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Informative seminar for MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship 2024 applicants

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***«Nothing in life is to be feared,
it is only to be understood.
Now is the time to understand
more, so that we may fear
less.»***

Marie Skłodowska Curie



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Main features

Bottom – up

« 3 i principle »

Excellence

Mobility

Training

Networking

**Best practice in
recruitment of researchers**



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Calls

Excellent idea



**Postdoctoral
Fellowships**



12 – 24 or 24- 36
months **outgoing
mobility** to
implement fellowship

**Staff
Exchange**



1 -12 months
international,
intersectoral,
interdisciplinary
exchange of staff
(incoming/outgoing
mobility)

**Doctoral
Networks**



Implementation of
doctoral programme
- standard, industrial
or joint

**MSCA and
Citizens**



Public outreach/
science
communication

COFUND



Co-funding post-
doctoral or doctoral
programmes



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Call calendar 2024-2025

CALL	2024	
	Opening	Closing
MSCA COFUND	03 Apr 2024	26 Sep 2024
MSCA PF	10 Apr 2024	11 Sep 2024
MSCA DN	29 May 2024	27 Nov 2024
MSCA SE	19 Sep 2024	05 Feb 2025
CALL	2025	
MSCA SE	27 Mar 2025	08 Oct 2025
MSCA PF	09 Apr 2025	10 Sep 2025
MSCA DN	28 May 2025	25 Nov 2025
MSCA COFUND	23 Jan 2025	24 Jun 2025
MSCA and Citizens	17 Jun 2025	22 Oct 2025



Financing models in MSCA calls

Unit contribution

Doctoral Networks

Staff Exchange

Postdoctoral Fellowships

COFUND

Lump Sum

MSCA and Citizens



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MSCA is for You, if you wish to

- ✓ implement your own idea (bottom-up);
- ✓ implement a project in a prestigious program
- ✓ get 100% EU – contribution (except co-funding);
- ✓ get EU project experience;
- ✓ be part of an international networking;
- ✓ boost your career development;
- ✓ use one of the simplest application process in HEU



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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship call 2024

Basic information



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MSCA PF 2024 timeline

Indicative budget
EUR 417.18 million

~~10~~ **23? April**
2024: Call open

February 2025:
Notification of call results to applicants (TBC)

April 2025: First EU-funded projects start (TBC)

11 September 2024: Deadline

April 2025: Grant agreement signature for successful projects (TBC)

Next call (PF 2025) April 9, 2025 - September 10, 2025

* Resubmission Restriction: An applicant who received a score **below 70%** will need to wait 1 call before re-submitting a proposal involving the same host institution (= beneficiary or recruiting organisation).



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This call for proposals offers fellowships to researchers **holding a PhD** wishing to undertake **mobility** in order to undertake an **original and personalised** research and innovation project.



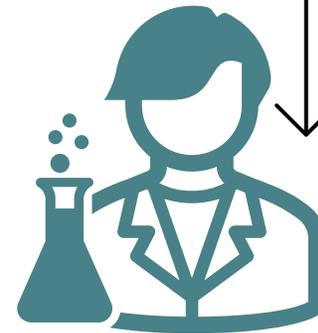
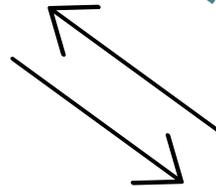
mobility



Research experience (fulltime equivalent) maximum 8 years from date of award of the (first) doctoral degree.

The deadline for this (2024) call is **11/09/2024**, and applicants with a first PhD obtained after **11/09/2016** automatically meet eligibility under the 8-year FTE rule.

#collaboration



Hosts the postdoc, provides a supervisor and administrates funding

More experienced researcher **from hosting organization**, who fulfills supervisor's role during the length of a fellowship



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Eligible researcher

1. The researcher must be in possession of a doctoral degree or have successfully defended their doctoral thesis before call deadline.
2. **Maximum 8 years research experience (fulltime equivalent) from date of award of the (first) doctoral degree.**



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 maternity leave taken, whichever is longest);
- Paternity leave (exact duration per child born after the PhD award date);
- Compulsory national service;
- Time spent not working in research;





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≤ 8 years research experience (fulltime equivalent) from date of award of the (first) doctoral degree.

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

STEP 1

PhD award date: Gender:

Less than 8 years experience?

STEP 2

Deductions on 8 years research experience

-days-

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Paternity leave:	<input type="text"/>
Time spent not working in research:	<input type="text"/>
Career breaks:	<input type="text"/>
National service:	<input type="text"/>
Long term sick leave:	<input type="text"/>
Research experience in third country:	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	0

no gender information available, please complete

calculator for non-research experience

start date employment:	<input type="text"/>
end date employment:	<input type="text"/>
% FTE spent not in research:	<input type="text"/>
RESULT:	0

Less than 8 years experience with deductions?

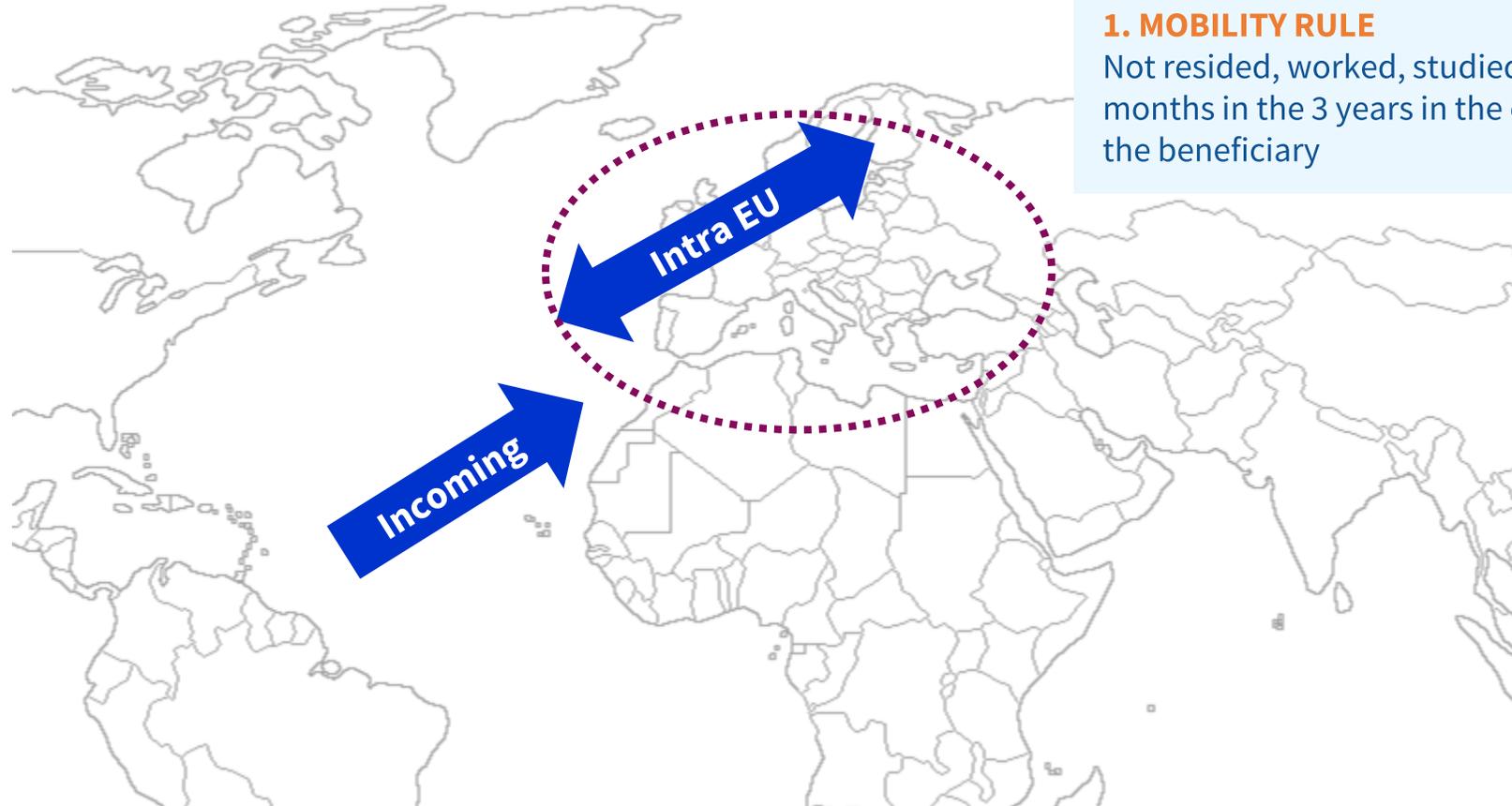
WAIT FOR AN UPDATED VERSION!

- [guidelines on the calculation of 8-years research experience in Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe](#)
- [self-assessment tool for the calculation of the 8-years research experience](#)



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European Fellowships



1. MOBILITY RULE

Not resided, worked, studied > 12 months in the 3 years in the country of the beneficiary

2. PANELS – eight panels (CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY)



ERA Fellowships, F&T portal

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

Total duration of the secondments - up to 1/3 of total project duration (in months):

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.

Only EF, and only applies when hosting organization is in widening country



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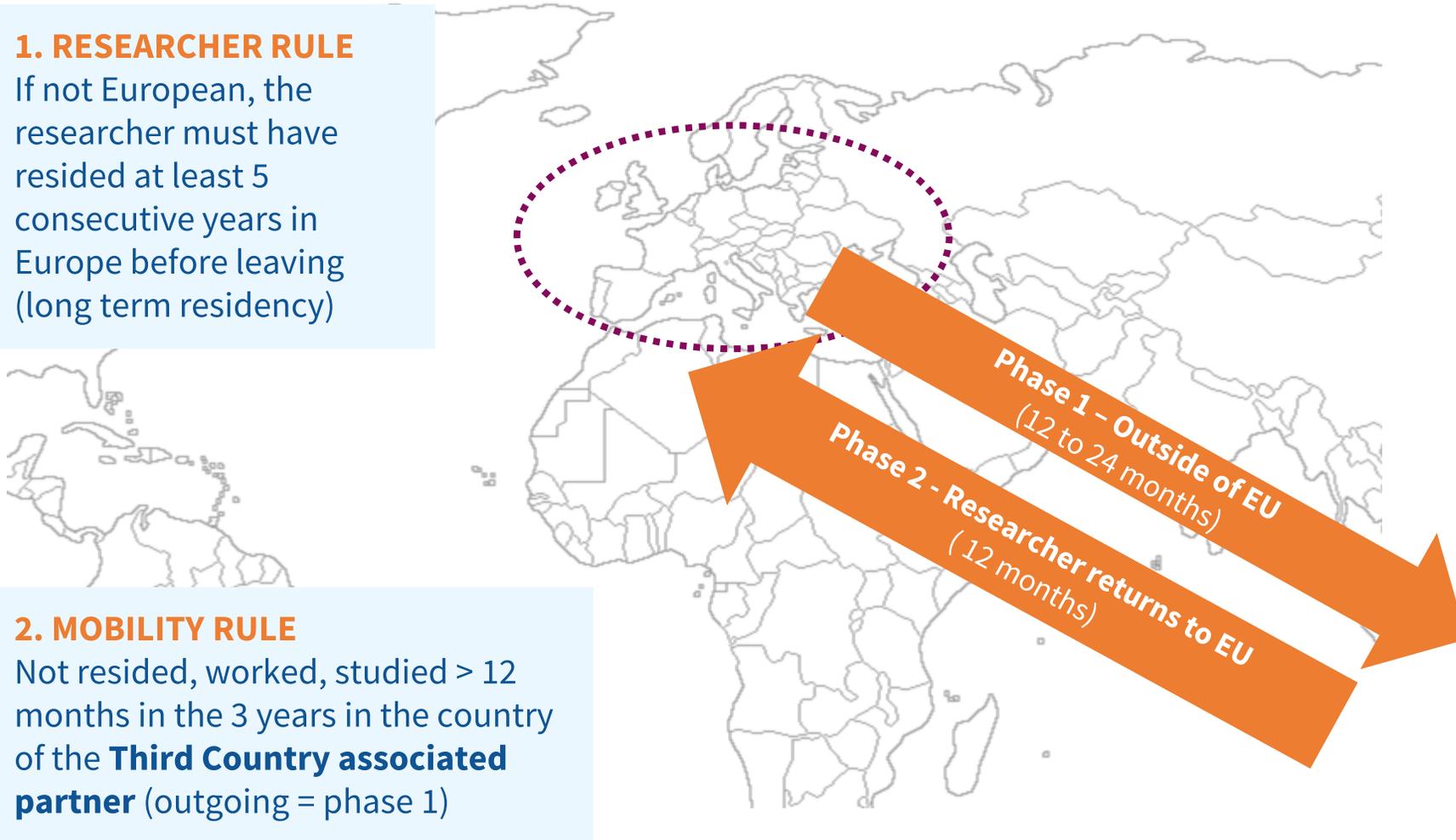
Global Fellowships

1. RESEARCHER RULE

If not European, the researcher must have resided at least 5 consecutive years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)

2. MOBILITY RULE

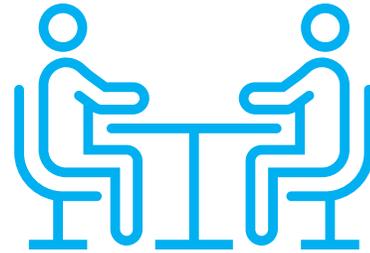
Not resided, worked, studied > 12 months in the 3 years in the country of the **Third Country associated partner** (outgoing = phase 1)





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Supervisor



Guidance, support, direction, advice and mentorship from experienced personnel are key enablers for someone embarking on or restarting a career in research.

The supervisor is a **senior researcher appointed** by the beneficiary, who supervises the postdoctoral researcher during the entire project.

Global fellowships require an additional supervisor to be appointed to the associate partner for the time spent in the outgoing phase.



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Recommended guidelines

MSCA Guidelines on Supervision

General guiding
principles

Why effective
supervision is
important under
MSCA

How hosting
institutions and
supervisors can adapt
guidelines



<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/about-msca/msca-guidelines-on-supervision>





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Hosting organization

Any legal entity, registered in EU or Horizon Europe [associated country](#),*

- **Academic** (*Higher education establishments (awarding academic degrees) non-profit research organisations (primary mission research) international European interest organisations*)
- **Non-academic** (*Any entity not included in the academic sector: e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals, international organisations (e.g. UN, WHO));*)

*with appropriate **capacity** (*human resources, knowledge, technical/ infrastructure, management etc.*)



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Secondment host (if relevant)

*For the researcher to carry out some part of his research and gain **additional** experience*

- ✓ A legal entity from any country in the world, from **any sector** (academic, non-academic);
- ✓ Provides a mentor/supervisor for this period;
- ✓ Up to 1/3 of the entire project duration,
- ✓ There is no separate budget
- ✓ Must meet the project's objectives, adding **significant value and impact** to the scholarship
- ✓ Can be within the same sector, although **cross-sector** secondment is highly recommended

Secondment: planned stay of the researcher at an associated partner in any country worldwide during the fellowship with specific supervision arrangements, clear planned training and/or research objectives.

Example: Host in Spain (Universitat De Barcelona), secondment to Norway.

AURAL CULTURE: DECODING THE SACRED SOUNDSCAPES OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE

*At the secondment (Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo) **I will be trained how to communicate research results to the wide public** via multisensory exhibitions, which will also add significant impact to the fellowship.*



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Non-academic placement

Promote career change (researcher employability) between industries and organizations and thus **stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer** while **expanding career opportunities** for researchers.

- Only suitable for implementation in an EU member state or a Horizon Europe associated country;
- Provides a mentor/supervisor for this period;
- **Only the non-academic sector** (*Any entity not included in the academic sector: e.g. large companies, SMEs, NGOs, museums, hospitals, international organizations (e.g. UN, WHO)*);
- The duration can reach up to 6 months (only at the end of the project);
- A Letter of Commitment is mandatory
- A separate budget is provided

Example: Host in Spain, non-academic placement in Spain

[Digitizing Women of Medieval Iberian Historiography](#)

«At a later stage of the project and during the **placement in the field of digital Cultural Heritage**, it will be possible to explore the project's GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, museums) potential and its application in education, cultural, and IT sector.»



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Example for a secondment and placement :

«Policy Evaluation of a Pregnancy Benefit as a Novel Form of Family Policy in the EU»



Slovakia: host (Comenius University in Bratislava)

- Secondment (*Institute for Labor and Family Research*)

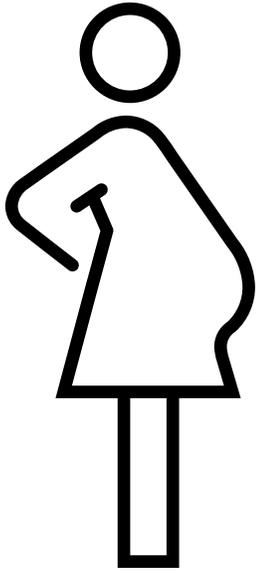


«First, the **secondment** institution conducts **policy-relevant research** tailored for the needs of the government and other public bodies.»

- Non-academic placement (*Moznost Volby*)



Second, the **non-academic placement** will occur in an NGO **promoting gender equality and women's rights.**»





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The aim of the fellowship



The Postdoctoral Fellowships action targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, **acquire new skills and develop their careers**. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors.

→ How will the project help you improve your career?



The objective is to improve researchers' employability and career prospects within academia and beyond, with a strong focus on ***interdisciplinarity and intersectoral experience***.

→ Think how you could include these aspects



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Focus?



Through an **original and personalized research project**, the MSCA PF aims to promote excellence through training and mobility, and to equip researchers **with new skills and competencies** to identify solutions to current and future challenges.

Postdoctoral researchers are invited **to engage the public to make project results visible** to citizens and involve citizens, civil society and end consumers in the co-creation of science content **when appropriate**

→ *In the application, highlight what you will learn (skills, competences, knowledge.) [Guide](#)*

→ *Important project visibility (presentations, visits, conferences, etc.)! [Help](#) and [MSCA videoe guide](#)*



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Expected outcome

Postdoctoral researcher

- An enhanced set of **research and transferable skills and competencies** that enhance the employability and career prospects of fellows in and beyond academia;
- New ways of thinking and approaches to research and innovation work, built through **international, cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary** experiences
- Improved **networking and communication abilities** with peer scientists as well as with the wider community, which will increase the impact of research and innovation.

Hosting organization

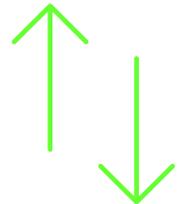
- Improved **working conditions** of researchers in accordance with the principles established [European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers](#);
- Improved **quality and sustainability** of research training and mentoring ;
- Increased **global appeal, visibility and reputation of** participating organization(s) ;
- Greater research and innovation **capacity and results** among participating organizations; better knowledge transfer ;
- Regular **feedback on research results** in organizations involved in teaching and learning



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Content of your project

- ✓ **Training through research:** individual personalized action (bottom-up)
- ✓ **An innovative and outstanding research topic**
- ✓ Practical training activities for the development of scientific (new methods, tools) and transferable skills (proposal preparation, IPR management, task coordination, management and supervision, use of research results)
- ✓ **Cross-sectoral or interdisciplinary** knowledge transfer (e.g. through secondments)
- ✓ Realistic and well-defined career development goals
- ✓ Organization of scientific/training/information dissemination events
- ✓ Communication, outreach activities and horizontal skills
- ✓ Gender issues





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Career development plan

The career development plan should be developed **jointly by the supervisor(s) and the researcher.** In addition to the research objectives, this plan should include the training and career needs of the researcher, including:

1. transferable skills training,
2. teaching,
3. publication planning and participation in conferences and events aimed at opening up science and research to the public.

The plan will be submitted **as a project deliverable** at the start of the project (M6) and can be updated as needed.





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MSCA *Postdoctoral Fellowship* unit costs



Researcher unit costs

Per person month

Living allowance

5990 EUR*

Mobility allowance

710 EUR

Family allowance

660 EUR

Long-term leave allowance

Calculations

Special Needs allowance

Calculations



Institutional unit costs

Per person month

Research, training and networking costs

1000 EUR

Management and indirect costs

650 EUR



Researcher unit costs



Researcher unit costs

Per person month

Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Long-term leave allowance	Special Needs allowance
5990 EUR*	710 EUR	660 EUR	calculations	Calculations

Living - *correction coefficient for each country (GF, two CCC). Minus all obligatory deductions according to countries legislation (*taxes, social security*)

Mobility - this allowance covers his/her additional **private** costs related to mobility (eg travel and accommodation costs) not project-related professional costs covered by the research, training and networking category.

Family - people related to researcher

- i) marriage or
- ii) a relationship with a status equivalent to marriage, recognized by the legislation of the country or region in which this relationship was established; or
- iii) dependent children who are actually supported by the researcher



Institutional unit costs

- Contributions to **research, training and networking** should cover, for example, the costs of training and networking events that directly contribute to the development of a researcher's career (e.g. participation in conferences, trips related to project work, training, language courses, seminars, laboratory, materials, books, library records, publication costs), research expenses, visa-related fees and travel expenses, additional costs arising from secondments (eg travel and accommodation costs).
- **Management and indirect costs** the beneficiary's additional costs related to the project (eg personnel costs for project management, indirect costs) should be covered.



Institutional unit costs

Per person month

Research, training
and networking costs

Management and
indirect costs

1000 EUR

650 EUR



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MSCA *Postdoctoral Fellowships EF* Budget table in portal

Only filling 2 boxes

Is the Researcher eligible for family allowance?*

Yes No

Duration of fellowship *	Country in which fellowship will take place
24	Latvia

	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	0.76	24	92659.20	14400.00	0.00	24000.00	15600.00	146659.20
Total			92659.20	14400.00	0.00	24000.00	15600.00	146659.20

Each country has its own country correction coefficient that corrects the *Living allowance*

Total amount calculated automatically

NEW for LV since 2024
83,8%



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Award criteria

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 <u>dissemination and exploitation plan</u> , 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%



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Results 2022



European Fellowship

Number of proposals submitted	6339
Number of withdrawn proposals:	16
Number of inadmissible proposals:	6
Number of ineligible proposals:	84
Number of above-threshold proposals:	4658
Total budget requested for above-threshold proposals:	919,194,077.72 EUR

1092 Main list (*Funded*)

940 Reserve list

17% success rate

Funded 1233 | 2022

Funded 1210 | 2021

Global Fellowship

Number of proposals submitted :	705
Number of withdrawn proposals:	6
Number of inadmissible proposals:	17
Number of ineligible proposals:	6
Number of above-threshold proposals:	541
Total budget requested for above-threshold proposals:	143,839,510.17 EUR

141 Main list (*Funded*)

92 Reserve list

20% success rate



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Results 2023



European Fellowship

Number of proposals submitted	7181
Number of withdrawn proposals:	21
Number of inadmissible proposals:	10
Number of ineligible proposals:	66
Number of above-threshold proposals:	5351
Total budget requested for above-threshold proposals:	1.055.428.702,24 EUR

1110 Main list (*Funded*)

534 Reserve list

15,71 % success rate

Global Fellowship

Number of proposals submitted :	858
Number of withdrawn proposals:	5
Number of inadmissible proposals:	9
Number of ineligible proposals:	10
Number of above-threshold proposals:	679
Total budget requested for above-threshold proposals:	183.093.782,12 EUR

139 Main list (*Funded*)

42 Reserve list

16,82 % success rate



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≥85,
Seal of
Excellence

MSCA-PF-2023: Cumulative percentage of proposals above threshold, with a given score or higher (funding range marked in green)																	
Number of eligible proposals	1074 proposals	121 proposals	1016 proposals	750 proposals	1575 proposals	160 proposals	808 proposals	1580 proposals	57 proposals	8 proposals	73 proposals	84 proposals	130 proposals	9 proposals	76 proposals	397 proposals	
Cut off score for funding*	93.0	89.0	94.0	95.2	94.4	92.2	92.8	94.6	95.6	96.2	95.8	97.6	95.6	97.2	94.8	96.0	
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	0.47%	1.65%	1.18%	1.33%	1.46%	0.00%	0.25%	1.52%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.19%	2.31%	0.00%	0.00%	3.02%	
99	1.02%	1.65%	1.87%	2.13%	3.17%	0.63%	1.24%	2.97%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.76%	3.08%	0.00%	3.95%	5.04%	
98	3.91%	2.48%	4.63%	5.87%	6.67%	3.13%	3.47%	6.77%	5.26%	0.00%	4.11%	15.48%	6.15%	0.00%	7.89%	8.56%	
97	6.33%	4.13%	6.89%	8.93%	8.44%	3.75%	4.83%	9.56%	10.53%	12.50%	8.22%	19.05%	10.00%	11.11%	9.21%	12.34%	
96	8.47%	4.96%	9.74%	12.93%	11.56%	5.63%	6.81%	12.22%	12.28%	25.00%	13.70%	27.38%	14.62%	11.11%	10.53%	16.88%	
95	10.34%	8.26%	12.30%	16.80%	14.48%	6.25%	10.27%	15.00%	21.05%	37.50%	21.92%	28.57%	20.00%	11.11%	15.79%	19.40%	
94	13.31%	9.09%	15.55%	19.33%	17.65%	10.00%	13.24%	17.66%	26.32%	37.50%	23.29%	38.10%	23.08%	11.11%	19.74%	24.69%	
93	15.92%	9.92%	18.60%	22.13%	19.75%	13.13%	15.47%	20.19%	29.82%	37.50%	28.77%	39.29%	27.69%	11.11%	26.32%	27.46%	
92	19.18%	10.74%	21.46%	25.07%	22.60%	18.13%	19.55%	23.16%	29.82%	37.50%	35.62%	42.86%	29.23%	11.11%	31.58%	29.97%	
91	21.97%	12.40%	24.02%	28.00%	26.41%	20.00%	23.64%	24.87%	33.33%	37.50%	42.47%	45.24%	32.31%	11.11%	34.21%	33.00%	
90	25.79%	14.05%	26.87%	31.07%	29.40%	24.38%	26.36%	27.28%	35.09%	50.00%	46.58%	45.24%	35.38%	11.11%	36.84%	35.26%	
89	28.49%	16.53%	29.92%	33.33%	31.87%	26.88%	28.47%	29.68%	36.84%	62.50%	49.32%	46.43%	42.31%	22.22%	42.11%	38.29%	
88	31.38%	16.53%	33.86%	34.93%	34.98%	29.38%	31.31%	32.03%	45.61%	75.00%	57.53%	46.43%	44.62%	33.33%	48.68%	40.55%	
87	34.45%	17.36%	35.73%	38.53%	38.29%	35.63%	35.15%	33.92%	49.12%	75.00%	61.64%	48.81%	48.46%	33.33%	52.63%	42.82%	
86	37.24%	19.83%	37.70%	41.47%	41.71%	37.50%	37.75%	37.03%	50.88%	75.00%	64.38%	52.38%	52.31%	33.33%	56.58%	45.09%	
85	40.22%	21.49%	39.86%	44.00%	44.83%	41.88%	41.34%	40.06%	57.89%	75.00%	65.75%	54.76%	56.15%	33.33%	59.21%	47.86%	
84	43.48%	23.14%	43.31%	46.67%	47.75%	43.13%	44.18%	42.22%	61.40%	75.00%	72.60%	54.76%	57.69%	33.33%	61.84%	51.13%	
83	46.37%	25.62%	46.46%	50.27%	50.67%	45.63%	48.02%	44.56%	64.91%	75.00%	73.97%	57.14%	60.00%	33.33%	63.16%	53.65%	
82	48.88%	32.23%	48.92%	51.73%	53.84%	48.75%	51.61%	46.84%	66.67%	75.00%	73.97%	60.71%	61.54%	44.44%	64.47%	56.17%	
81	51.68%	33.88%	51.67%	53.73%	56.06%	50.00%	53.96%	48.42%	66.67%	75.00%	76.71%	64.29%	63.85%	44.44%	68.42%	57.93%	
80	54.28%	38.02%	54.72%	56.27%	59.05%	53.13%	56.06%	51.08%	70.18%	75.00%	80.82%	69.05%	67.69%	44.44%	72.37%	59.45%	
79	57.82%	40.50%	56.50%	58.93%	62.29%	57.50%	59.03%	52.91%	73.68%	75.00%	82.19%	72.62%	70.00%	44.44%	73.68%	62.97%	
78	60.71%	42.15%	58.07%	60.67%	65.71%	60.63%	60.77%	55.32%	75.44%	75.00%	82.19%	72.62%	70.77%	44.44%	77.63%	65.24%	
77	62.76%	44.63%	59.84%	62.53%	67.87%	61.88%	63.37%	57.85%	75.44%	75.00%	86.30%	73.81%	73.08%	55.56%	78.95%	66.25%	
76	65.18%	46.28%	62.01%	65.07%	70.41%	64.38%	65.59%	60.82%	75.44%	75.00%	86.30%	77.38%	75.38%	55.56%	81.58%	68.26%	
75	67.41%	47.11%	63.98%	67.73%	72.44%	65.63%	67.33%	62.66%	75.44%	75.00%	86.30%	78.57%	77.69%	66.67%	84.21%	69.27%	
74	69.65%	49.59%	65.85%	69.60%	74.03%	66.25%	68.94%	64.75%	77.19%	75.00%	87.67%	80.95%	77.69%	77.78%	85.53%	69.77%	
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71	74.67%	57.02%	69.98%	75.47%	79.68%	71.25%	75.12%	69.11%	80.70%	75.00%	89.04%	86.90%	83.85%	77.78%	88.16%	75.31%	
70	77.28%	58.68%	72.24%	76.27%	81.46%	73.75%	77.23%	70.82%	80.70%	75.00%	90.41%	88.10%	84.62%	77.78%	88.16%	76.32%	
Percentage of proposals below threshold (<70)	22.72%	41.32%	27.76%	23.70%	18.54%	26.25%	22.77%	29.16%	19.30%	25.00%	9.58%	11.90%	15.30%	22.22%	11.84%	23.68%	

Panel and fellowship type

* your proposal can have the same score as the cut off score yet not be funded, due to additional priorities (as defined in Work Programme) and the ex-aequo ranking decisions by the P panel.

How to interpret this table

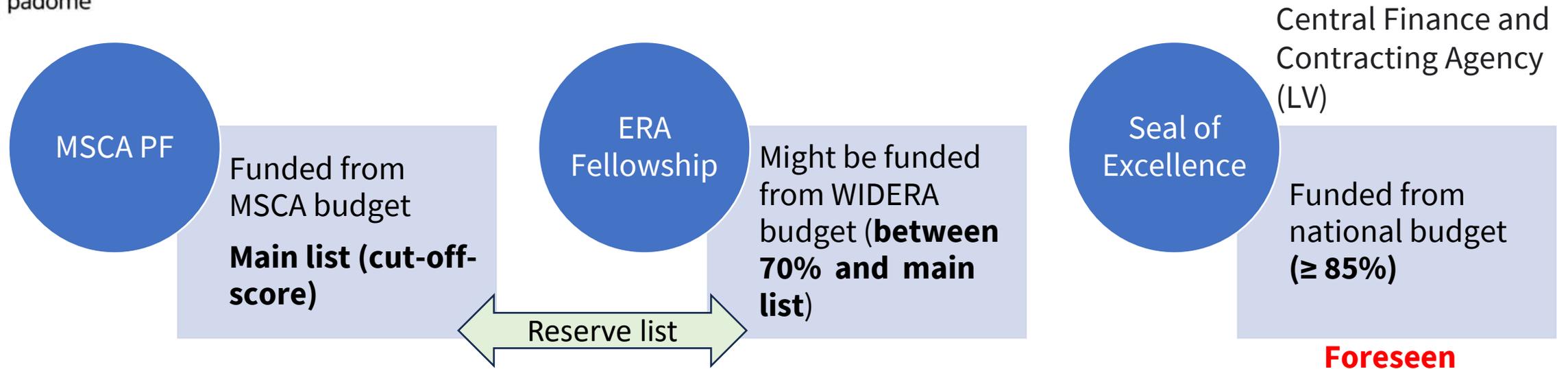
The percentage of proposals above the overall threshold and with a given score or higher is shown per ranking list. Green shows the funding range. Proposals below the overall threshold are shown separately and are not part of the cumulative total.

For example:
 -in the EF-PHY ranking, 26.36% of all eligible proposals submitted in this ranking list scored 90 or higher. The funding cut off is 92.8.
 -in the GF-SOC ranking, 23.68% of all eligible proposals submitted in this ranking list scored less than the threshold (70) and were rejected.



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If not funded from MSCA?



- ERA Fellowships – if passes threshold might be funded from WIDERA work programme (budget)
- [Seal of Excellence](#) will be awarded to applications with a total score **equal to or higher than 85%**, but which cannot be funded due to lack of budget available under the call. Funded from the national budget.



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Proposal preparation



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MSCA PF proposal structure



Part A - administrative forms

are filled *on-line Funding&Tenders*



Part B1 - the proposal, max 10 pages (PDF uploaded)

#Excellence

#Impact

#Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart



Part B2 - no page limit, PDF uploaded

#CV of the Researcher

#Capacities of the Participating Organisations

#Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations → GF



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Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	Border Management and Visa Policy Instrument (BMVI)	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	Creative Europe Programme (CREA)	Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI)
Customs Programme (CUST)	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Erasmus+ (ERASMUS+)	EU External Action (RELEX)	EU4Health Programme (EU4H)	Euratom Research and Training Programme (EURATOM)
Europe Direct (ED)	European Defence Fund (EDF)	European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	European Parliament (EP)	European Social Fund + (ESF)	European Solidarity Corps (ESC)
Fiscalis Programme (FISC)	Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	Information Measures for the EU Cohesion policy (IMREG)	Innovation Fund (INNOVFUND)	Internal Security Fund (ISF)	Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3)
Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)	Justice Programme (JUST)	Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI)	Pilot Projects and Preparation Actions (PPPA)	Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Programme for the Protection of the Euro against Counterfeiting (PERICLES IV)
Promotion of Agricultural Products (AGRIP)	Research Fund for Coal & Steel (RFCS)	Single Market Programme (SMP)	Social Prerogative and Specific Competencies Lines (SOCPL)	Technical Support Instrument (TSI)	Union Anti-fraud Programme (EUAF)
Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)	Union Renewable Energy Financing Mechanism				

News

Mar 10, 2024

Introduction to IP as a Business Asset webinar March 14th, 10:30 – 12:00 (CET)

The European Commission Horizon Results Platform Team is delighted to announce a new series of webinars in partnership with the EU IP Helpdesk and to invite you...

Mar 6, 2024

Introductory OPSYS webinar - How to participate in a call and manage a Framework Contract in the Funding and Tenders Portal?

In this introductory webinar, an overview of the available features for contractors in the Funding and Tenders Portal will be presented. The webinar will also ...

Mar 4, 2024

1.269 project ideas received to build a more sustainable, resilient and healthy Europe

The seven Horizon Europe - Cluster 6 calls for proposals have recently closed. The submitted proposals are competing for a total of €890 million in EU funding: B...

All news >

Events

Online Info session: Circulation of European Literary Works Call (CREA-CULT-2024-LIT)

13 Mar 2024 11:00

All events >

Useful links

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IT how to [apraksts](#)

Online manual [apraksts](#)



Proposal Submission Service User
Manual [PDF](#)

Portal

An introduction to the Funding & Tenders Portal IT tools
[Video](#)

Vebināra ieraksts:
**21.09.2021 Programmas Apvārsnis Eiropa portāla
lietošana, tehniskie un administratīvie jautājumi**

[Prezentācija \(21.09.2022\)](#)

Video: [Youtube](#)

<https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/pasakumu-informativie-materiali>



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Funding & tenders (europa.eu) MSCA PF 2024 call



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Topic Call for proposal

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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]

Forthcoming

Deadline model

single-stage

Planned opening date

10 April 2024

Deadline date

11 September 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time



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Proposal parts: Part A

Administrative forms (**Part A**) are filled *on-line*

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4 - Ethics & security

Ethics Issues Table

This Table should be completed as an essential part of your proposal. Please go through the table and indicate which elements concern your proposal by answering Yes or No. If you answer Yes to any of the questions, indicate in the adjacent box at which page in your technical annex further information relating to that ethics issue can be found, and provide additional information on that ethics issue in the Ethics Self-Assessment section.

For more information on each of the ethics issues and how to address them, including detailed legal references, see the guidelines ['How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment'](#).





Abstract

- ❖ The abstract and **keywords** are used to select the evaluators.
- ❖ It should **sell** your project and be understandable to the **generalist**
- ❖ It should communicate the **importance, impact and timeliness** of the project and also convince the evaluator that **you** should be funded to carry it out.
- ❖ It should NOT be the usual scientific abstract.
- ❖ **Main elements:**
 - ❖ 1-2 sentences that put your project into context
 - ❖ Your objective
 - ❖ Background information on the state of the art
 - ❖ Specific aims and details of your project plan

See ideas of existing projects in [CORDIS](#)

Max. 2000 characters including spaces



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VISIBLE Abstract (1/3)

Dr. Bell (**PostDoc**) proposes to work with Prof. Andersson (**Supervisor**) at KTH Royal Institute of Technology (**host**), Sweden, to study Virus-host Interactions in the Baltic Sea (VISIBLE).

Bacteriophages (bacteria specific viruses) are the most abundant biological entity on the planet, yet we are only beginning to grasp the impact they have upon ecosystem functioning. (**Importance**) Using state-of-the-art metagenomics, viromics and bioinformatics (**interdisciplinarity**), the fellow will uncover novel genomes of virus populations in the Baltic Sea and the prokaryotic hosts they infect (**aim + novelty**). Multiple approaches (abundance, CRISPR spacer matching and homology of auxiliary metabolic genes) (**methods**) will be combined to uncover virus-host dynamics (**output**).



<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101064544>



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VISIBLE Abstract (2/3)

The metagenomic and viromic dataset has a high temporal resolution spanning a three-year period making it possible to answer **fundamental** ecological **questions**:

- (1)** How are the temporal dynamics of viruses related to that of their hosts?
- (2)** Can the co-evolution of viruses and their hosts be detected?
- (3)** Do the function of auxiliary metabolic genes reflect changes in environmental gradients?



These questions have major implications for biogeochemical cycling and resource turnover in the marine biosphere, as well as water resource management and predicting ecological responses to climate change. **(impact)**



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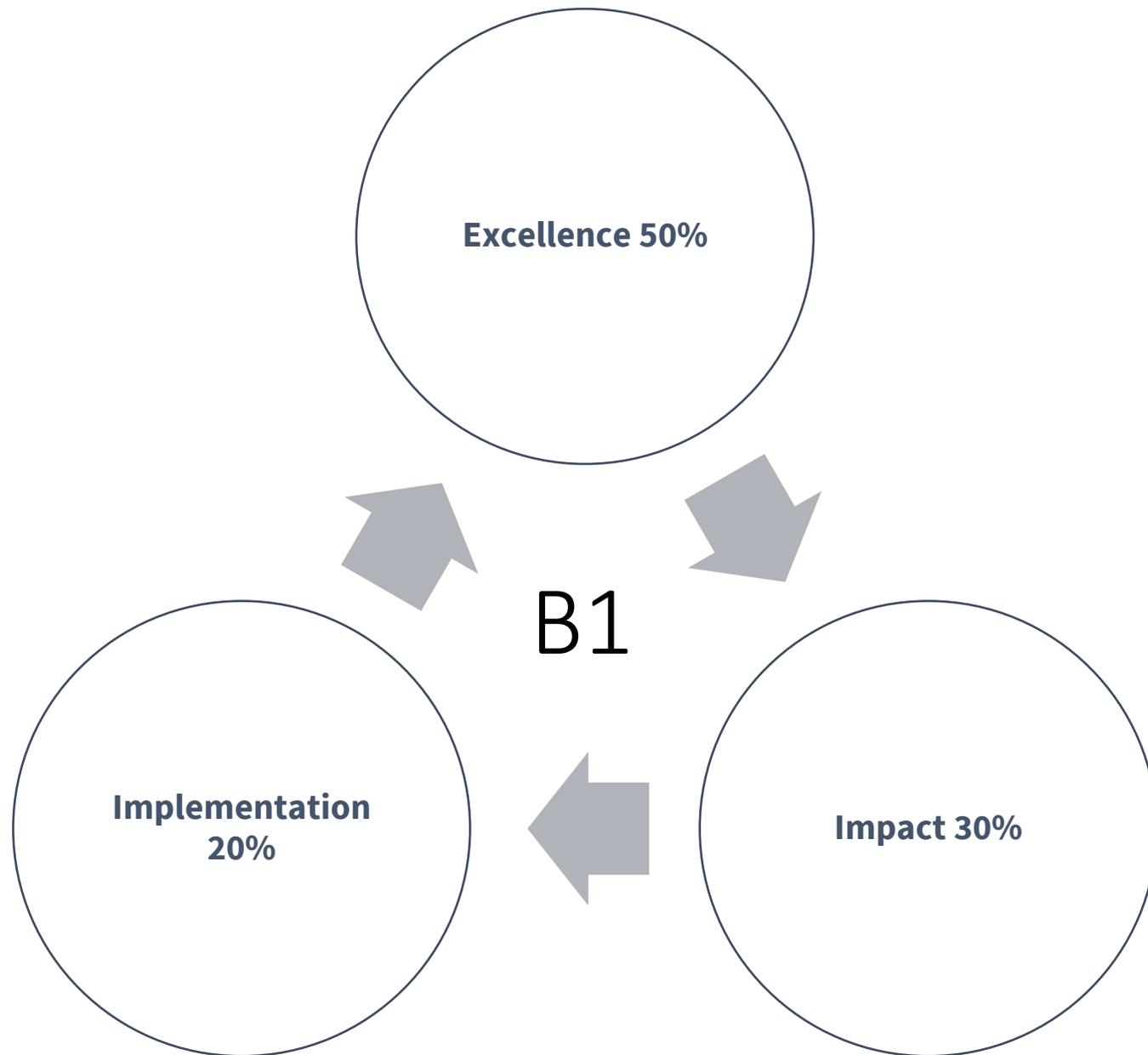
VISIBLE Abstract (3/3)

By means of a **multidisciplinary approach**, the fellow will advance their current research skills in microbial ecology and bioinformatics and gain new skills in virology (**skills**). The MSCA fellow will join a world-class host institute and world-leading research team in environmental genomics. They will establish new interdisciplinary collaborations (**networking**) with researchers from across Sweden and Europe and develop their communication, management and leadership skills (**skills**). KTH has been awarded HR Excellence in Research (**best practice**) and supports the MSCA Green Charter (**policy**). KTH provides the ideal environment and infrastructure (**hosting arrangements**) for the fellow to carry out this research and to develop as a leading independent researcher (**carrer perspective**).





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#EXCELLENCE

Excellence = 50%

If several projects have the same number of points, **priority** is given to the one with the higher rating of the criterion "excellence"

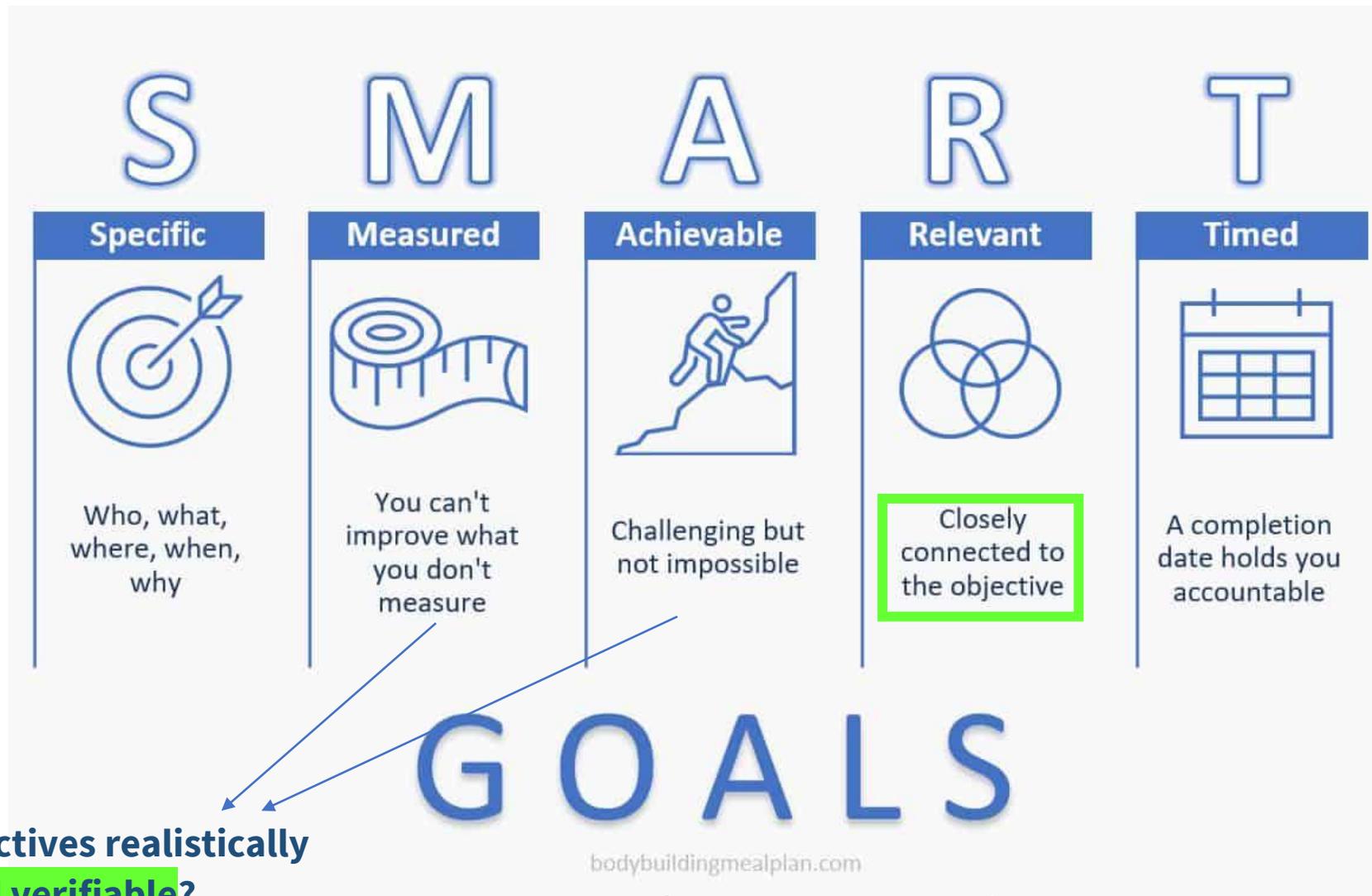




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How are the quality and pertinence of the research and innovation objectives?

State-of-the-art!



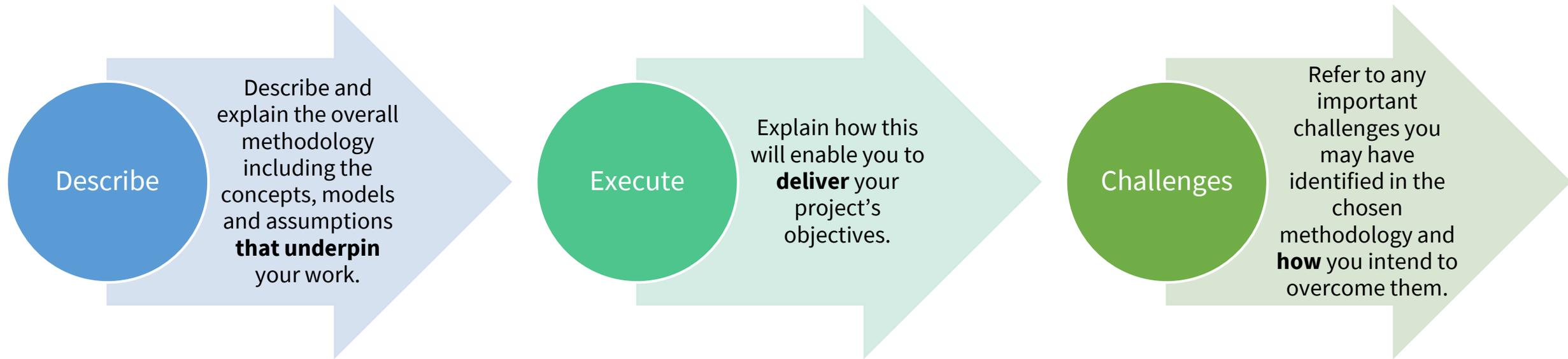
Are the research and innovation objectives realistically achievable? Are they **measurable and verifiable**?

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How sound is the proposed methodology, including concepts, models and assumptions that underpin the project? Are **important methodological challenges identified** and measures to tackle them proposed?





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Integration of methods and disciplines to pursue the objectives:

Explain **how expertise and methods** from different disciplines will be brought together and integrated in pursuit of your objectives.



If you consider that an inter-disciplinary² approach is unnecessary in the context of the proposed work, **please provide a justification.**

² Interdisciplinarity means the integration of information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts or theories from two or more scientific disciplines.



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Is an **interdisciplinary approach relevant** for the research? If relevant, how well will expertise and methods from different disciplines **be brought together** and integrated? If not relevant, AND if this **is sufficiently argued** in the proposal, mark it as n/a.

Fields of science

social sciences> political sciences> political policies> **public policies**

social sciences> sociology> demography> **fertility**

social sciences> sociology> gender studies> **gender equality**

medical and health sciences> clinical medicine> **obstetrics**

«The project is inherently interdisciplinary, as it connects **economics with demography, public policy, sociology, and women's reproductive rights**»

Interdisciplinarity: integration of information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts or theories **from two or more** scientific disciplines.



How effective are the planned **training activities** for the researcher (scientific aspects, management/organisation, horizontal and key transferrable skills...)?

Training activities implemented within the framework of postdoctoral fellowships should include:

1. training on main **transferable skills**,
2. promote **innovation and entrepreneurship** (e.g. commercialization of results, intellectual property rights, communication, public engagement and citizen science),
3. promote **good practices in scientific activity**, such as research integrity, and promote open science practices (open access to publications and other research outputs, including data, FAIR data management, public engagement and citizen science, etc.).
4. **Horizontal priorities** (gender dimension, open access etc).



Your plan?

- Where would you like to be in 2, 5, 10 years career-wise?
- What skills does it require?
- Evaluate your CV, find your strengths and weaknesses in skills, knowledge.
- Write a training plan to fill in the gaps



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Qualifications and experience of the supervisor(s)

Present your supervisor(s) and his/her **key achievements in the research area**, such as:

- Years of experience in the field
- Awards and prizes received (exemplify)
- National and international collaboration in the field, (e.g. across sectors or disciplines)
- Major grants obtained (exemplify)
- Experience of supervision (i.e. number of PhDs, postdocs), if there are any particularly successful alumni from the supervisor's group
- Number of publications (provide key highlights), number of citations, h-index
- Patents, commercialization, spin-offs etc

Describe the qualifications and experience of the supervisor(s).

Provide information regarding the supervisors' level of experience on the research topic proposed and their track record of work, including main international collaborations, as well as the level of experience in supervising/training, especially at advanced level (i.e. PhD and postdoctoral researchers).



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1. How would you consider the curriculum vitae of the researcher, their professional **experience, competences and skills**?
2. How are the quality and appropriateness of the researcher's existing professional experience **in relation to the** research proposal?

Describe why you are the best person to do this fellowship!



Tell us about your professional experience to date and what led you to this point.



Try to make the evaluator understand you. Keep them interested!



Explain why your scientific experience is unique (think about transferring knowledge to the host organization and your supervisor)



If you have literature or fieldwork that is not in English or your first language, provide information that you have a basic knowledge of the language to understand the literature.



Select the main highlights from your CV to demonstrate your capabilities to the assessor



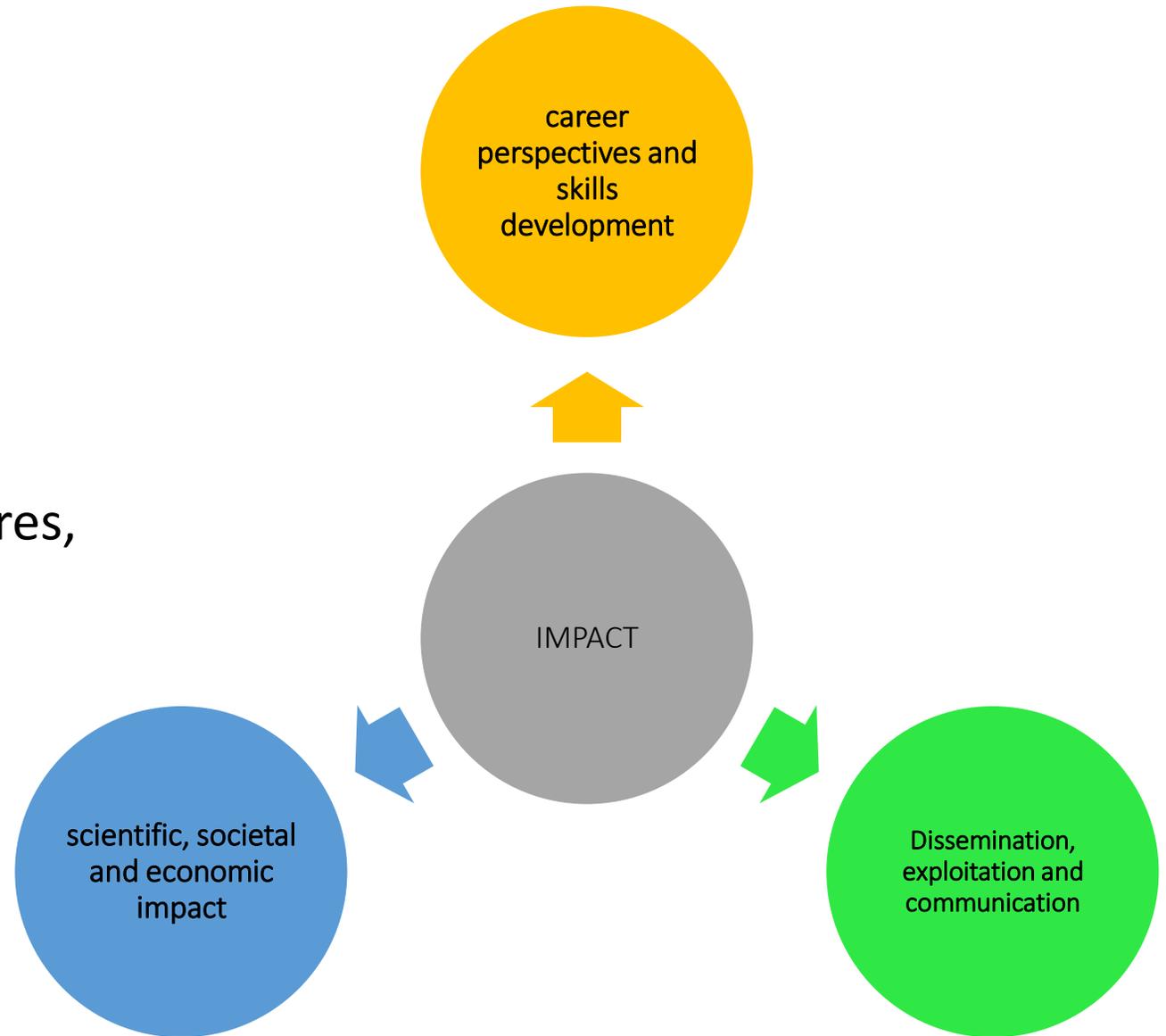
Show how you have key transferable skills (leadership skills and independent thinking).



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Impact = 30% of the final result

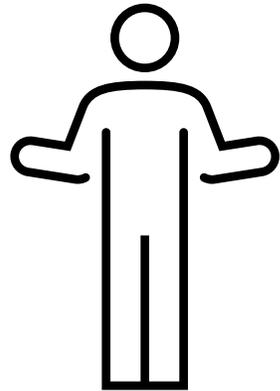
If several projects have the same scores,
secondary looks at who has a higher
score on the criterion of "influence"



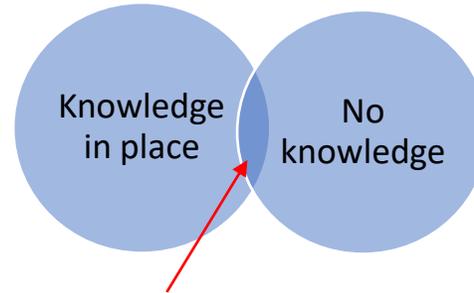


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MSCA PF as tool



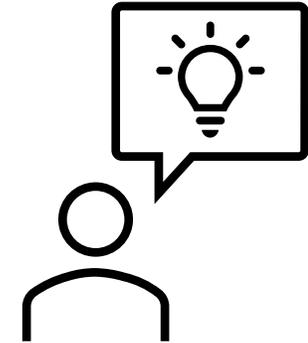
Before



MSCA PF fills a gap



What progress (opportunities to progress) will the project bring?



After

Support the **networking opportunities**, inside and outside academia, enhancing the researchers' **access** to global knowledge, experiences and key scientists in the field or other relevant players.



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[Communication, dissemination & exploitation what is the difference and why they all matter - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION & EXPLOITATION WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE AND WHY THEY ALL MATTER



Communication

Inform, promote and communicate activities and results

For whom

Citizens, stakeholders and the media

How

- ✓ Having a well-designed strategy
- ✓ Conveying clear messages
- ✓ Using the right channels

When

From the start until the end of the action

Why

- ✓ Engage with stakeholders
- ✓ Attract the best experts
- ✓ Raise awareness of how public money is spent
- ✓ Show the success of European collaboration

It is a legal obligation!

Article 17 of Horizon Europe
Grant Agreement



Dissemination

Make knowledge and results publicly available free-of-charge

For whom

For those who can learn and benefit from the results, such as: scientists, industry, public authorities, policymakers, civil society

How

Publishing results in:

- ✓ Scientific magazines
- ✓ Scientific and/or targeted conferences
- ✓ Databases

When

- ✓ Anytime, as soon as results become available
- ✓ Up to four years after the end of the project

Why

- ✓ Maximise the impact of the action
- ✓ Allow other researchers to go a step forward
- ✓ Contribute to the advancement of world class knowledge
- ✓ Make scientific results a common good

It is a legal obligation!

Article 17 of Horizon Europe
Grant Agreement



Exploitation

Make concrete use of results for commercial, societal and political purposes

For whom

For those who can take the results forward or invest in them, such as: researchers, stakeholders, industry (also SMEs), public authorities, policymakers, civil society

How

- ✓ Creating roadmaps, prototypes, software
- ✓ Sharing knowledge, skills, data

When

- ✓ Towards the end of the action and beyond, as soon as exploitable results are available
- ✓ Up to four years after the end of the project

Why

- ✓ Lead to new legislation or recommendations
- ✓ For the benefit of innovation, the economy and society
- ✓ Help to tackle a problem and respond to an existing demand

It is a legal obligation!

Annex 5: Specific Rules and Article 16
of Horizon Europe Grant Agreement

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COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION IN RESEARCH WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Dissemination: Make your results public

Open Science: knowledge and results (free of charge) for others to use



When?
At any time, and as soon as the action has results

Not only to scientists

How?
Publishing your results

Why?
Legal obligation: Article 29 of the Grant Agreement

Communication: Promote your action and result



Inform, promote and communicate your activities and results

Reaching multiple audiences

When?
From the start until the end

Why?
Legal obligation: Article 38.1 of the Grant Agreement

How?
• well-designed strategy
• clear messages
• media channels

Exploitation: Make concrete use of results



Commercial, Societal, Political Purposes

Not only by researchers

How?
• Creating roadmaps, prototypes, softwares
• Sharing knowledge, skills, data

When?
Towards the end of the project and beyond

Why?
Legal obligation: Article 28 of the Grant Agreement





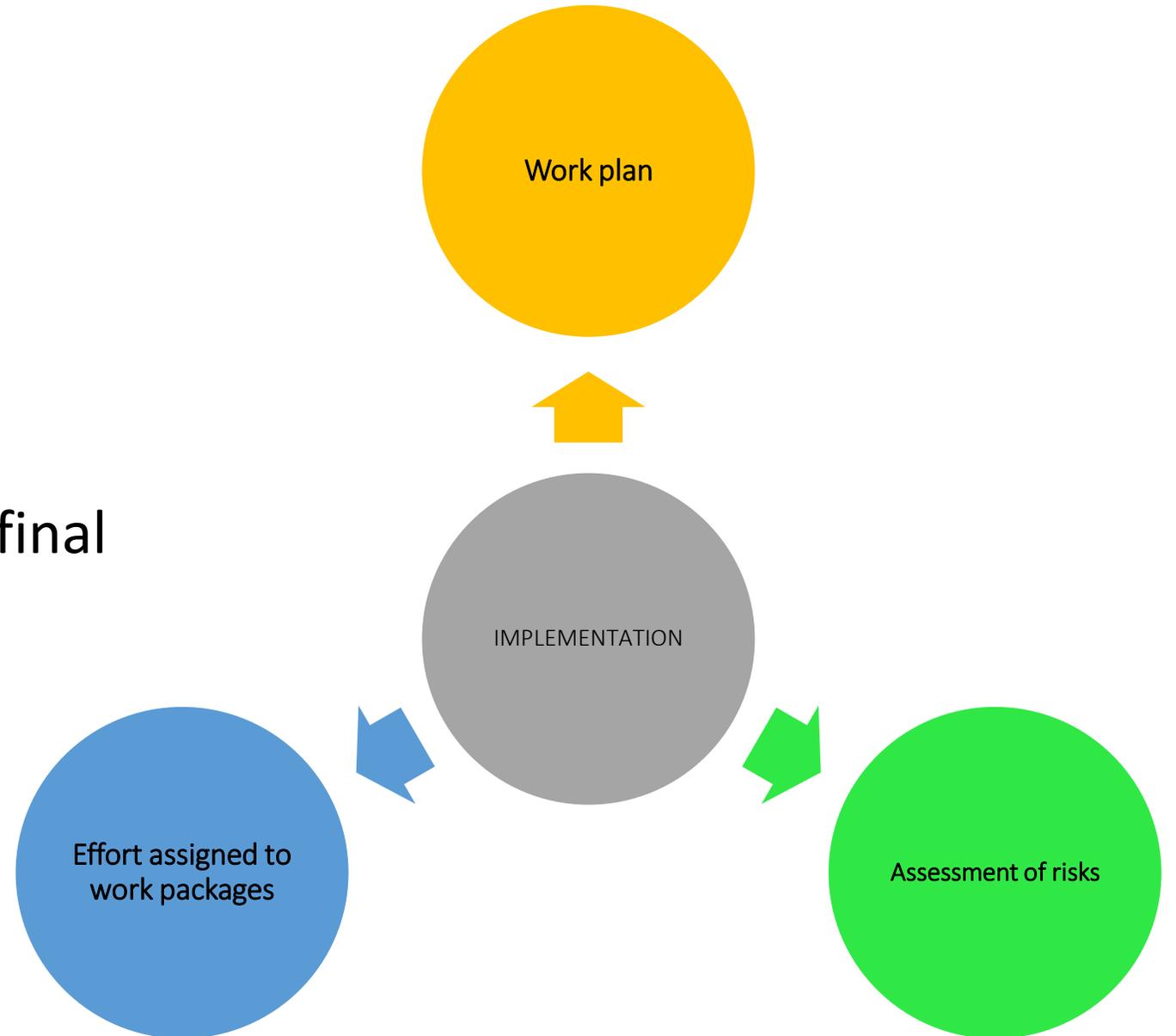
Key Impact Pathways Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe legislation defines three types of impact tracked through **Key Impact Pathways**





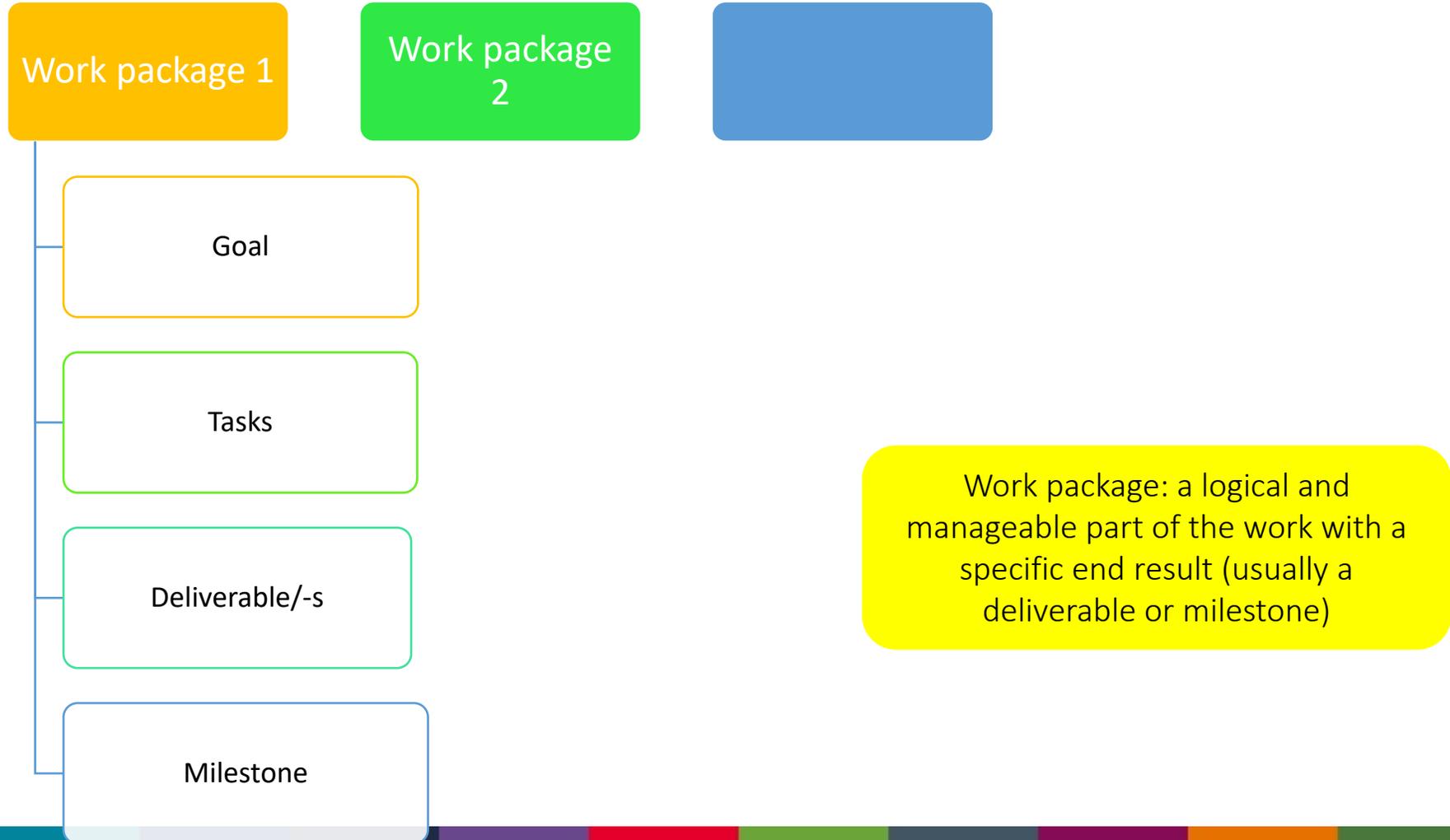
Implementation = 20% of the final
result





Work plan

Concrete steps to reflect the achievement of goals, including project management and monitoring





Effort assigned to work packages

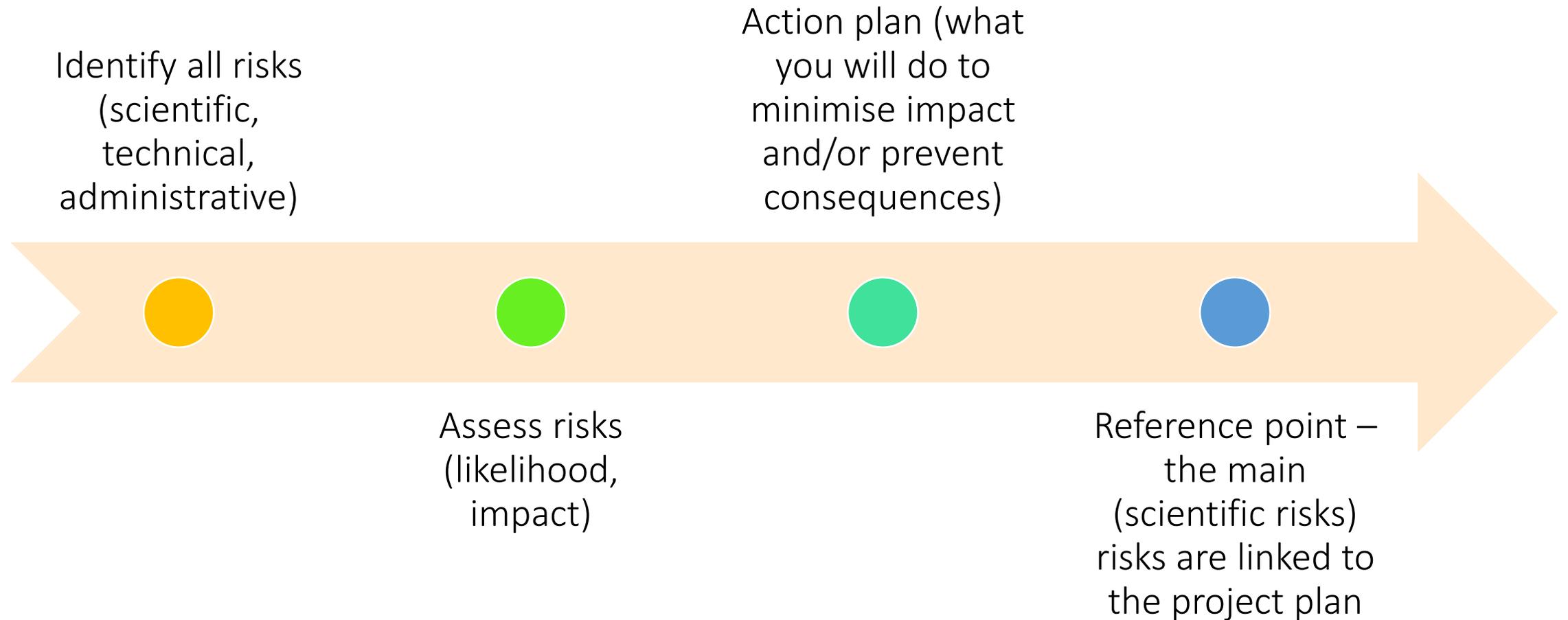
Example (H2020)

3.1.3 Gantt Chart

	YEAR 1 (March 2020-February 2021)												YEAR 2 (March 2021-February 2022)																	
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WP1: Project Management																														
Deliverables	D1.1					D1.2						D1.3					D1.4							D1.5						
Milestones	M1.1											M1.2												M1.3						
Training	T1.1	ScottLit & EH / T1.2-4				Cul Geo / EH			ScottLit & History / EH / T1.5-6																			T1.7		
WP2: Corpus for Study																														
Deliverables							D2.2		D2.1																					
Milestones									M2.1																					
WP3: Analysis of Travel Texts																														
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Deliverables						D3.1		D3.2		D3.3		D3.4																		
Milestones						M3.1		M3.2																						
WP4: Comparison / Contextualisation																														
Deliverables																														
Milestones																														
WP5: Dissemination/Communication																														
Papers /conferences / workshop					D5.5	D5.2			D5.3	D5.6	D5.4						D5.10													
Article/ Special Issue / ProposalChapter												D5.7											D5.8	D5.15						
Public Engagement	D5.1				D5.11			D5.14					D5.14		D5.13		D5.14					D5.12								
Teaching																						D5.9								



Risk assessment





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Part B2



- CV of the researcher: Max 5 Pages



- Capacities of the participating organisations: 1 P Overall+ Max 1p Per Organisation



- Letter of commitment of partner organisation (GF ONLY): Signed And Scanned Letter From Associated Partner In HEU

- No Overall Page Limit -



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Useful documents

[MSCA Guide for applicants](#) 

[MSCA Work programme
2023-2025](#) 

[F&T Online
manual](#)

[MSCA NET
materials](#)

[MSCA Guidelines
on supervision](#)

[MSCA Green
Charter](#)

Other materials



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- MSCA Work programme 2023-2025 (*under preparation*)
 - explanation of a budget categories and financial model used, scope, expected outcome etc.
- Guide for applicants (*for each call at the call page F&T*)
- [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)

Extra help:

- MSCA handbooks ([for each call separate](#))
- MSCA [Financial guide](#)
- Management of the MSCA Special Needs in H2020 legacy grants and Horizon Europe grants.
[Guidelines for MSCA beneficiaries](#)





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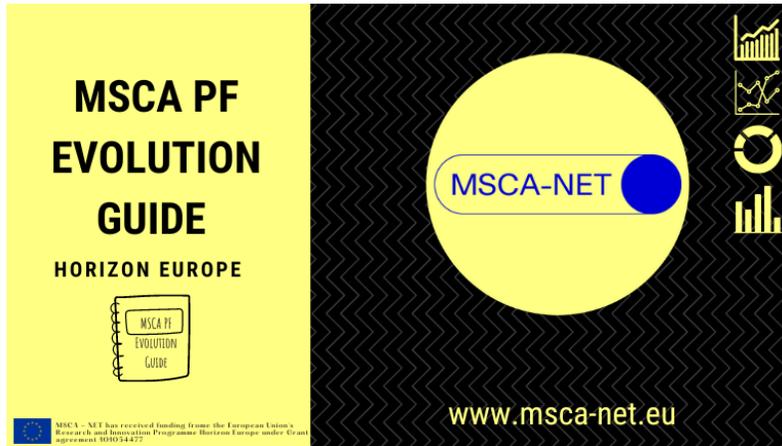
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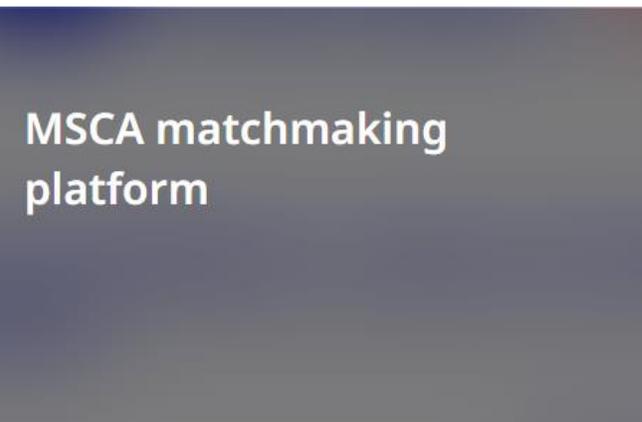
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EC page dedicated to MSCA. Library/statistics/data/ call information
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions>



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- You can find them at <https://www.ogrants.org/grants-03-programs.html> (*you have to do Keyword Search for "Curie" or similar, because the programme is not always spelt in the same way*).
- Then there is Polybar, made available on the researcher's website: <https://valentinblot.org/pro/>
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