participating organisations, Budget, Ethics issues table, Call specific questions

Part B – the proposal

Part B1 (PDF upload)

- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation

- 10 page limit
- No section page limit
- excess pages will automatically be disregarded

Part B2 (PDF upload)

No overall page limit applied

- CV (indicative length: 5 pages)
- Capacities of the participating organisations
- Ethical aspects
- Letter of commitment

Note: same page limit for EF and GF

Supporting documents (to be updated for 2022 Call)
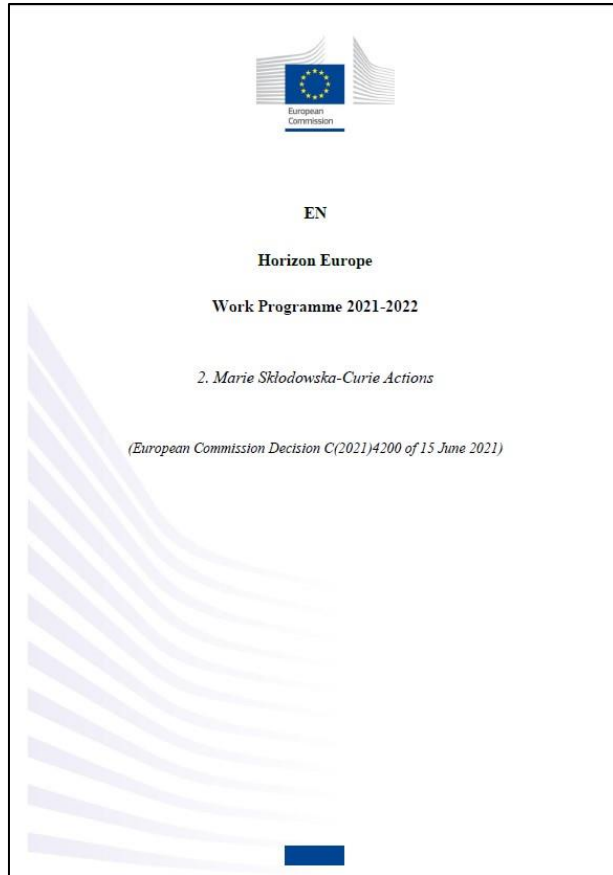
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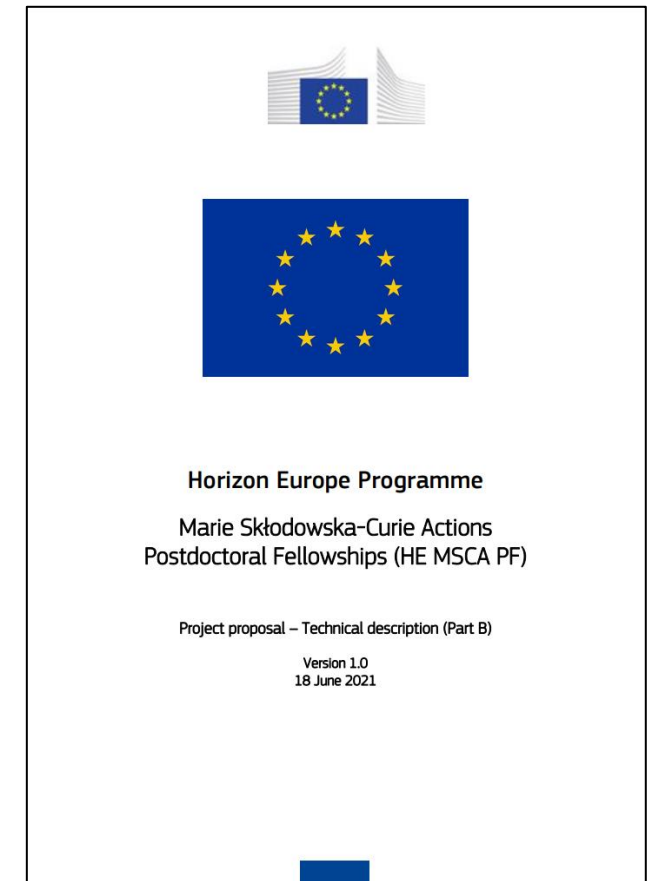
Application Form (Technical Description)

Layout of the proposal

Template	Format	Language
Use correct Template	single line spacing, page margins (min 1,5 cm)	Avoid jargon, long sentences
Use the Template sub-headings (provides good structure)	Use appropriate font size, min. 11 points (Times New Roman), Gantt chart and tables (min 8)	Simple clear text (explain any abbreviations)
Use the full page limit (10 pages for Part B1)	Footnote: only for literature references (font 8), counts towards page limit!	Get rid of repetitions (refer to other parts of proposal if necessary)
Put the proposal acronym in the Header + fellowship type	Use charts, diagrams, tables, text boxes, figures	Be consistent with language (UK/US English) and terms (1st or 3rd person)
Put page numbers (format page X of Y) in the footer	Ensure any colour diagrams etc. are understandable when printed in black and white	Don´t copy text from other documents or websites
	Use highlighting where appropriate (bold, underline, italics) but don´t overdo it!	

How to create a proposal?

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Start submission

⊕ Need help?

You selected this topic: **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021 - HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01**

You selected this type of action and model grant agreement: **HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships [HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF], HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]**

Related Call: **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021**

⚠ **Your selection cannot be changed subsequently in the submission system.**

CANCEL   **CONFIRM**

After pressing «start submission» button, please confirm..

Topic related FAQ

💬 **Under Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships, can the time spent during a Master's degree be** ... **rience?**

No. A period spent at university is counted as research experience only if you are employed (or if you are the holder of a scholarship agreement) as a researcher at the university. A...

Partner search

You can find expertise offers or expertise requests there

Partner search announcements

Searches of partners to collaborate on this topic

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LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

Start submission

The submission system is planned to be opened on the date stated on the topic header.

Create a draft proposal

Your proposal

Create proposal

Deadline
12 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

⚠ Please submit your proposal at the latest **48 hours before the deadline** (to avoid system congestion or system incompatibility issues). Late proposals will not be accepted. Don't wait until the end because you are worried about confidentiality – we will not open the proposals before the deadline.
You can submit the proposal as many times as you wish up until the deadline. Each new submitted version will replace the previous one. ✕

Call data:

Call: **HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01**
Topic: **HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01**
Type of action: **HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF**
Type of MGA: **HORIZON-AG-UN**

⚠ Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

Find your organisation

PIC [999506334] 0   Short name [TC CAS] 244

Search for your organisation

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

PIC: 999506334
TC CAS
Ve Struhach 1076/27
PRAHA,CZ

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Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal
○ Supervisor (Main contact person)
○ Researcher
● Contact person

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Service Desk:
✉ EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu
📞 +32 2 29 92222

Your proposal

Please choose an acronym for your proposal.
It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym [PROPOSAL] 12

Short Summary [sfdsfsfsdf] 1990

Scientific Panel [▾]

SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP

Write an acronym for your proposal.

Short summary is needed (you have max 2000 characters for the summary of your proposal)

Choose a scientific panel. If your project is multidisciplinary choose the dominant one.

Automatic notification

Disclaimer

Read and accept..

(click on the sentence
«I agree...» or «I wish...»)

This choice will not affect
positively or negatively
your application.

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Proposal forms

Deadline
12 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

Call data:

Call: **HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01**
Topic: **HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01**
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Type of MGA: **HORIZON-AG-UN**

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Proposal data:

Acronym: **PROPOSAL**
Draft ID: **SEP-210803109**

Download Part B templates

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...nat have not yet been submitted.

Adm...

Edit forms ✏   View history   Print preview ❓

Part B and Annexes

In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments. ❓

Part B1   ❓   Upload ☁

Part B2   ❓   Upload ☁

‹ BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST   **VALIDATE**   **SUBMIT**

Please click here to reach the A forms to fulfill.

You can see the history of your steps on this application process.

When you upload a new document, and re-submit your proposal, the last uploaded document will be saved by the system.

You must use the MSCA PF proposal 2022 template to write your proposal. You can download them from the left menu if you don't have them yet. When you write your proposal as a «word» document (B1 and B2 separately), you will turn them into PdF (both documents separately) and upload here.

You can turn back to the previous step.
You can make validation to see any missing info. If nothing missing, you can submit your proposal.
RE-submissions are possible till the deadline.

You will need to check «How to» user guide to get detailed information to fulfill the forms. Please click on it. All information necessary to fulfill the forms are included in this guide!! (please see next page as well)

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(MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021)

Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01

Type of Action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF
(HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships)

Proposal number: SEP-210803109

Proposal acronym: PROPOSAL

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Unit Grant

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How to fill in the forms

The form must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the form are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

Read more

You can save the information you entered to the form. You don't need to fulfill all information as soon as you open the portal. You have time till the deadline.

You must open each section one by one and fulfill all information.
Please follow the instructions of the guide you have opened on previous page.

Each time do not forget to «save» the changes you made on the form.

After saving the changes, you can pass to the other page of the forms..

General information

1 - General information

Fields marked * are mandatory to fill.

Topic	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01	Type of Action	HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF
Call	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01	Type of Model Grant Agreement	HORIZON-AG-UN

Acronym   MSCA PF

Proposal title   New perspectives in Horizon

*Note that for technical reasons, the following characters are not accepted in the Proposal Title and will be removed: < > * &*

Scientific Area   SOC - Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

Please select up to 5 descriptors (and at least 3) that best characterise the subject of your proposal, in descending order of relevance.

Descriptor 1

Free keywords   *Enter any words you think give extra detail of the scope of your proposal (max 200 characters with spaces).*

Please choose the scientific area and descriptors carefully, and in order of importance, since this will guide the REA in the selection of experts for proposal evaluation and the allocation of proposals to experts.

Abstract *

afsdf

Remaining characters   1995

Descriptor /Free keywords: They are important because the 3 evaluators for your proposal will be chosen according to this information you give.

Organisation data

Thanks to the PIC code you selected/entered at first step, most of the information will be automatically seen here.

Please fulfill the missing parts only.

Organisation data

PIC	Legal name
999506334	TECHNOLOGICKE CENTRUM AKADEMIE VED CESKE REPUBLIKY

Short name: TC CAS

Address

Street	Ve Struhach 1076/27
Town	PRAHA
Postcode	160 00
Country	Czechia
Webpage	www.tc.cz

Specific Legal Statuses

Legal person	yes
Public body	no
Non-profit	yes
International organisation	no
Secondary or Higher education establishment	no
Research organisation	yes

SME Data

Based on the below details from the Participant Registry the organisation is **not an SME** (small- and medium-sized enterprise) for the call.

SME self-declared status	22/07/1994 - no
SME self-assessment	unknown
SME validation	unknown

Place of activity/place of residence

Place of activity/place of residence (previous 5 years - most recent one first)

Indicate the period(s) and the country/countries in which you have legally resided and/or had your main activity (work, studies, etc) during the last 5 years up until the deadline for the submission of the proposal.

Please fill in this section without gaps. Short stays (as defined in the Guide for Applicants) shall not be listed in this box.

Period from	Period to	Duration (days)	Country
	12/10/2021		
	Total	0	

Beneficiary´s responsibility to check compliance with MSCA rules

Gender equality plan (GEP)

Application forms

Proposal ID   SEP-210768123
Acronym   **MSCA PF**
Short name

Gender Equality Plan

Does the organization have a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) covering the elements listed below?   ○ Yes   ◉ No

Minimum requirements (building blocks) for a GEP

Public GEP: formal document published on the institution's website and signed by the top management, addressing the following issues:

- **Dedicated resources:** commitment of human resources and gender expertise to implement it.
- **Data collection and monitoring:** sex/gender disaggregated data on personnel and students and annual reporting based on indicators.
- **Training:** Awareness raising/trainings on gender equality and unconscious gender biases for staff and decision-makers.
- **Minimum areas** to be **covered** and addressed via concrete measures and targets:
  - work-life balance and organisational culture;
  - gender balance in leadership and decision-making;
  - gender equality in recruitment and career progression;
  - integration of the gender dimension into research and teaching content;
  - measures against gender-based violence including sexual harassment.

Obligation for the HI to adopt GEP before grant agreement signature

Budget

- Under HE you can request family allowance also within project implementation (after call deadline)

3 - Budget

Is the Researcher eligible for family allowance?*   ○ Yes   ○ No

Duration of fellowship	Country in which fellowship will take place
	Czechia

	Country Coefficient	Number of Months	Contributions for recruited researchers			Institutional contributions		Total
			Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs	
Fellowship	0.791	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Budget of your proposal will be automatically created based on the number of months indicated. You do not need to calculate anything..

4 - Ethics & security

Ethics Issues Table

1. Human Embryonic Stem Cells and Human Embryos		Page
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	○ Yes ◉ No	

2. Humans		Page
Does this activity involve human participants?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, etc.) on the study participants?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)	○ Yes ◉ No	

3. Human Cells / Tissues (not covered by section 1)		Page
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	○ Yes ◉ No	

4. Personal Data		Page
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	○ Yes ◉ No	
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?	○ Yes ◉ No	

5. Animals		Page
Does this activity involve animals?	○ Yes ◉ No	

6. Non-EU Countries		Page
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	○ Yes ◉ No	
In case non-UE countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	○ Yes ◉ No	
It is planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	○ Yes ◉ No	
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4.	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve low and/or lower middle income countries, (if yes, detail the benefit-sharing actions planned in the self-assessment)	○ Yes ◉ No	
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk?	○ Yes ◉ No	

7. Environment, Health and Safety		Page
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants.(during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact) ?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas?	○ Yes ◉ No	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity.(during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact) ?	○ Yes ◉ No	

8. Artificial Intelligence		Page
Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human rights and values and detail how this will be addressed).	○ Yes ◉ No	

9. Other Ethics Issues		Page
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?	○ Yes ◉ No	

I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues above and that, if any ethics issues apply, I will complete the ethics self-assessment as described in the guidelines How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment ☐

Please fulfill the whole table.
Do not hesitate to say «yes» if any question needs to be replied as «yes».

Ethics

All applicants are required to complete an **Ethics Issues Table (EIT)** in the Part A of the proposal. Applicants who flag ethical issues in the EIT also have to complete a more in depth **Ethics Self-Assessment.**

Also check the guidelines:
How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment

Ethics Self-Assessment

Ethical dimension of the objectives, methodology and likely impact

Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to:
         - objectives of the activities (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, etc.)
         - methodology (e.g. clinical trials, involvement of children, protection of personal data, etc.)
         - the potential impact of the activities (e.g. environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social groups, political or financial adverse consequences, misuse, etc.)

Remaining characters   5000

Compliance with ethical principles and relevant legislations
Describe how the issue(s) identified in the ethics issues table above will be addressed in order to adhere to the ethical principles and what will be done to ensure that the activities are compliant with the EU/national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks are to be carried out. It is reminded that for activities performed in a non-EU countries, they should also be allowed in at least one EU Member State.

Remaining characters   5000

Security issues (newly in HE)

Security issues table

1. EU Classified Information (EUCI)[2]		Page
Does this activity involve information and/or materials requiring protection against unauthorised disclosure (EUCI)?	○ Yes ● No	
Does this activity involve non-EU countries?	○ Yes ● No	

2. Misuse		Page
Does this activity have the potential for misuse of results?	○ Yes ● No	

3. Other Security Issues		Page
Does this activity involve information and/or materials subject to national security restrictions? If yes, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	○ Yes ● No	
Are there any other security issues that should be taken into consideration? If yes, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	○ Yes ● No	

[2] According to the Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information, "European Union classified information (EUCI) means any information or material designated by an EU security classification, the unauthorised disclosure of which could cause varying degrees of prejudice to the interests of the European Union or of one or more of the Member States".

[3] Classified background information is information that is already classified by a country and/or international organisation and/or the EU and is going to be used by the project. In this case, the project must have in advance the authorisation from the originator of the classified information, which is the entity (EU institution, EU Member State, third state or international organisation) under whose authority the classified information has been generated.

[4] EU classified foreground information is information (documents/deliverables/materials) planned to be generated by the project and that needs to be protected from unauthorised disclosure. The originator of the EUCI generated by the project is the European Commission.

Call-specific questions

5 - Other questions

Information on the Researcher (future fellow)

1. Were you in the last 3 years in compulsory national service? ○ Yes ○ No

2. Did you spend time, in the last 3 years, on procedures for obtaining refugee status (according to the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol) in a Member State or Associated Country to Horizon Europe? ○ Yes ○ No

3. Are you a national of a Member State or Associated Country? ○ Yes ○ No

Country [   ]

Other Questions

4. Is there a secondment envisaged in Part B of this proposal? ○ Yes ○ No

The following are not considered as secondments:
- outgoing phase of a Global Fellowship
- optional six-months placement in the non-academic sector
- short visits or field work

5. Do you wish to participate to the ERA Postdoctoral Fellowships and thus increase your chances of being funded? ○ Yes ○ No

If you don't reply or if you maintain 'No' as your answer, be aware that your proposal will not benefit from an extra chance of being funded under the ERA Postdoctoral Fellowships in case it cannot be funded under the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA-PF).

A dedicated budget from the Work Programme "Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area" has been set aside to fund those proposals.

European Postdoctoral Fellowships proposals where the host organisation is located in an eligible widening country (according to the PIC number) but were not funded under MSCA-PF call due to a lack of budget, can be automatically duplicated into the ERA Postdoctoral Fellowships call.

Eligible proposals will be duplicated into the ERA Postdoctoral Fellowships call only if you express your wish to do so.
Your decision not to participate in the ERA Postdoctoral Fellowships will not affect your chances of being funded directly under the MSCA-PF call.

6. Is the proposal eligible for funding under the Euratom Research and Training Programme (ERTP)? Please see the Guide for Applicants for this call and https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/euratom-research-and-training-programme_en for more information. ○ Yes ○ No

Answer "Yes" only if all three conditions below are fulfilled:

- The proposal's research area is covered by the ERTP

- The host organisation (and, if applicable, the Associated Partner for the additional Placement period) is/are established in a Member State or Associated Country to the ERTP

- The researcher is a national or a long-term resident of a Member State or Associated Country to the ERTP

7. For communication purposes only, the European Commission REA asks for permission to publish the name of the researcher (future fellow) should the proposal be retained for funding. Does the researcher (future fellow) give this permission? ○ Yes ○ No

8. Some national and regional public research funding authorities run schemes to fund MSCA applicants that score highly in the MSCA evaluation but which cannot be funded by the MSCA due to their limited budget. In case this proposal could not be selected for funding by the MSCA, do the researcher and supervisor consent to the European Commission disclosing to such authorities the results of its evaluation (score and ranking range) together with their names and contact details, non-confidential proposal title and abstract, proposal acronym, and host organisation? ○ Yes ○ No

ERA Fellowships
National funding schemes

Validation result

See the validation results.

When you fill all the information there will not be any validation errors..

If you didn't fill in every part of the form (obligatory parts) you can see the missing parts under validation results title.

You cannot submit your proposal before you remove all those errors.

Submission

My proposals

MSCA PF: YOUR CV, ABSTRACT AND WORK PLAN

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Petra Fedorová

On-line Information Day on Horizon Europe
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF), 26 April 2022

YOUR CV I

- **Name** of the researcher,

- **Education** incl. PhD award date, title of your thesis (most recent first, exact dates: dd/mm/yyyy),

- **Professional experience** (most recent first, exact dates: dd/mm/yyyy).

- **Publications** - expected to be open access, accompanied by a very short qualitative assessment of their scientific significance, not by the Journal IF;

- **Invited presentations** to internationally established conferences/advanced schools;

- **Organisation** of international conferences, incl. membership in the steering and/or programme committee, leadership of **research expeditions, granted patent(s);**

- **Prizes and awards, funding** received so far, **supervising & mentoring activities** …

YOUR CV II

❑ **Precise & verifiable data:**

Funding ID & agency, amount in EUR (CZK in brackets), your role (PI/team member).

Major collaborations and their **result(s)!**

Selected out of …? Prize for what? …

❑ **Publications** - correct & full references, your name bold/underlined, more detailed information

Briefly describe the best ones incl. **your own contribution**!

Manuscripts in preparation, only if you are in lack of publications!

❑ Explain **anything unique** to your country (national prizes, GA ČR …).

YOUR CV III

❑ Must show the degree of your experience & your achievements.

❑ Highlight your own **leadership qualities** & the ability of **independent thinking!**

❑ Give it structure, make it well readable, use highlighting.

❑ Be **consistent** & **critical** – put only information **relevant for this application**!

❑ Explain any **career gaps**.

❑ Indicative length: 5 pages.

❑ Please check the **Standard Application Form/Project proposal – Technical description (Part B)!**

ABSTRACT I

❑ The abstract and keywords are **used to select the evaluators**.

❑ Should sell your project – be enthusiastic & ambitious, show a **clear vision**.

❑ Look at **past examples** (e.g. at CORDIS*).

❑ Use **key words** and the common terminology.

❑ Avoid conditional, local terms, abbreviations & jargon.

❑ Max. 2000 characters incl. spaces!

❑ **Ask colleagues** from different fields **to review it**.

Write it last!

* http://cordis.europa.eu/projects

ABSTRACT II

What?

- Challenge? 1-2 sentences that put your project into context.
- Objectives? What is the project about, what do I want to do?

How?

- How will the objectives be achieved?
- Which (novel) methods will be used?

Why?

- Relevance of the objectives to the work programme?
- Expected broader impact? European added value?

Who?

- Why are YOU the right person to achieve the proposed objectives?
- Do not mention only research objectives but also impact on your career.

WORK PLAN I: BASIC TERMINOLOGY

<u>Work packages (WP)</u>

❑ are sub-parts (major subdivision) of the project,

❑ describe how the project objectives will be achieved,

❑ each WP has **resources, work tasks** (technical units of the project plan), **milestones & deliverables.**

<u>Deliverable (D)</u>

❑ a concrete **output** of the project - measurable & verifiable,

❑ contractual obligation: publication, conference, report, technical diagram, prototype, software …

<u>Milestone (M)</u>

❑ a **control point** that help to chart progress/a critical decision point for further development

❑ completion of key D, analysis of an experiment, establishment of CDP, in vitro study …

WORK PLAN II: GANTT CHART

Include a Gantt Chart containing:

- Work Packages titles, (tasks) ,

- Major **deliverables** ,

- Major **milestones,**

- **Secondments**, if applicable.

✓ Is the proposal designed in such a way to achieve the desired impact?

✓ Is the work plan coherent?

✓ Is the time allocated to each project part realistic?

> Important: credibility and feasibility, not overcomplicated.
> Resonable number of WP, D and M (not a „shopping list").

GANTT CHART – GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS 2020
REFLECTING WORK PACKAGES, SECONDMENTS, TRAINING EVENTS AND DISSEMINATION/COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Work Package	Title	Year 1											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WP1	Management						D1.1						
WP2	Data collection							M2.1					
WP3	Field work							M3.1					
WP4	Research part x												
WP5	Research part y												
WP6	Dissemination and communication					D6.1						D6.2	
WP7	Secondments												
...	...												

Deliverable/milestone numbers should be ordered according to delivery dates:

<WP number>.<number of deliverable/milestone within that WP>, e.g. D 6.1 = 1st deliverable from WP 6

MANDATORY DELIVERABLES FOR MSCA PFs

❑ **Career development plan** of the recruited researcher, submitted at the beginning of the action (not later than 6 months after its start) and updated if needed throughout the project;

❑ **Data management plan** submitted within the first 6 months of the project;

❑ **Plan for the dissemination & exploitation of results** submitted towards the end of the project;

❑ **Project report;**

❑ **Mobility declaration** submitted within 20 days of the start of the research training activities and updated (if needed);

❑ **Evaluation questionnaire** completed by the recruited researcher and submitted at the end of the research training activity; a follow-up questionnaire submitted two years later;

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
WP2: Dissemination														
T2.1 Dissemination strategy			D2.1											
T2.2 Development of promotioanl kit								M2.1						
T2.3 Website						M2.2								
T2.4 Multi-stakeholder policy dialogue workshops										M2.3				
WP3: Stakeholder Outreach														
T3.1 Cooperation with Enterprise Europe Network						M3.1								
T3.2 Collaboration with other NCP networks													M3.2	
T3.3 Collaboration with networks/bilateral programmes					D3.3									
WP4: Enhance Partnering														
T4.1 Matching tool		M4.1			M4.2									
T4.2 SMEs as new clientele								D4.3						
T4.3 Trans-regional brokerage events										M4.7				

GANTT CHART – REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE 2

Source: http://biominab3d.altervista.org/schedule.html
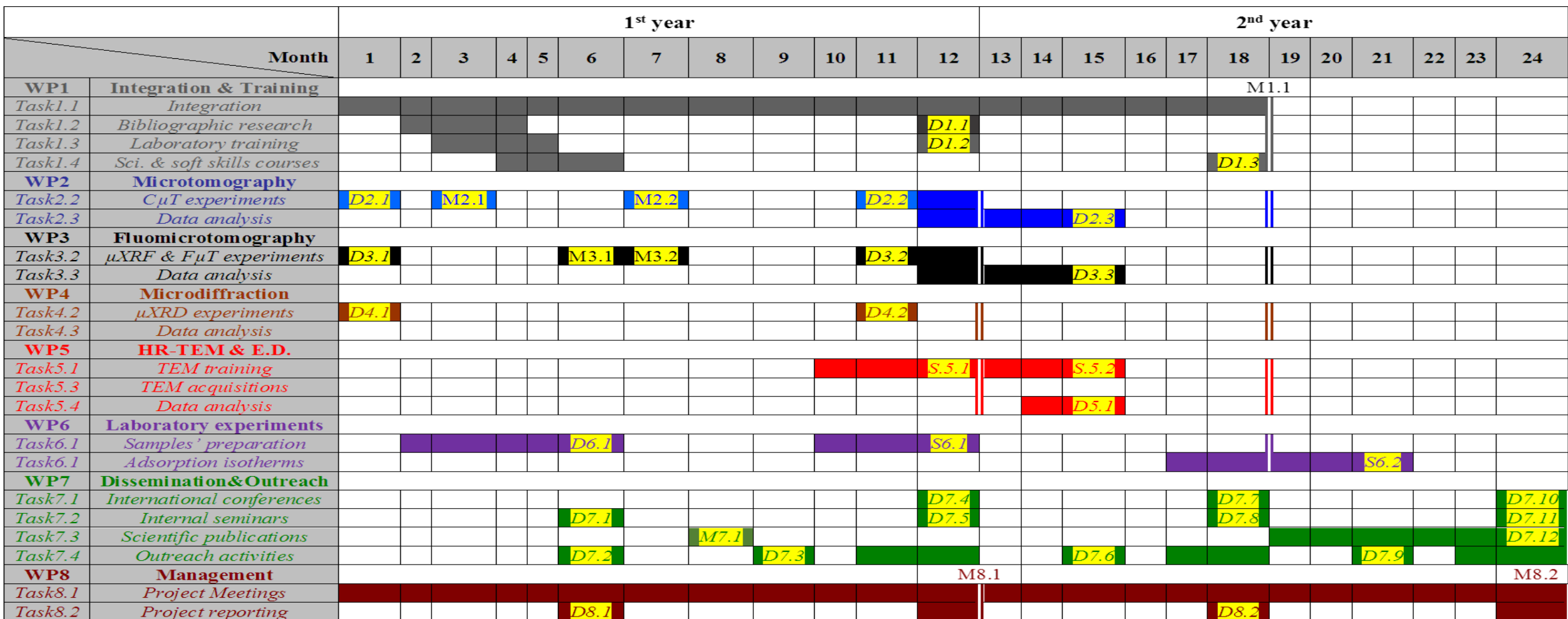
WELCOME TO TC CAS & GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROPOSAL! ☺

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Agenda

1
Introduction on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Rules for participation, Financial aspects

2
How should your proposal be structured?
- Proposal creation and submission, Your CV and abstract, feasible and clear work plan

3
How to write a competitive MSCA PF proposal?
- Evaluation criteria, What to stress and what to avoid?

4
Support to applicants (national and institutional)

Award criteria

Each criterion is scored out of 5, proposals scoring equal to or above 70% are considered for funding
Usually 3 evaluators per project

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Excellence

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- 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!

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)

- <u>Overall methodology:</u> 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.

- <u>Integration of methods and disciplines to pursue the objectives:</u> 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.

- <u>Gender dimension and other diversity aspects</u>: 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 <u>content</u> 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.

- <u>Open science practices:</u> 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.

- <u>Research data management and management of other research outputs</u>: 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).

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)

IMPORTANT
- ✓ Prepare your proposal in compliance with underlying principles: **Open Science**, Responsible Research & Innovation (Ethics, Gender Equality, Governance, Open Access, Public Engagement, Science Education)
- ✓ **Data management plan** submitted within the first 6 months of the project
- ✓ New publishing platform and open peer review: Open Research Europe

Excellence

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

the researcher and the host

- 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). See MSCA guidelines on supervision.

- 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).

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

Excellence

Examples of advanced research skills:
- Training in new techniques, instruments, equipments..
- Open Science
- Big data
- Scientific writing
- Experimental design
- Quantitative and Qualitative methods
- User design....

Examples of transferable skills:
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Grant writing
- Patent applications
- IPR Management and Patenting
- Leadership / Influencing courses
- Project Management
- Gender training (gender isues /gender innovation)
- Presentation Skills
- Communication training of research to non-specialists
- Ethics in Research (RRI)
- CV presentation, interview skills....

Examples taken from the MSCA IF Handbook 2020
(Net4mobility+ project)

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.

- Researchers should demonstrate how their existing professional experience, talents and the proposed research will contribute to their development as independent/mature researchers, during the fellowship.

- Explain the new competences and skills that will be acquired and how they relate to the researcher's existing professional experience.

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

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Impact

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

- **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.

- Articulate clearly the advantages of this fellowship for your personal career development.

- Demonstrate to what extent competences acquired during the fellowship (described in Excellence), including any secondments, will maximise the impact on your future career prospects = describing the impact they will have.

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.

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*
- <u>Plan for the dissemination and exploitation activities, including communication activities</u>:
  - 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.
- <u>Strategy for the management of intellectual property, foreseen protection measures</u>: 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.
  - Show the measures you will undertake to appropriately use your project's results – commercial vs. non-commercial
  - Mention Open Access and open data strategy (DMP = Data Management Plan to be submitted within the first 6 months of the project)
  - Outline plans to exploit any IP arising from the programme
  - Keep an eye on potential IP issues, liaise with the technology transfer services (do not forget the secondment host)

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

Plan for the dissemination, exploitation and communication of results (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...**

- **General Public / Society**

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

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

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.

- 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.

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Implementation

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

- 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).

IMPORTANT
✓2-4 research packages only, consistent with Excellence section
✓WP Management: meetings with supervisor / reports to EU at the end of the PF, Mobility Declaration
✓ WP Training (and knowledge transfer): consistent with activities in Excellence section, PCDP
✓ 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

Implementation

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

- 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.
- If applicable, outline here the involvement of any 'associated partners linked to a beneficiary' (in particular, the name of the entity, the type of link with the beneficiary and the tasks to be carried out).

IMPORTANT
- ✓ Ask your Host Institution for support
- ✓ Work together with your colleagues from Project Office or Technology Transfer Office.
- ✓ If your host institution has endorsed European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, include it into the proposal (HR Logo holders).
- ✓ Main tasks and commitments of the beneficiary and associated partner with the project.
- ✓ The infrastructure, logistics, facilities offered for the good implementation of your project.
- ✓ The project organisation and management structure, including the financial management strategy and the progress monitoring mechanism.

Ethical aspects

- Applicants should demonstrate proactively that they are aware of and will comply with European and national legislation and fundamental **ethical principles**
- Clearly identify potential ethical issues in the proposal and detail how these will be addressed!
- **Ethics Issues Table in Part A** → if ethical issue is flagged, prepare **Ethics self-assessment in Part A** (if you need more space (Part B)

  — Human embryonic stem cells and human embryos
  — Humans
  — Human cells or tissues
  — Personal data
  — Animals
  — Non-EU countries
  — Environment, health and safety
  — Artificial intelligence
  — Other Ethics Issues
  — Crosscutting issue: potential misuse of results

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When preparing your proposal…

- Search for right host and supervisor (perfect match)
- Search successful projects and profiles of their applicants (get inspiration in CORDIS)
- Read the call documents carefully: Work Programme, Guide for Applicants, Handbook (by NCPs), Frequently Asked Questions on the FTO portal
- Language to be used: Appealing and readable for different evaluator´s profiles
- Use the official template: Include the information where requested, use visuals
- Get to know the specific evaluation criteria: Be aware of all criteria weight, it is not all about Excellence!
- What is not written will not be evaluated
- Ask for support: Own institution, NCP, colleagues, funded proposals…
- Do not leave it for the last minute! (proposal writing / consultations with the host)

Institutional support to MSCA applicants

- Close cooperation with your supervisor
- Contact your future host institution in time to get the consent
  — Implementation criterion
  — Capacities of participating institutions
  — Letter of commitment (GF, non-academic placement)
- Your current institution might be also willing to help
- Before sending us your proposal for pre-creening, use the support at institutional level

TECHNOLOGY
CENTRE CAS

WHAT TO STRESS & WHAT TO AVOID

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE

2021 POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS CALL

Petra Fedorová

On-line Information Day on Horizon Europe
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HORIZON EUROPE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS EVALUATION CRITERIA

- MSCA Work Programme 2021-22
- FP Standard Application Form/ Project proposal – Technical description (Part B) 2022

EXCELLENCE
EXCELLENT MEANS NOVEL & AMBITIOUS, NOT INCREMENTAL!

The research is ambitious, innovative & goes beyond the S-O-T-A, since it addresses hitherto unanswered questions on the evolution of color diversity.

Clear, highly innovative objectives of the research - realistically achievable/measurable/verifiable through the study and collection of data of a carefully selected species.

The S-O-T-A research methodology is credible, described in detail.

The proposal includes appropriate open science practices incl. a data management plan. Preprints stored in open archives, data and codes publicly available, FAIR principles of data management.

Gender dimensions, associated with the occurrence rates of different brain tumours in males and females have been clearly identified/very well addressed by the researcher.

EXCELLENCE
INTERDISCIPLINARTY, GENDER & DIVERSITY, OPEN SCIENCE ...

Research activities incremental with respect to the S-O-T-A ...

Project is a follow up of previous work carried out in the host lab ...

Project follows traditional theoretical approach.

Interdisciplinary aspects are not sufficiently expressed.

Although gender is relevant for the proposal as significantly different gene expression profiles were reported between male and female blastocysts,

the gender dimension has not been sufficiently considered.

Preliminary results would be needed

to assess the chance of success of this high-risk project.

MSCAs ARE NOT MERE RESEARCH PROJECTS
EXCELLENT SUPERVISION, TRAINING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT ...

Supervisor is a world-leading expert in astrophysics, students are outstanding.

Detailed information on track record incl. high-rank publications, collaborative scientific activities at international level, grants received, experience in supervising/training of PhDs and postdocs ...

The two-way transfer of knowledge is clearly outlined.

A high-quality training programme will be set in place incl. scientific network development, project coordination, managerial skills, exploitation of research results, student mentoring, monitored by the supervisor through weekly meetings.

The researcher has an excellent track record in computational biology & systems biology, is highly suited for the proposal & promises to be able to reach a very good level of maturity and independence.

PERFECT MATCH BETWEEN THE PROJECT, HOST/SUPERVISOR & FELLOW´S PROFILE, ...

Limited or missing information on the supervisor's qualifications.

The proposed training programme is not sufficiently ambitious/does not match the project needs.

The additional training in transferable skills is not fully elaborated.

Expertise of the researcher & the hosting group are the same/in a very similar region of science.

Although researcher's publication record contains publications pertinent to the research proposal, more conferences & especially journal papers would have been expected for the current stage in the researcher's career.

IMPACT
(WHY) DO YOU/WE NEED IT? LINK THE PROJECT TO YOUR CAREER ...

Project will contribute to researcher´s career development, acquiring new skills in a specific field.

Plan to disseminate research results effectively outlined, incl. active participation in international congresses, publication in top journals with particular emphasis on open access.

Outreach activities targeting school children, broad public audiences & initiatives to promote women in science very well outlined. The researcher has significant experience in presenting complex research to multinational audiences from several conferences.

The proposal includes a convincing plan for IP protection, potential patent & exploitation of the project´s results, as it is based, not only on the help of the specialized department of the institution, but also on the vast experience of the host group in transfers to market.

The expected immediate & future scientific/societal/economic impacts of the proposal's results clearly described in view of contributions to UN Sustainable Development Goals and EU Green Deal.

IMPACT
AVOID GENERIC BUT EMPTY STATEMENTS

The career goals of the researcher not clearly specified.

Measures to disseminate the action results beyond conventional measures such as academic publications presented in a very generic way.

Possible journals for papers publication & expected no. of articles not specified.

Outreach activities at international level & their purpose/content/impact not outlined.

Plans to exploit the research outcomes in terms of IP & possible commercialisation not properly described.

The proposal fails in sufficient demonstrating to which extent the achievements on anchored molecular catalysts are going to have an impact beyond the immediate scope of the proposal or in other applications of high interest.

IMPLEMENTATION
MAKE A CLEAR, REALISTIC & COHERENT WORK PLAN INCL. A PLAN B, INCLUDE HOSTING ARRANGEMENTS

A well elaborated and feasible work plan with appropriate milestones.

Color marking of the WPs to highlight the level of risk greatly improves the clarity of the work plan.

A series of scientific & administrative risks have been presented,

very credible measures for corrections/mitigations are provided.

The host institution has an International Center

which ensures support with local administration, paperwork, obtaining permits, schools, housing ...

The host & secondment institutions will provide the researcher with the key resources (office, library, other infrastructure) & an environment conducive to interaction with other scholars with related expertise relevant to the proposal.

IMPLEMENTATION
BE CONSISTENT AND DO NOT THINK EVALUATORS KNOW!

Work plan not clearly elaborated, milestones & deliverables are too general to allow proper project monitoring.

Work plan is not fully coherent as management activities not sufficiently addressed & dissemination/communication tasks not clearly structured in the Gantt chart.

Although a secondment is planned, it is not clearly specified where – thus the available hosting arrangements there cannot be properly evaluated.

Publication of 8 scholarly articles during 2 years is overly ambitious & quite unrealistic. Project is overambitious for 1 person in a 2-year time.

Public engagement activities are planned for the very end of the fellowship.

High risky project with uncertain outcome, contigency plan is lacking ...

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
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)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
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)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills		
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		

HORIZON EUROPE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS EVALUATION CRITERIA

- MSCA Work Programme 2021-22
- FP Standard Application Form/ Project proposal – Technical description (Part B) 2022

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Get to know the specific **evaluation criteria** and follow the template!

Put **right information at right place!**

GOOD LUCK
WITH YOUR PROPOSAL ! ☺

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Agenda

1
—
Introduction on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Rules for participation, Financial aspects

2
—
How should your proposal be structured?
- Proposal creation and submission, Your CV and abstract, feasible and clear work plan

3
—
How to write a competitive MSCA PF proposal?
- Evaluation criteria, What to stress and what to avoid?

4
—
Support to applicants (national and institutional)

Technology Centre CAS
National Information Centre for European Research

Participation statistics and analysis

Trainings, workshops, information days

5

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NICER SERVICES

Consultations

Support to public authorities

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Publications

Horizon Europe National Portal (newsletter)

National support to MSCA applicants: Planned events in 2022 – INVITATION

Date	Venue	Event*
29 March	on-line	National Information day on MSCA (presentations and recording)
26 April	on-line	Information day on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (presentations and recording)
19 May	on-line	Training on MSCA Doctoral Networks
24 May	on-line	Školení pro projektové manažerky a manažery k přípravě MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
30-31 May	on-line	On-line workshop on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022 for applicants and their supervisors
2 June	on-line	Information day on MSCA COFUND

- 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 …

24 August 2022:
Deadline for sending MSCA PF proposals for pre-screening, we accept only complete version of your proposals!

* Title according to the language of the event

Module 6: On-line workshop on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022 for applicants and their supervisors, 30-31 May

- Webpage of the workshop [HERE](#)
- Get familiar with the rules before the WS (presentations and recording from the Infoday will be available)
- CVs and abstracts to be send to luzumova@tc.cz by 19 May 2022 in one word file

Programme: 30 May (9:00-15:30)

- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships in a nutshell
- Evaluation criteria and evaluation process
- How to prepare your abstract and CV?
  — Feedback from evaluators on received materials + panel specific comments
- Interactive part I, II:
  — How to write a competitive proposal? CV and abstract, frequent weaknesses
- Ethics in MSCA PF proposals
- Gender and Open Science in MSCA PF proposals
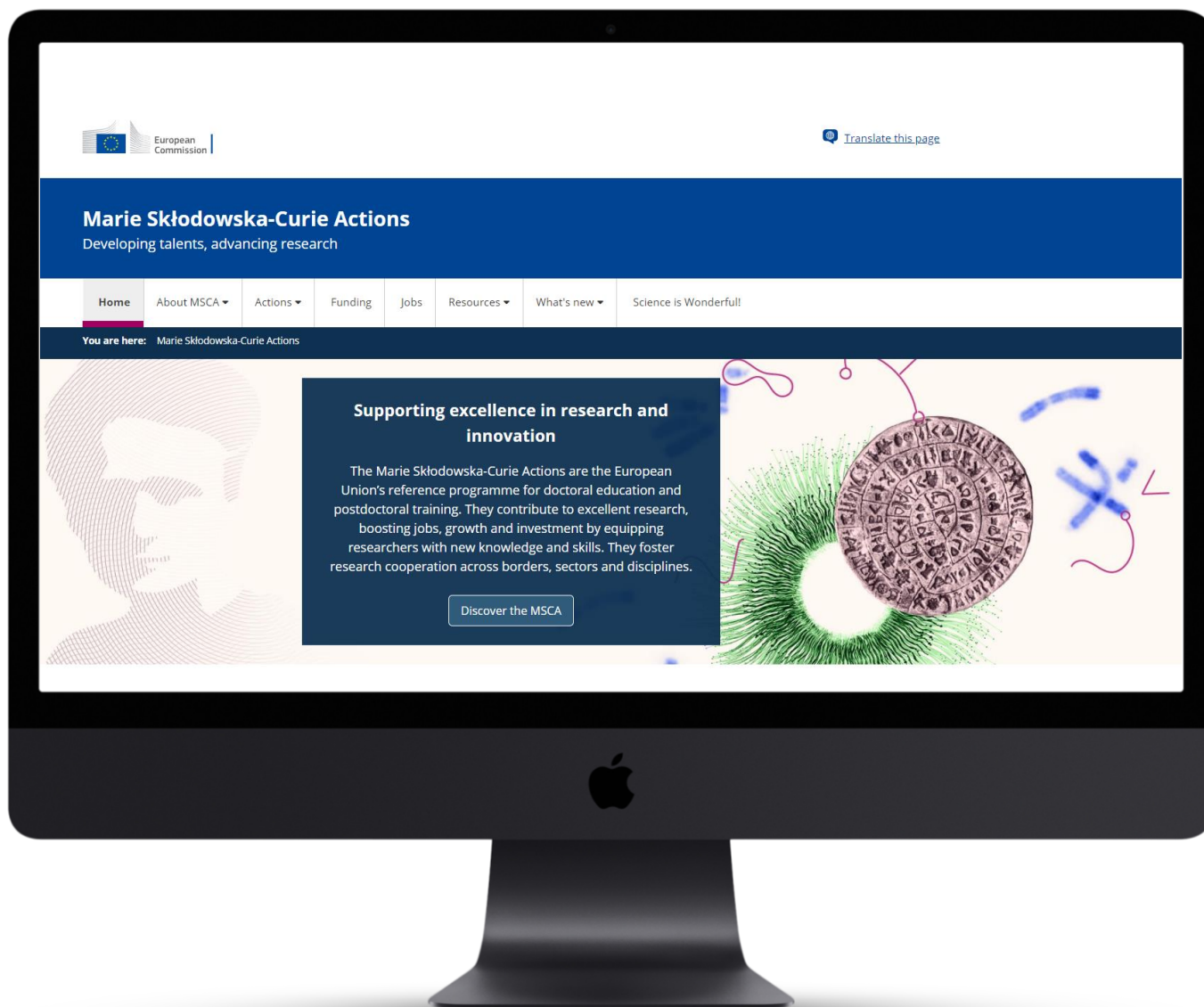- Discussion / Questions and answers

Programme: 31 May (9:00-12:30)

- Interactive part III:
  — Evaluating an MSCA PF proposal (Excellence, Impact, Implementation)
- MSCA grant holder success story
- Discussion / Questions and answers

Registration: [HERE](#)

Homework:
prepare your Gantt chart for 30 May

Useful links

- **MSCA newsletter** (subscribe)
- **MSCA Green Charter**
- **Guidelines for inclusion of researchers at risk**
- **Guidelines on Supervision**
- **Synergies between the MSCA and Erasmus+ in the area of higher education**
- MSCA-NET (new NCP project, started on 1 March 2022)
- **ERA4Ukraine** (Euraxess website, EU initiative)
- **Researchin** (Czech initiative to support Ukrainian researchers)

MSCA Calls: 2022-2024

Action	Call	Opening	Deadline
MSCA Doctoral Networks	2022	12 May 2022	15 November 2022
	2023	30 May 2023	28 November 2023
	2024	29 May 2024	27 November 2024
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	2022	12 May 2022	14 September 2022
	2023	12 April 2023	13 September 2023
	2024	10 April 2024	11 September 2024
MSCA Staff Exchanges	2022	6 October 2022	8 March 2023
	2023	5 October 2023	28 February 2024
	2024	10 October 2024	5 March 2025
MSCA COFUND	2022	11 October 2022	9 February 2023
	2023	10 October 2023	8 February 2024
	2024	8 October 2024	6 February 2025
MSCA and Citizens	2023	20 June 2023	25 October 2023

Thank you for your attention.

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