



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Focus on MSCA COFUND

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What is MSCA COFUND?

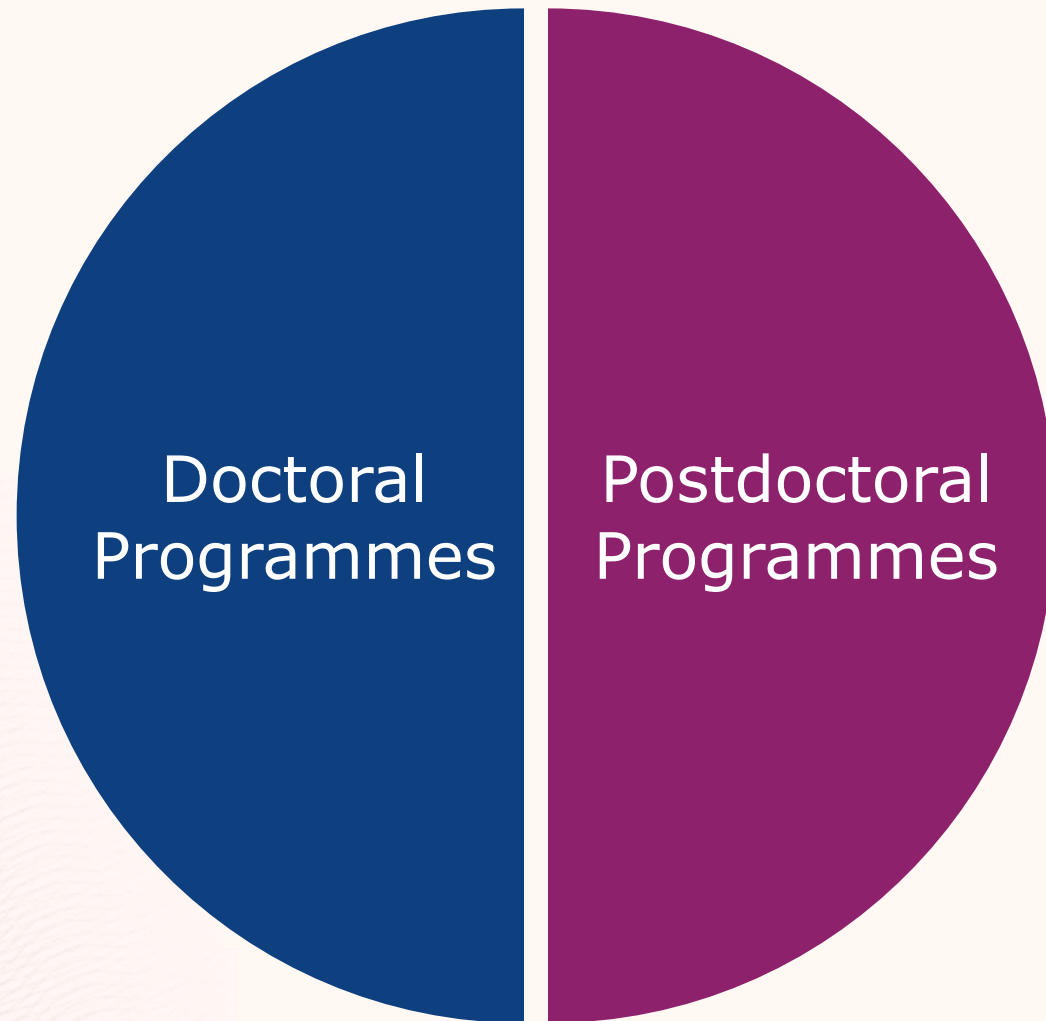
Mono-beneficiary action:

⑩ new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for doctoral training & postdoctoral fellowships

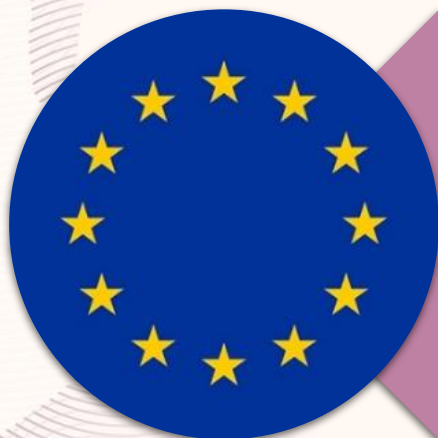
Focus:

- best practice, high standards & excellent working conditions, sustainable structuring effects

COFUND Modalities



MSCA COFUND – For whom?



Single legal entity established in
an EU Member State



Single legal entity established in
HE associated country

COFUND Academic & non-academic sectors

Academic sector

Higher education establishments

Non-profits

International European Research Organisations

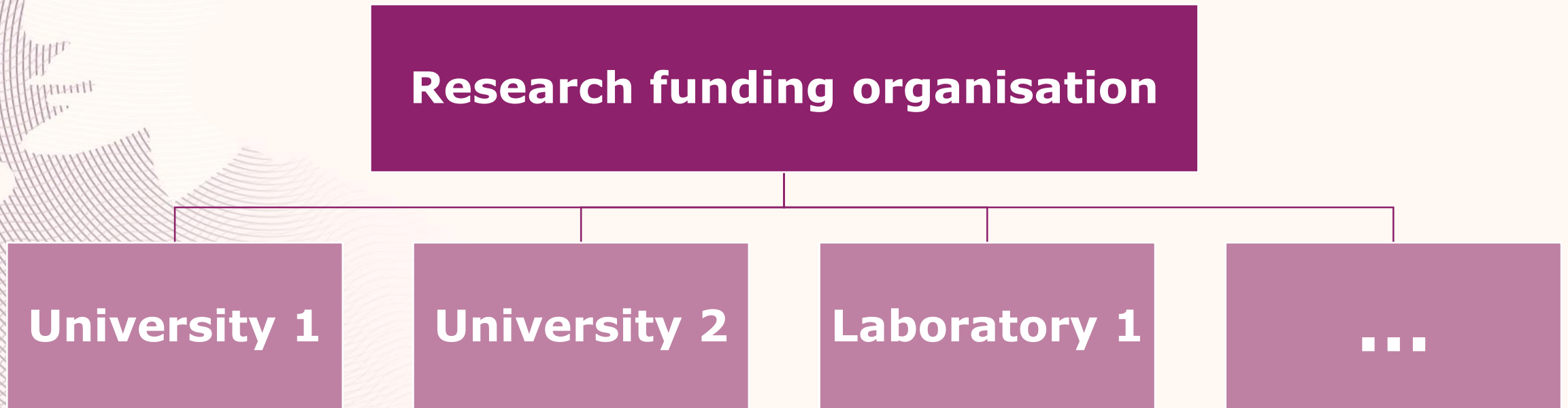


Non-academic sector

Any socio-economic actor not included in academic sector

COFUND – Possible structures

1 - Hierarchical



COFUND – Possible structures

2 - Horizontal



COFUND – Possible structures

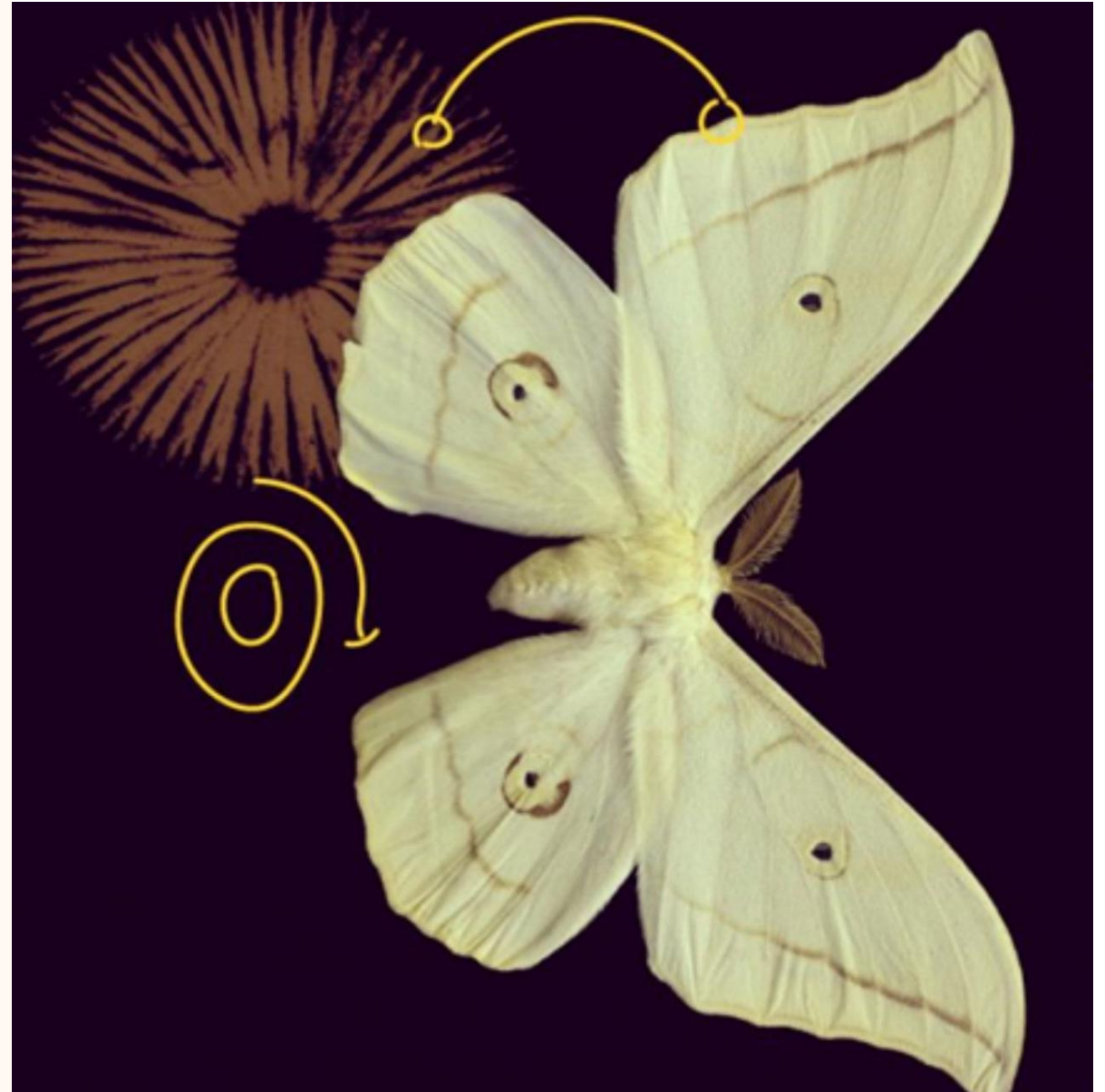
3 – Single Point



COFUND partners

Implementing partners

Associated partners



COFUND – to keep in mind (1)

- Scope: doctoral/post-doctoral programmes;
- CO-funding: Max. EUR 10m/beneficiary/call;
- Duration: fellowship – min. 3 months; programme – max. 60 months;
- Recruitment: min. 3 fellows per programme.

COFUND – to keep in mind (2)

- Eligibility of researchers: no limitation in nationality, doctoral candidates/post-doctoral researchers;
- Contractual conditions: full-time/equivalent direct contract with full social security ~ fixed-amount fellowship with min. social security + full-time basis (part-time exceptional);
- Mobility rule: 12 months in the 3 years before the call ddl. of the co-funded programme.

COFUND – to keep in mind (3)

- Selection & recruitment: international advertisement of vacancies, open/transparent/merit-based at all stages – no conflict of interest;

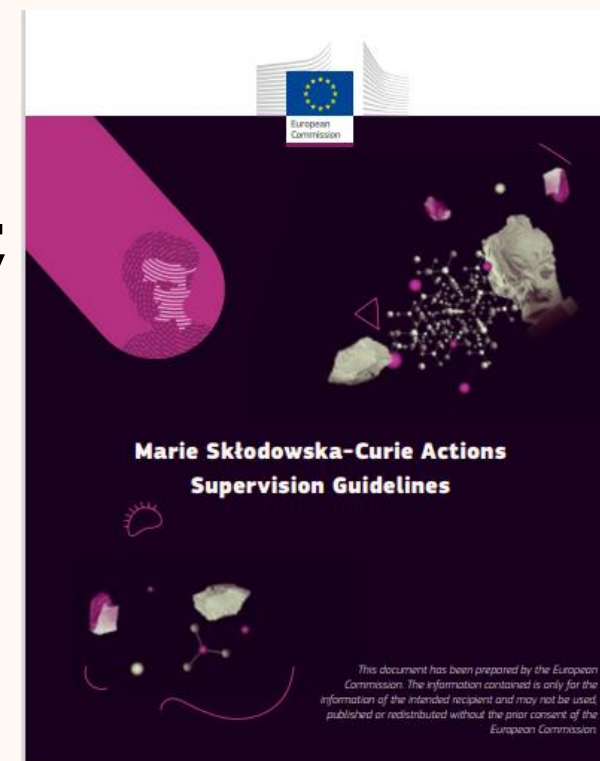
Doctoral: independent panel outside the partnership

Post-doctoral: independent international panel

- Secondments: up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration.

COFUND – Supervision arrangement

- open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable selection & recruitment;
- Rationale for the contact by candidate to be specified – limited to scientific advice;
- No involvement of supervisor in drafting of the proposal – no pre-selection/approval of candidates;
- No role in selection & recruitment or decision-making.



COFUND – Use of artificial intelligence

- Use of generative AI tool is permitted;
- Applicants bear legal responsibility for their proposal;
- Inaccurate/erroneous data generated by AI tools to be penalised;
- Plagiarism may lead to sanctions;
- No AI in the COFUND recruitment process or decision making.

COFUND – Award criteria

Excellence (50%)

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Impact (30%)

Implementation (20%)

COFUND Budget – EU contribution

**For recruited researchers &
institutional contributions
per person-month***

**Doctoral
programmes
EUR 3,300****

**Postdoctoral
programmes
EUR 4,700****

Any cost item of the programme supported

* For more details: [unit-mga_he_en.pdf](#)

** Fixed-amount fellowship: 50% of the standard rate



COFUND budget - Conditions

**Total cost of
programme to be
specified**

- Amounts for researchers
- Amounts for organisation(s)

**Minimum
monthly gross
remuneration
+
mobility costs**

- Doctoral candidates: EUR 3,300*
- Postdoctoral candidates: EUR 4,700*

*Min. EUR 1,650 (doctoral) & EUR 2,350 (postdoc) if fixed-amount fellowship

COFUND budget – Part A

Participant number	Organisation short name	Role	Country	Academic sector	IO	No of recruited researchers	Number of person months (Employment)	Number of person months (Fellowship)	Contributions for recruited researchers		Total	Own resources	Financial contributions	Total estimated project income
									Employment Contract	Fixed amount fellowship				
1				No	No									
Total														

Cost categories	EU contribution (A) (EUR/person-month)	Own resources (B) (EUR/person-month)	Total cost = EU contribution + own resources (A+B) (EUR/person-month)
...			
Number of fellows			
Number of fellow months			
Total amount			

Beneficiary and (if appl.) Associated Partners (APs) involved in the proposal. Implementing Partners (IPs) are not listed.

The beneficiary is 'Participant number 1' followed by the APs.

Beneficiary must encode in the column '**Own resources**' its own financial input to the programme, and in the column '**Financial contribution**' the financial support coming from IPs (if applicable).

Beneficiary must indicate for the APs – each in its relevant row - under the column '**Financial contribution**' any financial support (if appl.).

COFUND BUDGET – Part B1

COFUND budget – Part B1

Cost categories	EU contribution (A) (EUR/person-month)	Own resources (B) (EUR/person-month)	Total cost = EU contribution + own resources (A+B) (EUR/person-month)
COFUND allowance	3 300 (for Doctoral)* 4 700 (for Postdoctoral)*		***
Mobility allowance**			****
Family allowance**			****
Travel allowance**			****
Research costs**			
Other (training, etc.) **			
Management costs **			
Indirect costs**			
Number of fellows			
Number of fellow months			
Total amount			

Please make sure that the Total cost (including EU contribution and Own resources) declared in section 3 of Part A of the proposal matches exactly what is presented in Part B1.

* Choose applicable rate

** If applicable

*** Monthly gross remuneration

**** Total amount of allowance, if provided

COFUND budget – additional allowances: upon request

- Long-term leave allowance: contribution to personnel cost in case of researcher's leave for more than 30 days;
- Special needs allowance: contribution to additional costs for the purchase of special needs items/services.

COFUND – Template structure

Part A Structured data

Part B Technical description

Part B1 Description of action

Part B2 Annexes

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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3	Budget	
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Part A – Structured data

1.General Information

2.Participants

3.Budget

4.Ethics & Security

Part B – Technical description

Instructions for drafting Part B

Definitions

Generative AI tools for proposal preparation

Part B1 – Description of the action

Part B2 - Annexes

Part B1 – Description of the action

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**General
Description &
Info on
Beneficiary
(max 2 pages)**

1. Excellence

2. Impact

3. Implementation

Sections 1-3 (max 30 pages)

Part B2 – Annexes

4. Ethics

5. Partner organisations (Implementing and Associated)

6. Environmental considerations re: MSCA Green Charter

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limit**

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- max 1/2 page
per partner)**

COFUND – 2025 call details

Call	2025	
	Opening Closing	Budget (EUR m)
COFUND 2025	23 January 25 24 June 25	105.56*

* subject to formal adoption by the European Commission

HORIZON EUROPE MSCA COFUND – statistics

		2021	2022	2023	2024
Latvia (LV)	Submission	0	0	0	1
	Selection	0	0	0	0
Lithuania (LT)	Submission	1	0	0	0
	Selection	0	0	0	0
Poland (PL)	Submission	4	3	5	2
	Selection	0	0	1	1
Slovakia (SK)	Submission	0	1	1	2
	Selection	0	0	0	0



Thank you!

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https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/horizon-europe-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions_en



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