



# Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

under Horizon Europe

## MSCA and Citizens

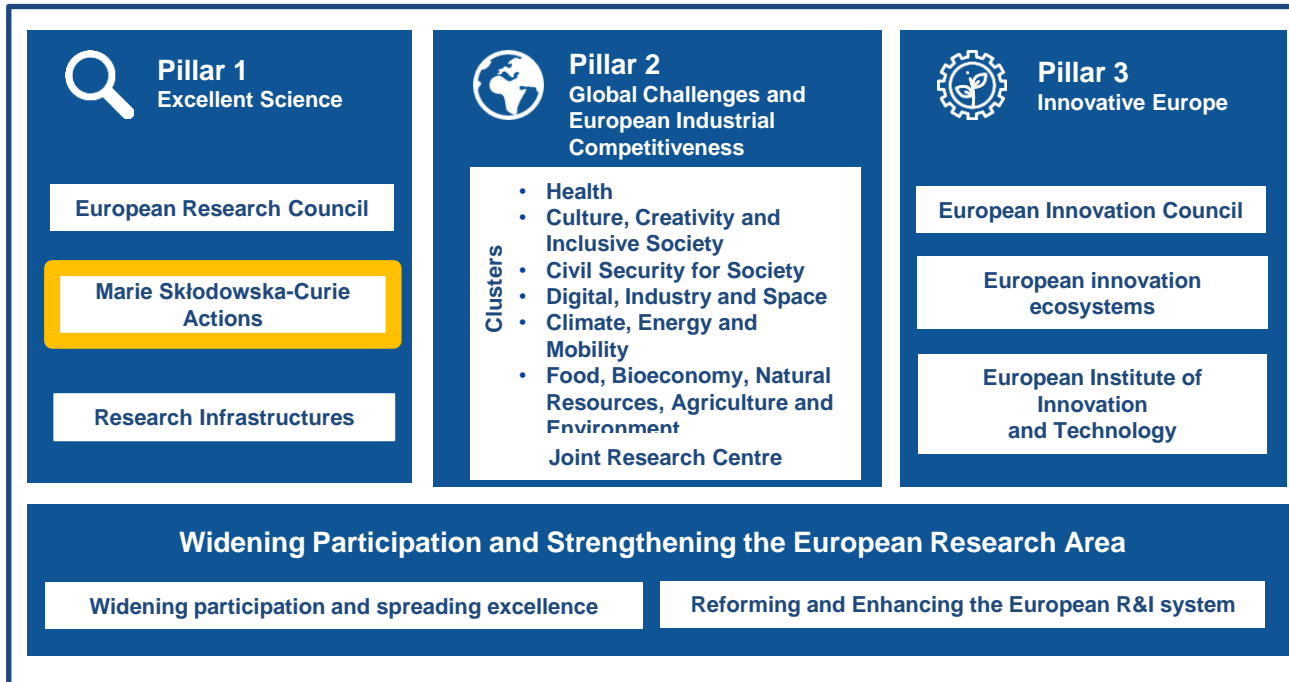
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# The MSCA under Horizon Europe



# Key figures (2014-2020)

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<b>+65,000</b> Researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates	<b>37%</b> Researchers from outside of the EU	<b>6.2 billion €</b> Under Horizon 2020
<b>+1,000</b> Doctoral program mes	<b>+4,500</b> Companies supported	<b>42%</b> Female researchers

# What are the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

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- **EU's reference programme for doctoral and postdoctoral training**, contributing to:
  - A highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle upcoming challenges, communicate scientific evidence to policy-makers and the public, and work across disciplines
  - Provide researchers with skills needed in the labour market, to innovate and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
  - Develop excellent doctoral programmes enhancing the global attractiveness and visibility of institutions involved in them
  - Promote the EU's global attractiveness for talents
- **Budget under Horizon Europe: 6.6€ billion**

# Key features

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**Researchers'  
training, skills and  
career  
development (all  
stages of career)**



**Excellent research  
in all domains  
(bottom-up  
approach)**



**International,  
cross-sectoral &  
interdisciplinary  
mobility**



**Attractive working  
and employment  
conditions**



**Structuring impact  
on organisations  
through excellent  
programmes**



**Strong  
collaboration with  
industry and SMEs**

# Policy background, principles and priorities

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- Contribution to the **European Research Area (ERA)** and **European Education Area (EEA)**
- Contribution to the **EU external policy** objectives
- Committed to the **European Charter for Researchers** and the **Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers** + Innovative Doctoral Training Principles
- Underlying Principles: **Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation**
- New publishing platform and open peer review:  
<https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/>

# The Actions

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## Doctoral Networks

*Doctoral programmes in and outside academia incl. joint & 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 and Citizens

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- Coordination and Support Action to **bring research and researchers closer to the public at large**, through the organisation of the **European Researchers' Night**
- **Target group:** general public, pupils, families, students
- **Focus:**
  - Enhance **engagement with citizens** on R&I
  - Increase awareness among the general public of the **importance and benefits of R&I** and its concrete impact on citizens' daily life
  - Raise **young people's interest for research** and science
  - Improves **researchers' communication skills** and competences



# The European Researchers' Night

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- **Every year**, on the last Friday of September (events can last up to two days)
- A **Europe-wide** public and media event for the promotion of research careers, in particular focused on young people and their families



# The European Researchers' Night

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- A new activity: **“Researchers at Schools”**
- In 2022-2023, focus on **Horizon Europe Missions**

# The European Researchers' Night

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- **Who applies?**
  - **One or more legal entities** established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country
- **EU contribution**
  - Lump-sum contributions
  - Contribution estimated **between 50-150k€ per annual edition** of the European Researchers' Night
- **Duration**
  - The call 2022 covers two successive editions (2022-2023)
  - Applicants encouraged to submit proposals covering two successive editions (2022/2023) of the NIGHT
- **Call**
  - **2021:** 17 Jun – 7 Oct; 15,5 M€

# MSCA and Citizens - Award Criteria

## Coordination and support actions (CSA)

Clarity and pertinence of the **project's objectives**.

Quality of the proposed **coordination and/or support measures** including soundness of methodology.

Credibility of the **pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified** in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions due to the project.

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 effectiveness of the **work plan**, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.

Capacity and role of each participant, and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

# Call calendar

Year	Action	Estimated opening*	Estimated deadline*
2021	Doctoral Networks	27 May 2021	16 November 2021
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	27 May 2021	15 September 2021
	Staff Exchanges	7 October 2021	9 March 2022
	COFUND	12 October 2021	10 February 2022
	MSCA and Citizens (covers 2 editions)	17 June 2021	7 October 2021
2022	Doctoral Networks	3 May 2022	15 November 2022
	Postdoctoral Fellowships	13 April 2022	14 September 2022
	Staff Exchanges	6 October 2022	8 March 2023
	COFUND	11 October 2022	9 February 2023
	MSCA and Citizens	No call foreseen in 2022	

*\*Dates to be confirmed with the adoption of the Work Programme*

*The information in this presentation is preliminary and subject to the adoption of the work programme*

# Links

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## **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website**

[https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en)

## **Funding and Tenders Portal (applications, documents, partner search)**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/h2020>

## **Euraxess (PhD and postdoctoral vacancies, more information)**

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

## **National Contact Points**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

## **Research Inquiry Service**

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/contact/research-enquiry-service-and-participant-validation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/contact/research-enquiry-service-and-participant-validation_en)

## **European Charter and Code for Researchers**

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/euraxess/charter-code-researchers>

## **MCAA (Marie Curie Alumni association)**

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>

## **Become an Expert**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>

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