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Widening Fellowships

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Objectives of MSCA

Ensure optimum development and dynamic use of Europe's intellectual potential in order to generate new skills, knowledge and innovation

promotion of attractive
working and employment
conditions

development of
innovative training
schemes

enhancement of
academic and non-
academic cooperation

dissemination of research
results and
communication of science

European Charter for
Researchers
Code of Conduct for the
Recruitment of
Researchers

training on various
research domains and on
complementary skills
conferences, seminars,
etc.

employment and
secondments,
joint research activities
and different trainings

publication of research
results,
engagement in
communication and
outreach activities

Key features of MSCA

What?

- **all domains of research** and innovation – from basic research to market take-up
- **bottom-up** approach
- **training and transfer of knowledge** through research

Who?

- researchers of **any nationality**
- RISE: researchers, managers, administrative and technical staff supporting research
- two categories of researchers: **ESR** and **ER**

Where?

- academic and non-academic organisations
- countries: **MS** (EU member states), **AC** (H2020 associated countries), **TC** (third countries)
- eligibility criterion: **international mobility**

MSCA: institutions

Academic Sector

- public or private higher education institutions awarding academic degrees
- public or private non-profit research organisations
- International European Interest Organisations (IEIO)

Non-academic Sector

- companies (incl. SMEs),
- NGOs, foundations
- banks, hospitals, museums, etc.

Beneficiaries

- sign the Grant Agreement with the EC
- responsible for executing project activities, proposed research and training programme
- employ researchers

Partner organisations

- do not sign the Grant Agreement with the EC
- involvement in trainings and secondments
- costs incurred covered by beneficiaries

MSCA: researchers

Researchers of **any nationality**
employed by a host organisation



Early Stage Researchers (ESR)

- less than 4 years of research experience
- no PhD degree

Experienced Researchers (ER)

- more than 4 years of research experience
- or PhD degree

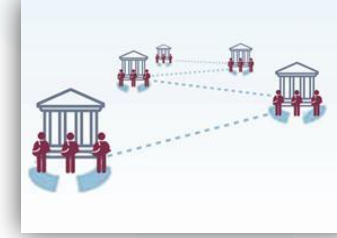
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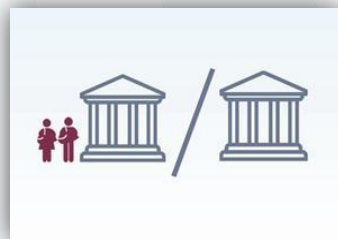
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IF
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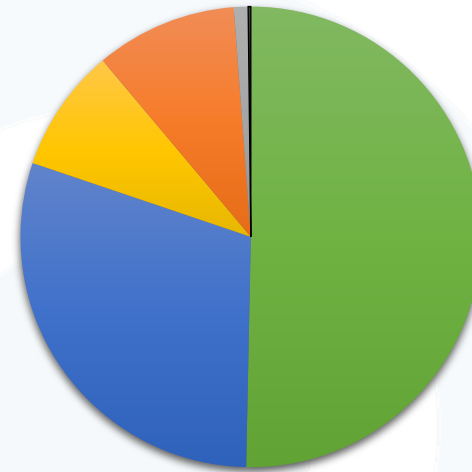
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European
Researchers'
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MSCA: calls

MSCA budget



■ ITN
■ IF
■ RISE
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6,16 billion €

2014 – 2020

2019 call deadlines

- **IF:** 11 September 2019
- **COFUND:** 26 September 2019

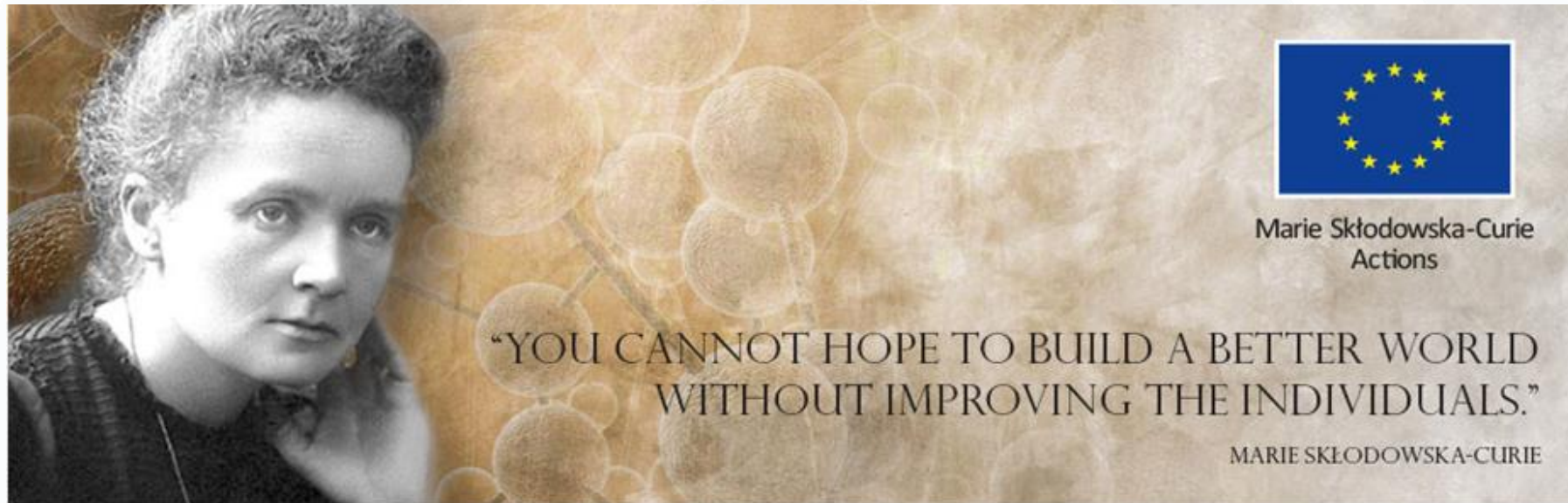
2020 call deadlines

- **ITN:** 14 January 2020
- **RISE:** 28 April 2020
- **IF:** 9 September 2020
- **COFUND:** 29 September 2020

Call features

- one call per each action every year
- single entry point: Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal
- 3 evaluation criteria: Excellence, Impact, Implementation

MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF)



MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF): call documents

Oct 27, 2017

Individual Fellowships

ID: MSCA-IF-2019

Call documents and submission system are available on the call website in the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal

Type of action:

◦ MSCA-IF-GF Global Fellowships , MSCA-IF-EF-ST Standard European Fellowships , MSCA-IF-EF-SE Society and Enterprise panel , MSCA-IF-EF-RI Reintegration panel , MSCA-IF-EF-CAR Career Restart panel

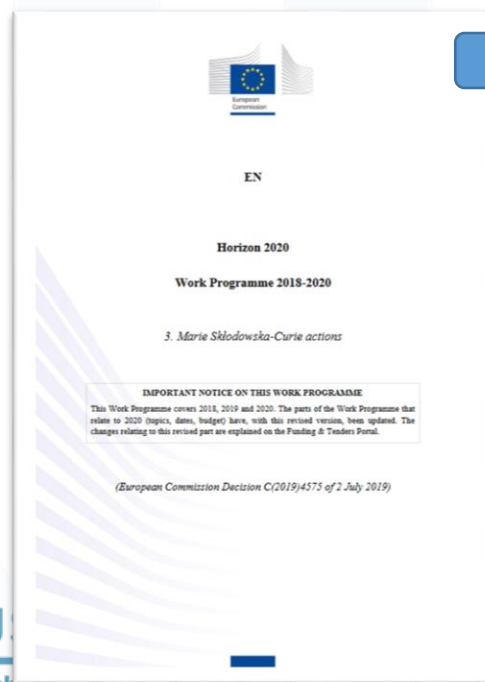
Deadline Model : single-stage

Opening: **11 April 2019**

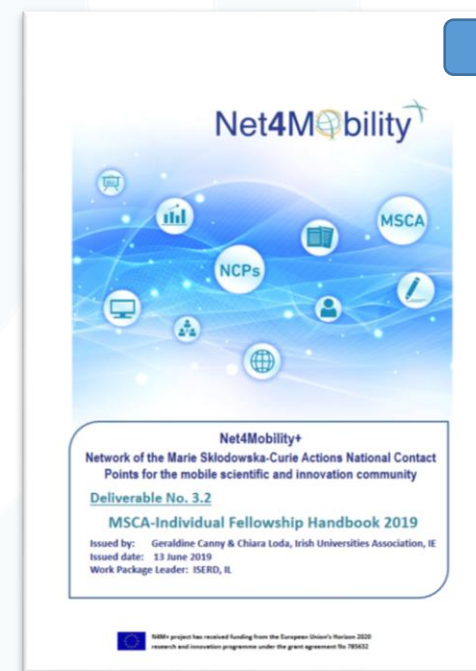
Deadline: **11 September 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time**

Open

official



additional



MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF)

Standard European Fellowship (ST)

8 scientific areas

Career Restart Panel (CAR)

multidisciplinary panel for researchers
who wish to resume research in Europe
after a career break

Reintegration Panel (RI)

multidisciplinary panel for researchers
who wish to return and reintegrate
in Europe

Society and Enterprise Panel (SE)

multidisciplinary panel for researchers
who apply with a non-academic
host institution



MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF)

Researcher

experienced researcher of any nationality* coming from any country in the world.

* RI: national or long-term resident of a MS/AC

Host Institution

Located in an EU member state or H2020 associated country

SE: non-academic beneficiary

Mobility rule

The researcher must not have resided or carried out her/his main activity in the country of a host institution for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to the call deadline*

* RI/CAR/SE: 36 months in the last 5 years

MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF): budget

researcher unit costs			institutional unit costs	
living allowance*	mobility allowance	family allowance	research, training and networking costs	management and indirect costs
4 880 €	600 €	500 €	800 €	650 €

- **living allowance** is corrected with a country coefficient (eg. 75,5% for Poland)
- overall budget depends on the number of person-months (12-24, CAR: 12-36)
- all costs are subject to mandatory deductions in each country

Widening fellowships

- introduced as a response to low number of success rates in MSCA IF submitted by experienced researchers with host intuitions based in widening countries;
- goals:
 - minimising the gap between more and less performing countries;
 - increasing their participation in H2020 projects;
 - attracting the most talented researchers o widening countries;
 - trigger brain circulation and knowledge exchange
- part of Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Work Programme
- budget: 18 mln € with 6 *mln* € for 2019 call

Widening fellowships

Eligible Widening countries

- **EU Member States:**

Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

- **H2020 Associated Countries:**

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, North Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine



In case of Widening Fellowships widening countries refer to the location of the host institution, **not** to the nationality of the applicant.

Widening fellowships

How it works?

- application to MSCA IF EF call
- possibility to opt-out of the WF call
- the normal award criteria, scoring and thresholds for IF will apply
- application scored above threshold and not funded under MSCA IF EF call will be ranked in WF call
- one ranking list for all proposals
- WF will not formally be considered as MSCA fellows

Widening fellowships



2. Some national and regional public research funding authorities run schemes to fund MSCA applicants that score highly in the MSCA evaluation but which cannot be funded by the MSCA due to their limited budget. In case this proposal could not be selected for funding by the MSCA, do the researcher and supervisor consent to the European Commission disclosing to such authorities the results of its evaluation (score and ranking range) together with their names and contact details, non-confidential proposal title and abstract, proposal acronym, and host organisation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Do you wish to participate to the Widening Fellowships and thus increase your chances of being funded?

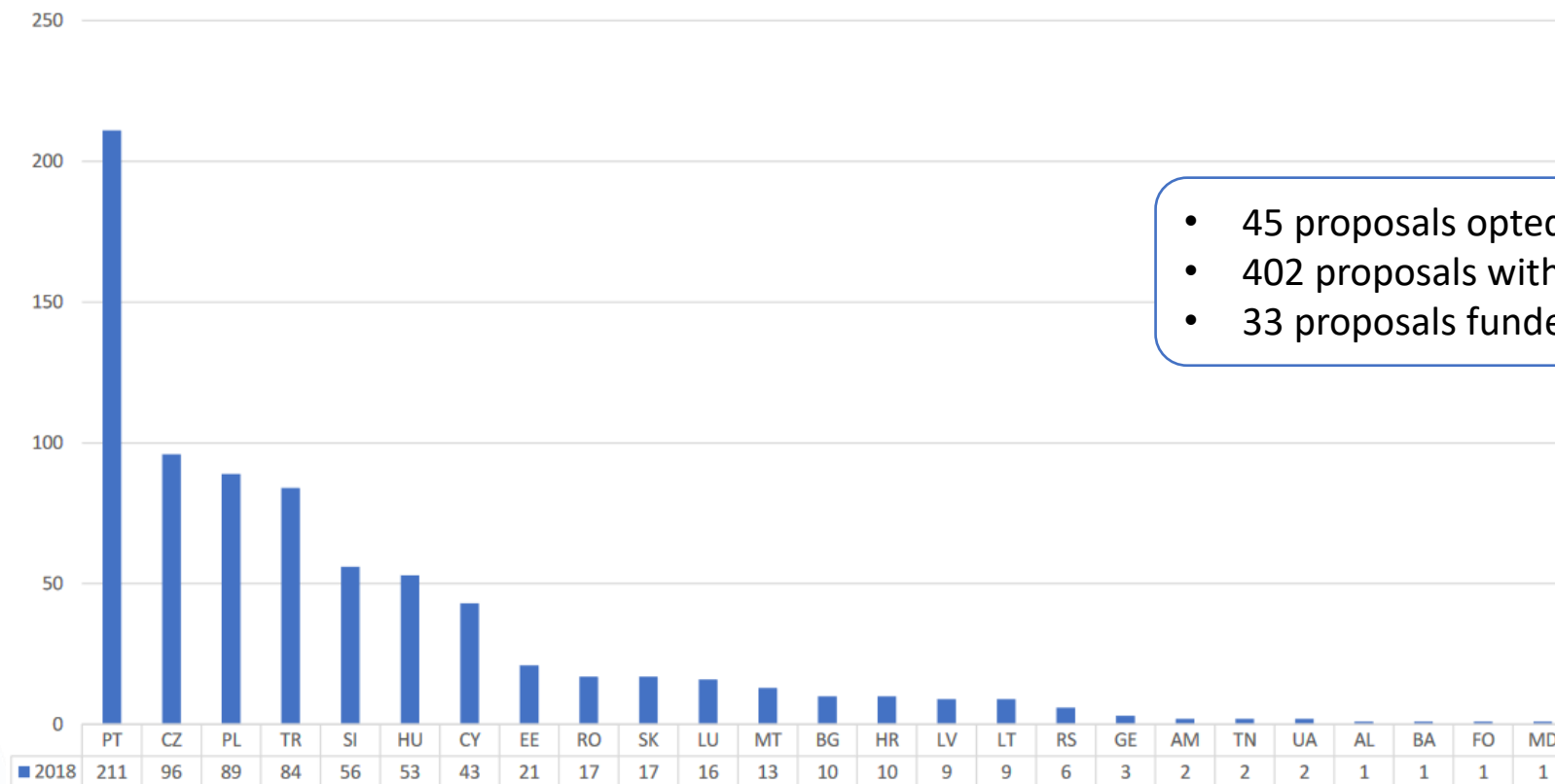
☐ Yes ☐ No

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 Widening Fellowships call in case it cannot be funded under the MSCA-Individual Fellowships call.

The country of the selected PIC belongs to the list of widening countries. A dedicated budget (EUR 6 million) has been set aside under the Work Programme "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" to fund EF proposals submitted to the MSCA-IF-2019 call but which cannot be funded under the EF lists of the MSCA-IF-2019 call due to a lack of budget. EF proposals where the host organisation is located in an eligible widening country will be automatically duplicated into the Widening call only if you express your wish to do so. Your decision not to participate in the Widening call will not affect your chances of being funded directly under the MSCA-IF-2019 call.

Widening fellowships: 2018 call

Widening countries: 773 proposals submitted in IF 2018

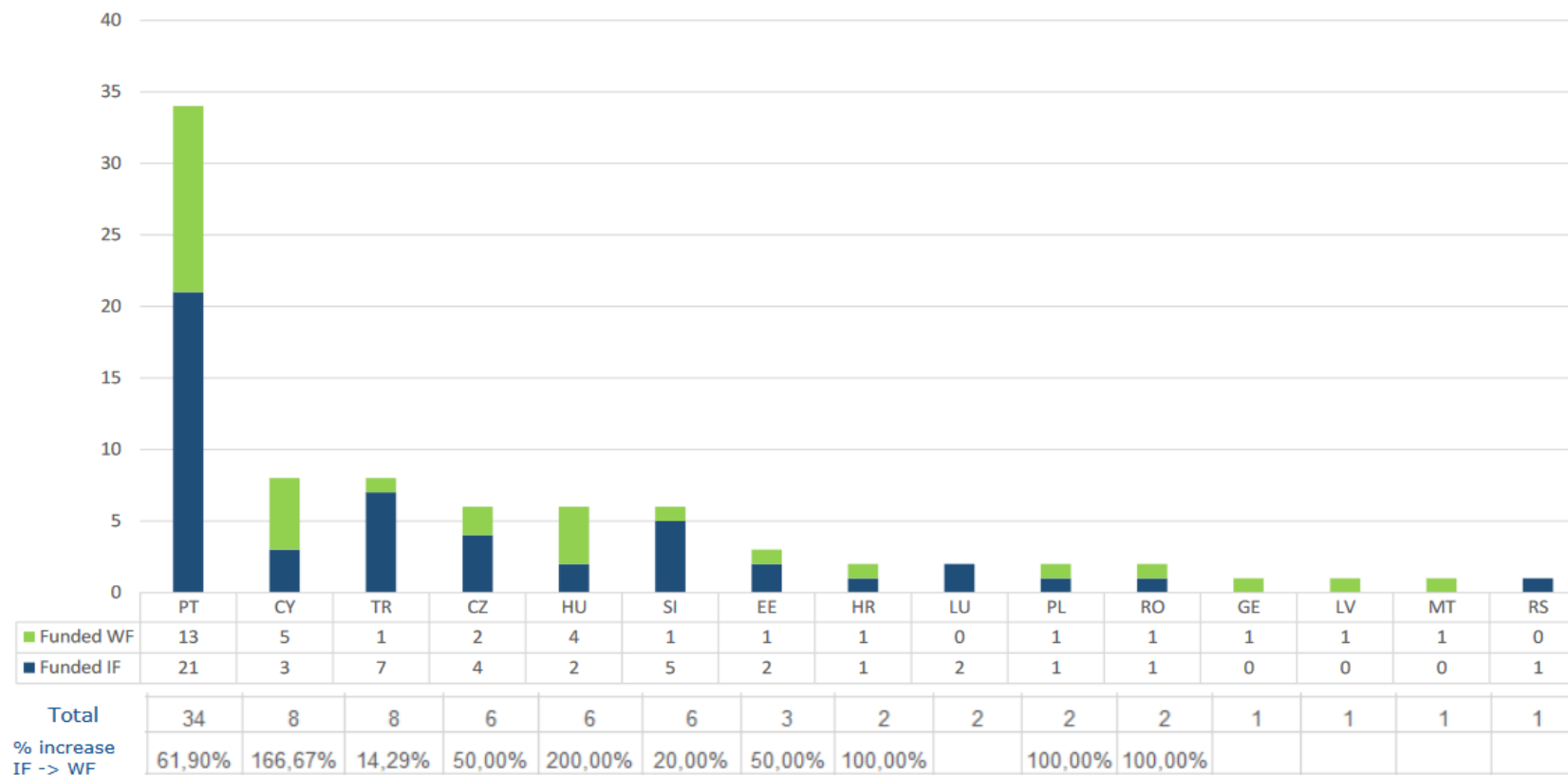


- 45 proposals opted-out from the WF call (5,8%)
- 402 proposals with score above 70% but not funded
- 33 proposals funded under WF 2018 call



Widening fellowships: 2018 call

Total funded proposals (IF + WF)



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