



Czech participation in MSCA COFUND calls under Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe

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On-line Information Day on MSCA COFUND: 2022 Call, 2 June 2022

ON-LINE INFORMATION DAY ON MSCA COFUND: 2022 CALL

Date: 2 June 2022
10:00 – 12:00

On-line Information Day on MSCA COFUND: 2022 Call

– support to new or existing national, regional or international doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes

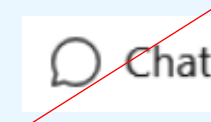
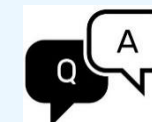


Programme

- 09:30–10:00 Signing in and checking the connection
- 10:00–10:15 Czech participation in MSCA COFUND calls
 - Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe
- 10:15–11:00 MSCA COFUND: 2022 Call
 - Rules for participation
 - Proposal structure
 - Evaluation criteria
 - Financial aspects
 - Implementation aspects
- 11:00–12:00 Q&A, discussion

Speakers

- Alexandra G. Pedersen, *Call Coordinator COFUND – Research Programme Officer, European Research Executive Agency*
- Zuzana Šimek, *MSCA and ERC NCP, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences*



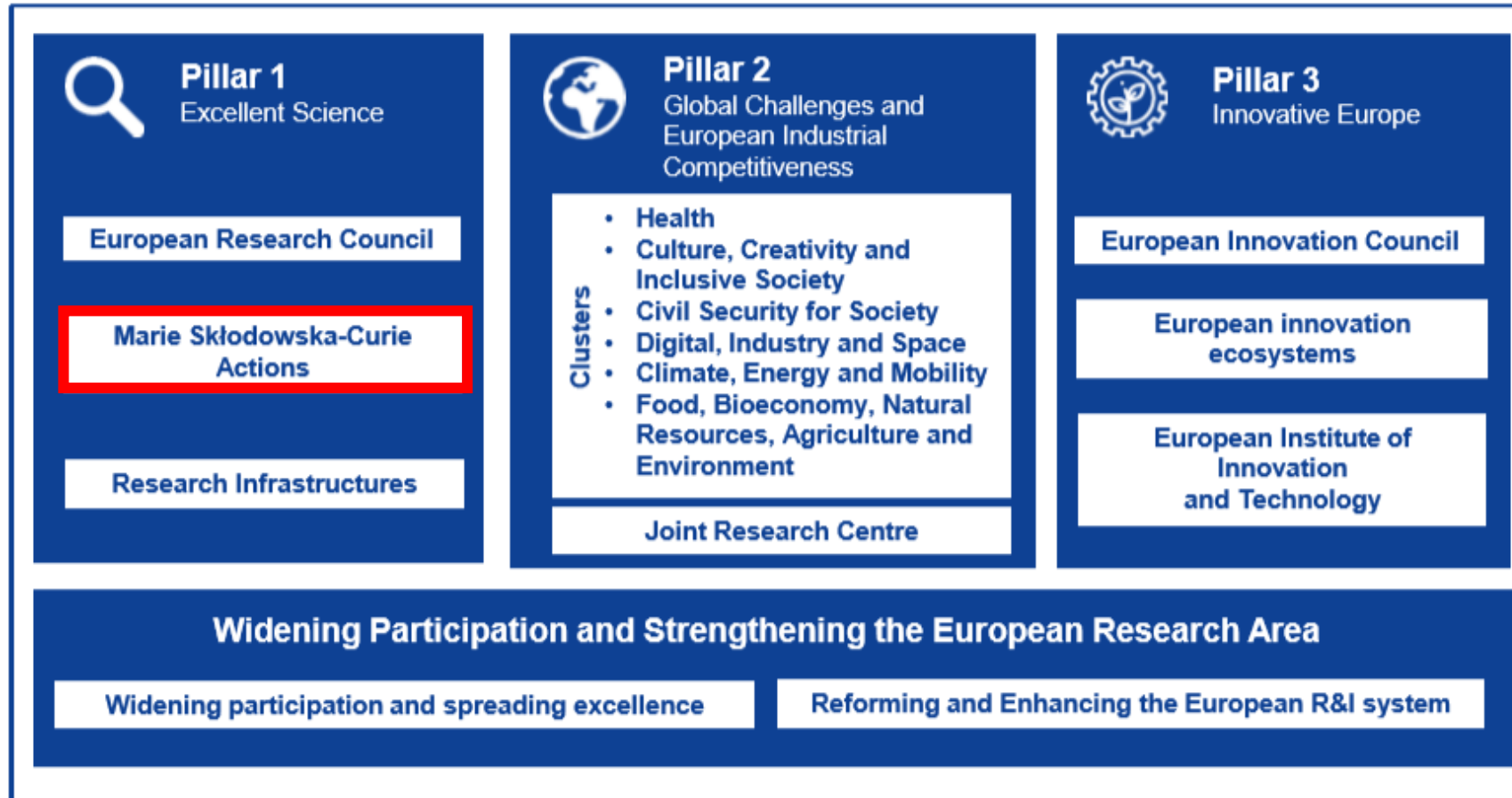
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Horizon Europe (2021-2027)

Budget : 6.6 billion EUR

- EU's reference programme for doctoral and postdoctoral training
- MSCA support researchers' mobility, training and career development



Types of projects

Doctoral Networks

Doctoral programmes in and outside academia incl. joint and industrial doctorates

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

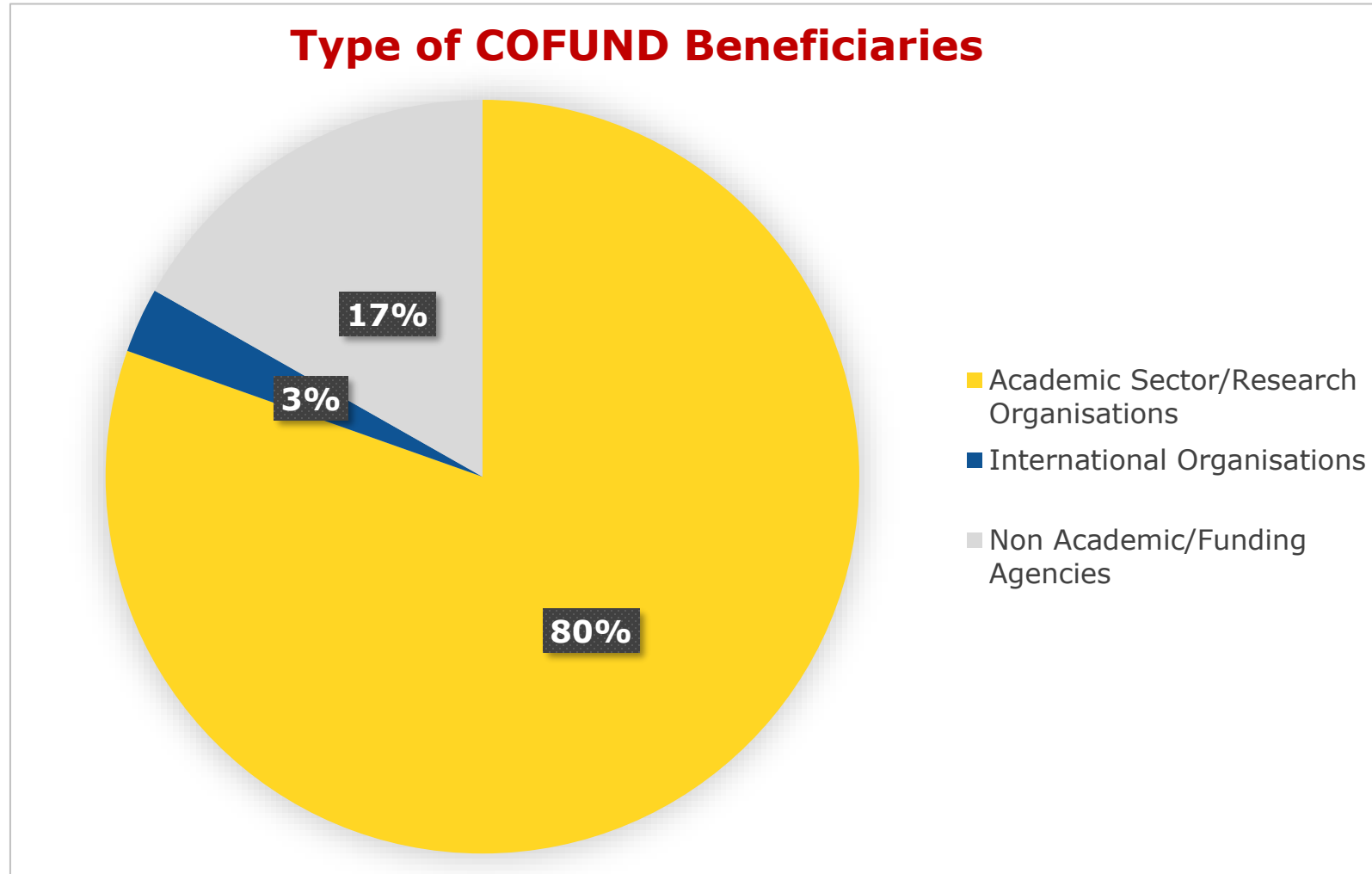
MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

MSCA COFUND UNDER H2020 AND HORIZON EUROPE

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Calls results

COFUND under H2020



Czech participation in MSCA COFUND calls under H2020

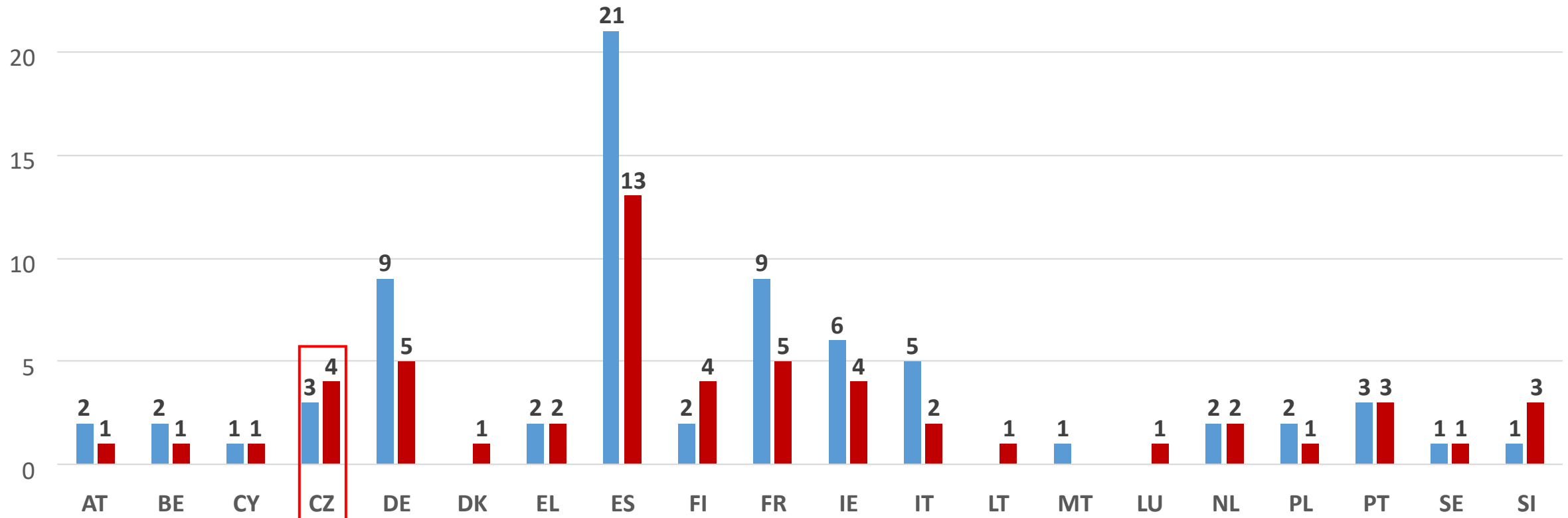
Call	Number of submitted proposals
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2014	6
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2015	10
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2016	15
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017	7
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2018	1
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2019	2
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2020	3
Total	44

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

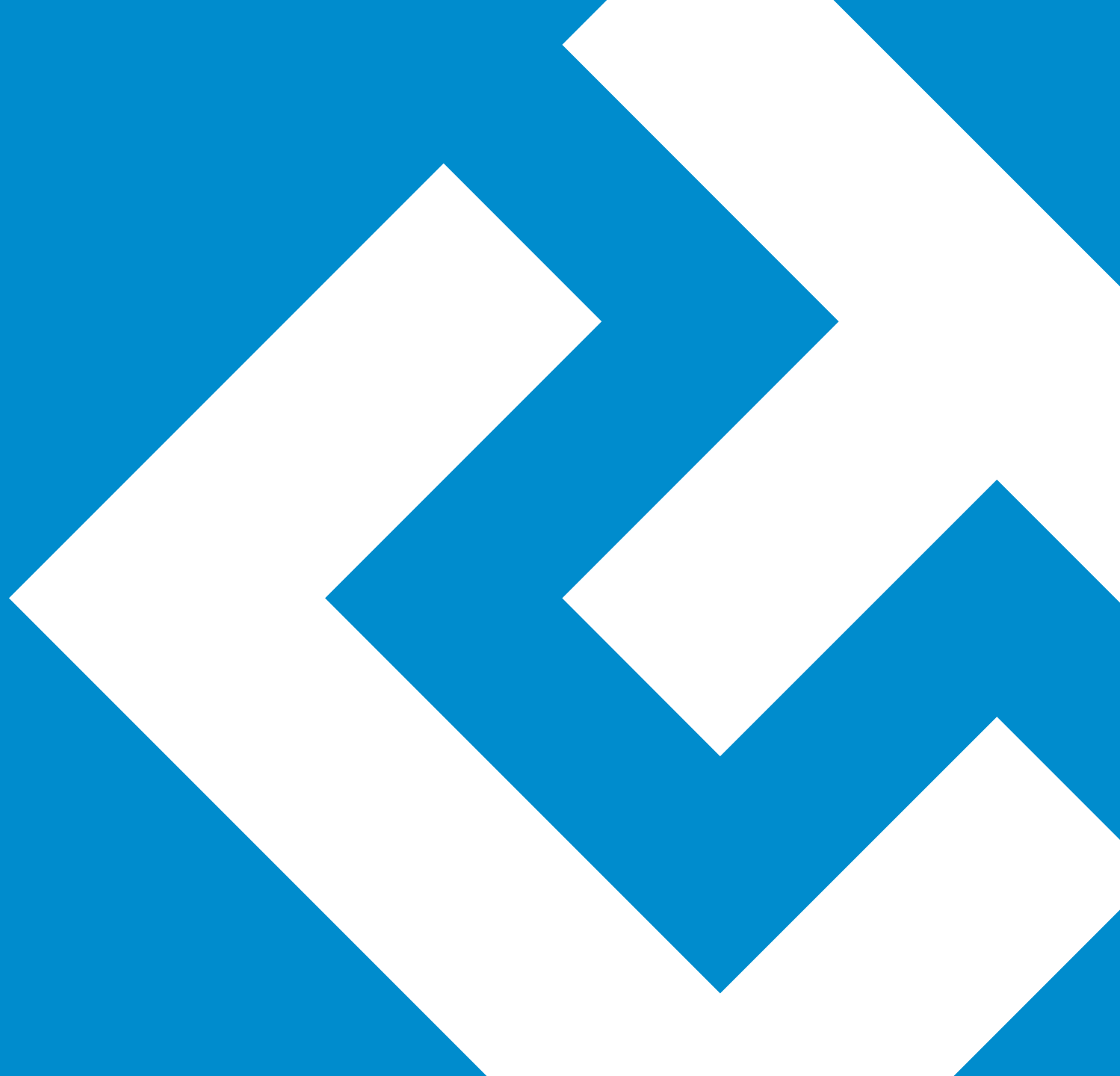
Institution	Role	Type of Action
Region of South Moravia	BENEFICIARY	Fellowship Programme
ELI-Beamlines	PARTNER ORGANISATION	Doctoral Programme
Institute of Physiology CAS	PARTNER ORGANISATION	Doctoral Programme
Masaryk university	PARTNER ORGANISATION	Fellowship Programme
Institute of Molecular Genetics CAS	PARTNER ORGANISATION	Doctoral Programme
Number of funded projects	5	

MSCA COFUND 2021 Call

Fellowship/Postdoctoral Programme: Submission per country MS (vs COFUND 2020)



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION



National support to MSCA COFUND applicants

Information events organised in 2021

- [Presentations from On-line Information Day on MSCA COFUND under Horizon Europe](#), 03/06/2021
- [Presentations from On-line Training "How to write a competitive proposal?" in Marie Skłodowska Curie Action COFUND](#), 29/11/2021
- Individual consulting and proposal pre-screening, e-mails, phone calls, personal/virtual meetings



[National Portal Horizon Europe](#)



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MSCA COFUND CZ

- Support for projects submitted under the HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND-01 call, which have been awarded the "Seal of Excellence" quality label (score \geq 85 %)
- Allocation: 250 000 000 CZK
- Start date for submitting proposals: 21 July 2022
- End date for submitting proposals 1 December 2022
- Duration of projects: 60 months

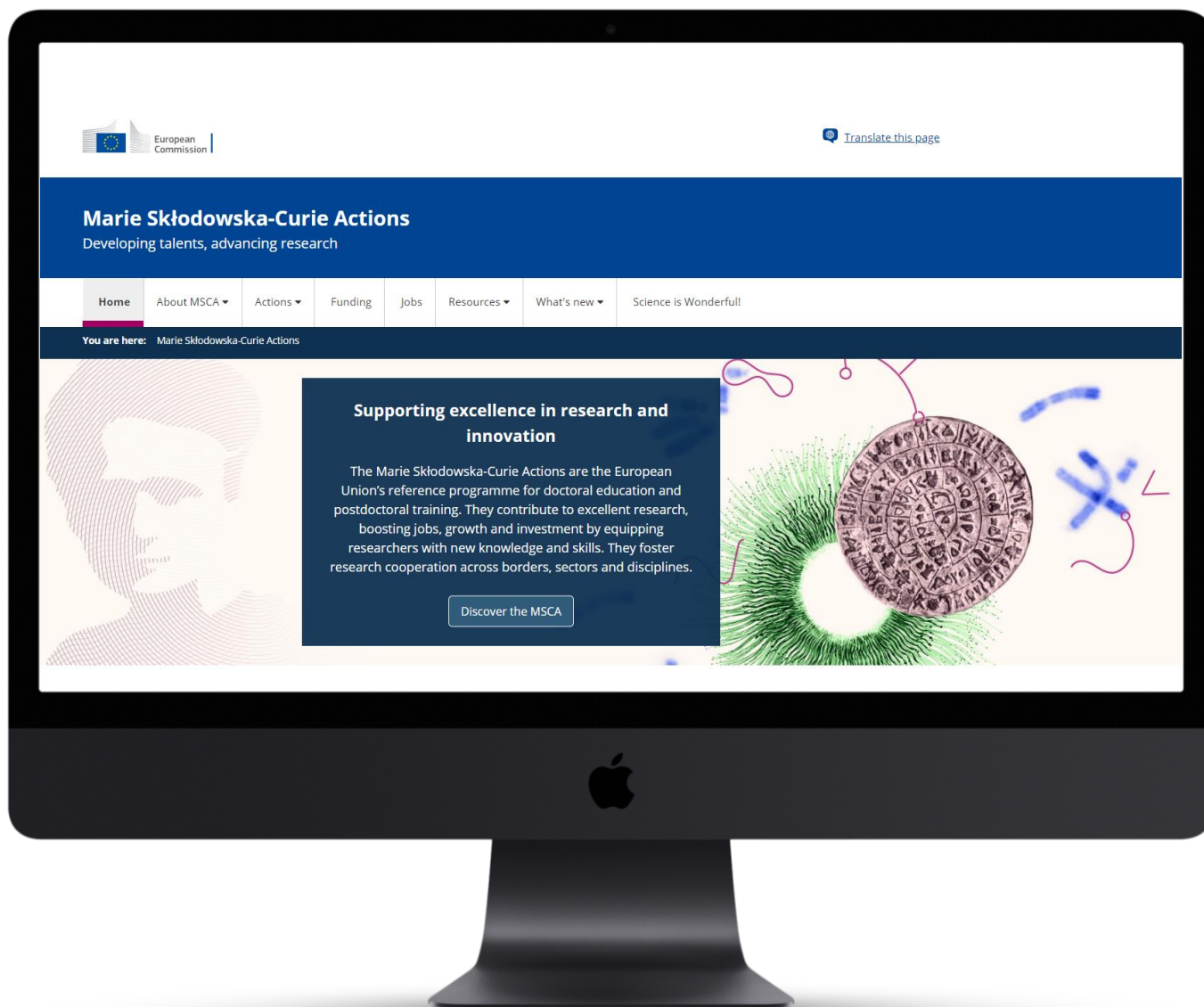
Actualities and other information about OP JAN AMOS KOMENSKÝ (2021-2027) and the calls here: <https://OPJAK.cz/>

Questions: mscacofundOPJAK@msmt.cz

Source: MEYS


MSCA Calls: 2022-2024 (for 2023-2024 preliminary calendar)

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



Useful links

- [MSCA newsletter](#) (subscribe)
- [Euraxess](#) (jobs and funding opportunities)
- [ERA4Ukraine](#) (Euraxess website, EU initiative)
- [Researchin](#) (Czech initiative to support Ukrainian researchers)
- [MSCA Green Charter](#)
- [MSCA Guidelines for inclusion of researchers at risk](#)
- [MSCA Guidelines on Supervision](#)
- [Synergies between the MSCA and Erasmus+ in the area of higher education](#)
- [Horizon Europe guidance on gender equality plans](#)



**Thank you for your attention.
Good luck with your proposals!**

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon Europe

Focus on MSCA COFUND

2nd June 2022

Alexandra PEDERSEN
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MSCA COFUND

Mono-beneficiary action to **co-fund** new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for **doctoral** training and **postdoctoral** fellowships.

Focus

- Spread **best practices** of the MSCA by promoting **high standards** in the recruitment process and **excellent working conditions**
- Introduce **sustainable structuring effects**, by promoting excellent and sustainable research training, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation and mobility
- Encourage **synergies** with Cohesion policy funds as well as the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Programmes could focus on specific disciplines, notably when based on Smart Specialisation Strategies.

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Modalities:

- **Doctoral Programmes:** offer research training activities to allow doctoral candidates to develop and broaden their skills and competences. They will lead to the award of a doctoral degree in at least one EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. The training activities should be based on the EU Principles on Innovative Doctoral Training.
- **Postdoctoral Programmes:** fund individual advanced research training and career development fellowships for postdoctoral researchers. The programmes should offer training to develop key transferable skills and competences common to all fields, foster innovation and entrepreneurship and promote and (where appropriate) reward Open Science practices.

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Who can apply?

- **Single legal entity established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country.**
- **All beneficiaries must recruit at least three researchers.** They are required to host at their premises and supervise recruited researchers, or use implementing partners linked to them to do so

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Academic and non-academic sectors

Academic sector

- ✓ public or private higher education establishments
- ✓ public or private non-profit research organisations
- ✓ International European Research Organisations

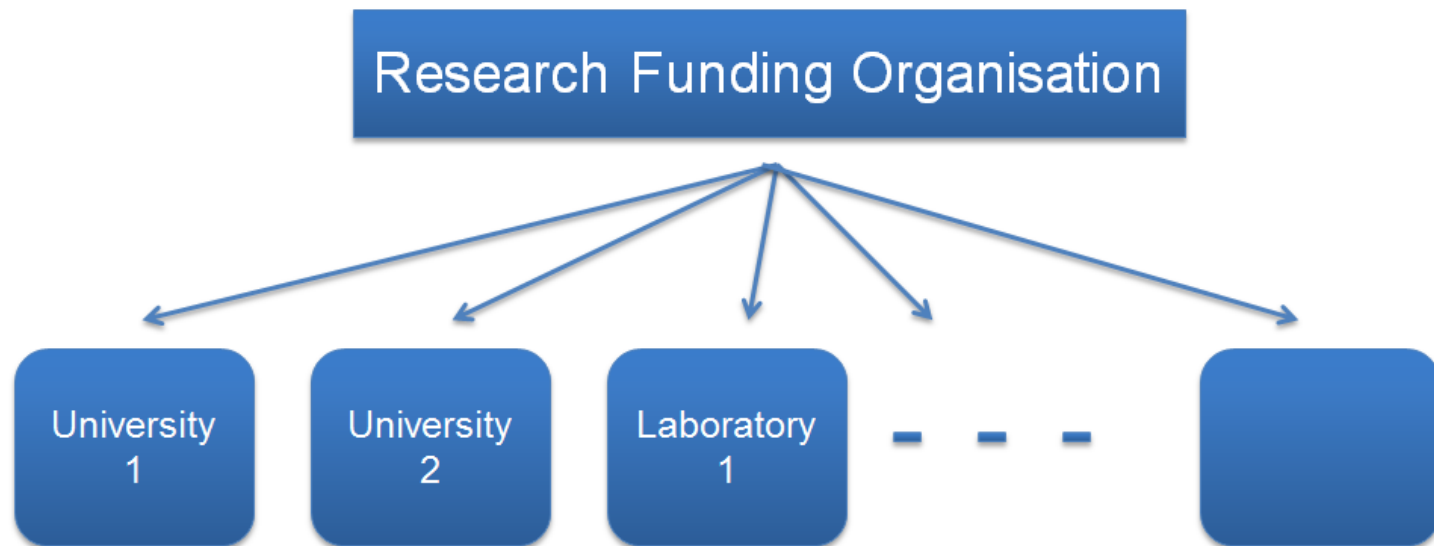


Non-academic sector

- ✓ any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector

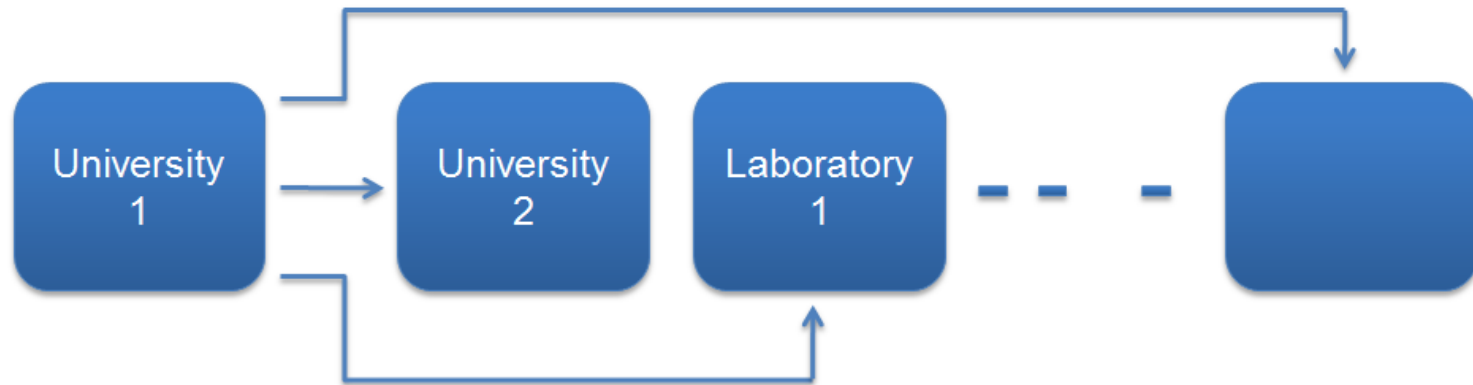
COFUND – Possible structures

1-Hierarchical



COFUND – Possible structures

2-Horizontal



COFUND – Possible structures

3-Single Point

We do everything!

MSCA COFUND

- **Co-funding**
 - Max **10 M€** per beneficiary per call (unchanged)
- **Duration**
 - **Programme**: max. 60 months (unchanged)
 - **Fellowship**: min 3 months (unchanged)
- **Recruitment**
 - **Euraxess**

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Eligible researchers:

- **Doctoral programmes:** researchers without a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call; mandatory enrolment in a doctoral programme
- **Postdoctoral programmes:** researchers with a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call
- **Any nationality**
- **Mobily rule:** must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the recruiting beneficiary or implementing partner for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the deadline of the co-funded programme's call

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Main differences compared to H2020-COFUND:

- Researcher eligibility: **full time equivalent research experience no longer applies**
- **The EU contribution covers minimum remuneration required** and can be used **more flexibly**
- There will be possibility to apply for **long-term leave allowance or special needs allowance.**
- Secondments: **up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration**
- Introduction of an **MSCA Cofund Seal of Excellence** for applications scoring $\geq 85\%$

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Award criteria

MSCA COFUND: award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, management structures, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages</p>
<p>Quality and novelty of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, inter-sectorality and level of transnational mobility. Quality of open science practices</p>	<p>Credibility of the proposed measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of researchers and contribution to their skills development</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Quality, novelty and pertinence of the research training programme (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary, inter-sectoral and gender as well as other diversity aspects)</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>Quality, novelty and pertinence of the supervision, career guidance and career development arrangements</p>		
<p>50%</p>	<p>30%</p>	<p>20%</p>

MSCA in HE – COFUND

Proposal Structure

Proposal Structure

Part A

- structured data -

Application forms

Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND-01
(MSCA COFUND 2021)

Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-COFUND-01-01

Type of Action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-Cofund-P

Proposal number: [REDACTED]

Proposal acronym: [REDACTED]

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Unit Grant

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4	Ethics and security	

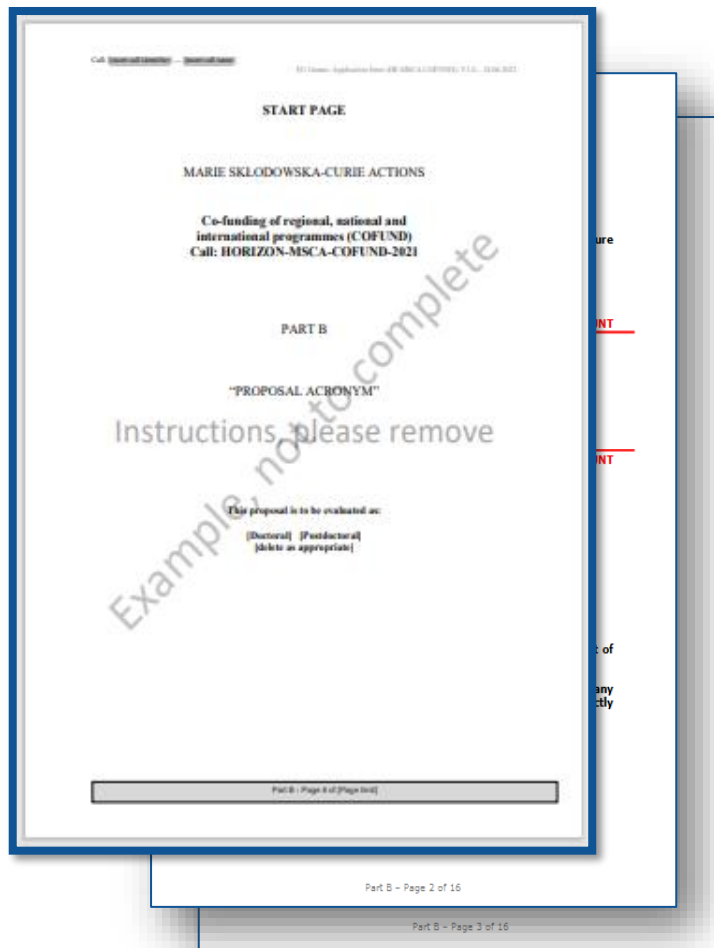
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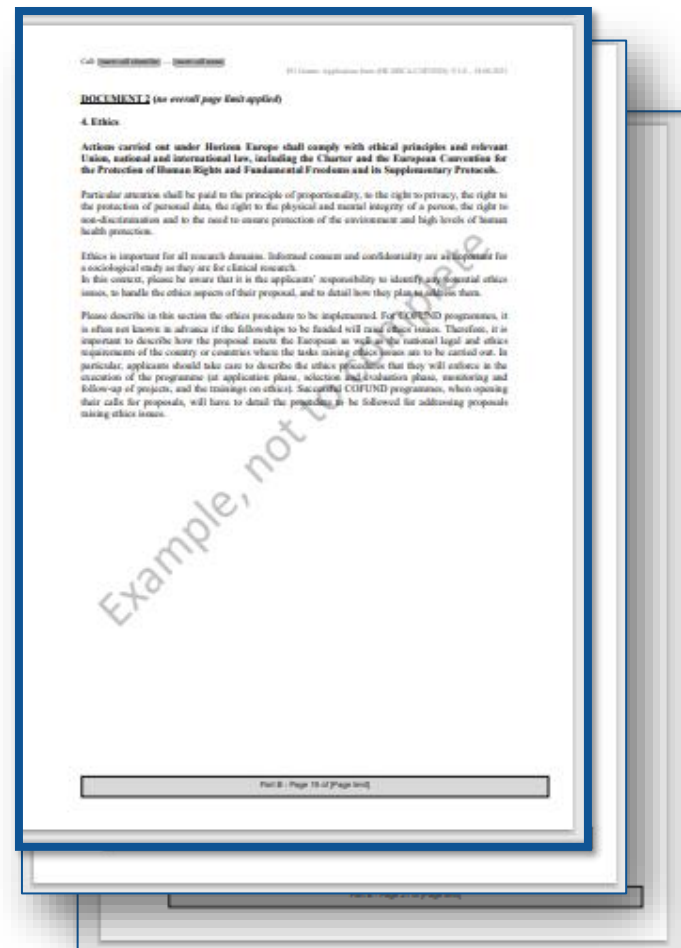
Part B1

- description of action -



Part B2

- annexes -



Proposal Structure

- ❑ Part B1 – 34 pages in total
- ❑ Clearly indicated in the template
- ❑ Automatically calculated by the submission system

Page Limits – Part B1

START PAGE (1 page)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME and INFORMATION ON THE BENEFICIARY (Maximum 2 pages)

TABLE OF CONTENTS (1 page)



4 pages

1. EXCELLENCE

2. IMPACT

3. IMPLEMENTATION



30 pages max

Proposal Structure

Page Limits – Part B2

- Part B2 – No overall page limit
- Apart from section 5 - maximum of half a page per associated/implementing partner)

4. ETHICAL ASPECTS

5. PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

6. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT

MSCA in HE – COFUND

Budget structure & Project implementation

MSCA COFUND – Unit contributions

Novelties compared to H2020: new cost categories

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)

Minimum remuneration applies:

EUR 2 800 for Doctoral researcher, EUR 3 980 for Postdoctoral researcher
(including both fellow's and employer's social contributions)

COFUND – Total budget of the co-funded programme

- Applicants must specify in their proposal **the total cost of their proposed programme** and in particular the amounts that will be provided for the benefit of the researchers and for the organisation(s) that will implement the programme.

COFUND

Novelties compared to H2020 – new cost categories

- The EU contribution covers minimum remuneration and can be used more flexibly
- **NEW** - **A long-term leave allowance** to cover 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** - **A special needs allowance** to contribute to the additional costs for the acquisition of special needs items and services for researchers with disabilities, e.g. assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel/transportation costs.
- Both long-term leave and special needs allowances should be requested **when the need arises**.

COFUND – project implementation

- Each beneficiary/ implementing partner must recruit each eligible doctoral/postdoctoral researcher under an **employment contract or equivalent direct contract** with full social security coverage.
- When an employment contract cannot be provided (due to national legislation), the beneficiary may exceptionally recruit the doctoral/postdoctoral researcher under a **'fixed-amount fellowship'**. In this case, the living allowance will be halved and the beneficiary must ensure that the doctoral/postdoctoral researchers enjoys minimum social security coverage.

COFUND – project implementation

- **The selection of the researchers** must follow an open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable selection procedure, with vacancies internationally advertised and published, including on the EURAXESS website. Selection must be based on international peer review for the postdoctoral programmes.
- **The training programme** shall offer a wide variety of opportunities for researchers to experience secondments (including intersectoral ones), to benefit from training in research or transferable skills, as well as from innovative and interdisciplinary elements of the proposed programme.
- Doctoral/Postdoctoral researchers should devote them on a **full-time basis** to the project.
- **Part-time** is allowed for personal or family reasons, with a prior agreement of the REA. Part-time work due to professional reasons can be requested by Cofund postdoctoral researchers only.

COFUND – Success Factors

- Interdisciplinary, intersectoral and international dimension.
- Solid co-funding mechanism.
- Wide and diversified network.
- Impact at individual and institutional level.

MSCA in HE – COFUND

2021 – 2022 Call details

COFUND – call details

Call	2021		Call	2022	
	Opening Closing	Budget (M€)		Opening Closing	Budget (M€)
COFUND	11/10/2022 09/02/2023	89	COFUND	11/10/2022 09/02/2023	95

Thank you