

HORIZON 2020

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in 2014–2015

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are open to all domains of research and innovation, from basic research up to market take-up and innovation services. Research and innovation fields as well as sectors are chosen freely by the applicants in a fully bottom-up manner.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are open to researchers and innovation staff, as well as to universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, and other socioeconomic actors from all countries, including third countries under the conditions defined in EU regulation. Mobility is a key requirement in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Researchers receive funding on the condition that they move from one country to another to broaden or deepen their competences.

The first group of calls for proposals

Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action: Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

The Innovative Training Networks (ITN) aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit. The ITN will raise excellence and structure the initial and doctoral training of early-stage researchers, extending the traditional academic research training setting, equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences and providing enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and inter-sector mobility combined with the innovation-oriented mindset. The action will be implemented by supporting competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

- Publication of call: 11 December 2013.
- Deadline for submission of proposals: 09 April 2014 at 17:00:00 Brussels time.
- Budget: EUR 405.180 million. Of this amount, EUR 25.5 million is allocated to European Industrial Doctorates and EUR 30 million to European Joint Doctorates.
- Duration: The duration of the project is normally 48 months from the start date of the grant agreement.
- Indicative timetable for this call:
 - Evaluation of proposals: June 2014.
 - Information on the outcome of the evaluation: September 2014.
 - Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: December 2014.

Call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

The RISE action will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and development of innovation. The action will encompass an intersectoral or an international dimension, as well as combinations of both. It is designed to involve institutions from the academic sector and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and outside Europe. The action fosters a culture of innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes. Support is provided for the creation, development, reinforcement and execution of partnerships in the form of a joint research and /or innovation programme between the participants, aimed at knowledge sharing and international as well as inter-sector mobility, based on two-way secondments of research and innovation staff with in-built return mechanism.

- Publication date: 11 December 2013.
- Deadline for submission of proposals: 24 April 2014 at 17:00:00 Brussels time.
- Budget: EUR 70 million.

- Duration: The maximum duration of support will be four years from the starting date specified in the Agreement.
- Indicative timetable for evaluation and grant agreement:
 - Information on the outcome of the evaluation (one stage): Maximum 5 months from the final date for submission.
 - Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: Maximum 3 months from the date of informing applicants.

SUPPORT TO OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Call: European Researchers' Night (NIGHT)

This action aims to bring the researchers closer to the public at large and to increase public awareness of the research and innovation activities, with a view to supporting the public recognition of researchers, creating an understanding of the impact of researchers' work on daily life, and encouraging young people to embark on scientific careers. The European Researchers' Night takes place yearly, on the last Friday of the month of September and is the occasion for a European wide public and media event for the promotion of research careers, in particular towards young people and their parents. Supported events can start early Friday afternoon and last until early morning the next Saturday. Activities should focus on the public at large, addressing and attracting people regardless of the level their scientific background, with a special focus on pupils and students.

- Publication date: 11 December 2013.
- Deadline for submission of proposals: 04 March 2014 at 17:00:00 Brussels time.
- Budget: EUR 8 million.
- Duration: The maximum duration of the project will be two years from the date specified in the Agreement.
- Indicative timetable for this call:
 - Evaluation of proposals: 23–28 March 2014.
 - Evaluation Summary Reports sent to proposal coordinators: As from Mid-April 2014.
 - Invitation letter to coordinators likely to be proposed for funding to prepare grant agreement negotiations with REA services: As from 20 April 2014.
 - Signature of first grant agreements: As from June 2014.

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