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# Global Funder – European Funding

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# How European Union Funds Research and Innovation?

# Global approach to research and innovation

Europe's strategy for international cooperation in a changing world

## WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE GLOBAL APPROACH TO RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (R&I)?

To preserve openness in research and innovation international cooperation while promoting a level playing field and reciprocity underpinned by fundamental values.

To strengthen multilateral partnerships to deliver new solutions to green, digital, health and innovation challenges.



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Commission



# Horizon Europe supports the implementation of the global approach to research & innovation

**HORIZON EUROPE //2021 - 2027//€95.5 billion**

- A unique international R&I funding program of such scale and scope
- Targeted actions with key partners
- Accelerate sustainable development in low & middle-income countries
- Association possible for countries anywhere in the world, based on criteria
- Safeguarding EU interests

# Association to Horizon Europe

EFTA countries, Western Balkans, Turkey, European Neighbourhood

## Countries associated to Horizon Europe

Association to Horizon Europe is the closest form of cooperation with non-EU countries, which allows entities of associated countries to participate in program actions on equal terms with entities of EU countries.

[Albania](#)

[Armenia](#)

[Bosnia and  
Herzegovina](#)

[Canada](#)

[Faroe Islands](#)

[Georgia](#)

[Iceland](#)

[Israel](#)

[Kosovo](#)

[Moldova](#)

[Montenegro](#)

[New Zealand](#)

[North Macedonia](#)

[Norway](#)

[Serbia](#)

[Türkiye](#)

[Tunisia](#)

[Ukraine](#)

[United Kingdom](#)

# Bilateral Cooperation

## Science and Technology Agreements with non-EU countries

- The EU has bilateral agreements with 20 individual countries around the world. These agreements are based on common interests and priorities, aiming to increase cooperation in research and innovation.

Algeria

Argentina

Australia

Brazil

Canada

Chile

China

Egypt

India

Japan

Jordan

Korea

Mexico

Morocco

New Zealand

South Africa

Switzerland

Tunisia

United States

# Regional Dialogues and International Organisations

- Regional dialogues and activities with international organisations
- Dialogues and engagement are currently maintained with the following regions:

Africa

Black sea

Eastern Partnership

Gulf countries

Latin America and

Caribbean

Mediterranean

Pacific

Southeast Asia

Western Balkans



# Funding

The EU can fund the participation in Horizon Europe actions of entities established in EU Member States, in Associated countries and in [low and middle income countries](#).

In principle, international partners in **high income countries** bring their own funding to Horizon Europe actions. To facilitate their participation, the respective third countries or territories can decide to establish co-funding mechanisms (CFM). These arrangements can take different forms.



# Funding

Presently, co-funding mechanisms have been put in place by:

Australia (AU),  
Brazil (BR),  
Canada (CA),  
India (IN),  
Japan (JP),  
Mexico (MX),  
The People's Republic of

China (CN),  
Principality of Monaco (MC),  
Republic of Korea (KR),  
Switzerland (CH)  
and Taiwan.

# Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Framework Program

# HORIZON EUROPE

# EURATOM

## SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

*Exclusive focus on  
defence research  
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Research  
actions

Development  
actions

## SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT\*

*Exclusive focus on civil applications*



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### WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

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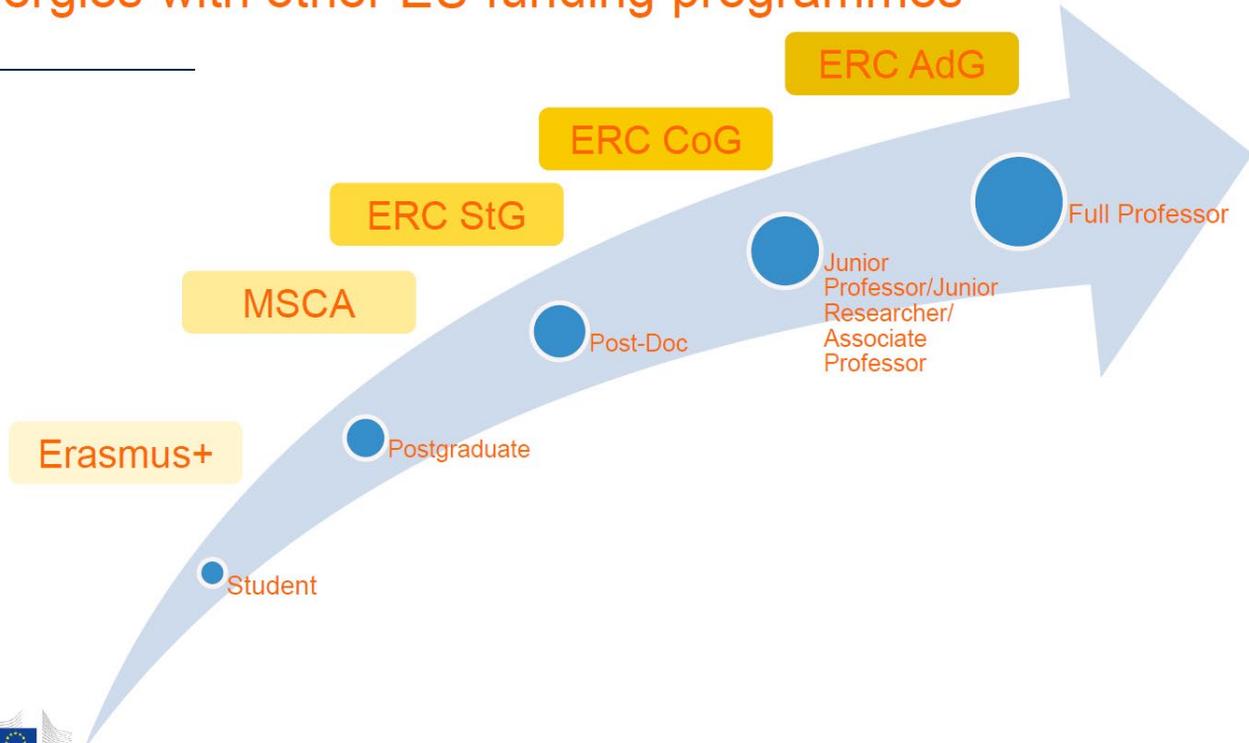
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# Synergies with other EU funding programmes



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Established by Decision of the Council



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# The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions 2021-2027



1. MSCA Doctoral Networks → *networks training doctoral candidates*
2. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships → *postdoctoral researchers*
3. MSCA Staff Exchanges → *any type of research(-related) staff*
4. MSCA COFUND → *co-funding training programmes*
5. MSCA and Citizens → *public outreach events*

*The information in this presentation is still subject to change*



# MSCA Doctoral Networks 1/2

- Focus on **career development plan, supervision, training: research and transferable skills**
- **One action** to set up **doctoral programmes**, including:
  - ❖ **Industrial Doctorates:** Training in academia and industry, Joint supervision
  - ❖ **Joint Doctorates:** Joint collaborations leading to a joint/multiple doctoral degree, Joint selection and supervision; pre-agreement for joint degrees required
- **Who applies?**
  - ❖ **partnerships** of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors
  - ❖ at least **three independent legal entities**, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS (on top of this minimum, **any entity from any third country can join**)

# MSCA Doctoral Networks 2/2

- **Size**
  - ❖ **Up to 360 person-months (standard) + 180 additional person-months for joint or industrial doctorates (incentive)**
- **Duration**
  - ❖ **Programme:** max. 48 months
  - ❖ **Fellow:** between 3 and 36 months
  - ❖ **Secondments:** up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration
  - ❖ **Industrial doctorates:** 50% in the non-academic sector; can be in the same country as the academic host organisation
  - ❖ **Resubmission restrictions** applying as of 2022 for applications receiving a score **below 80%**

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (1/2)

- Continue supporting post-doctoral research and careers
- Two types of fellowships
  - European Fellowships: 12-24 months
  - Global Fellowships: 24 -36 months (12-24 outgoing & 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe)
- Develop skills for academia and beyond – build bridges with academia
  - additional up to 6 months in European organisation in the non-academic sector – placements at the end of European and Global
- **Secondments worldwide**

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (2/2)

- **Managing the increasing demand** to maintain high-quality improve success rate
  - Require **PhD** degree at the call deadline
  - Limit research experience – **up to 8 years** of research experience after PhD at the call deadline, with **exceptions**
    - Years **outside research and career breaks** will not be counted
    - For nationals & long-term residents of EU MS and AC, who wish to **reintegrate from a TC to Europe** (i.e. direct mobility to an EU MS or AC within the last 12 months before the call deadline), time of research experience in the TC will not be counted
  - **Restrict resubmissions** with score less than 70% (as of 2022) to the following year



# MSCA Staff Exchanges (1/2)

- **Most international action** under MSCA
- Continue supporting staff exchanges, **open to any type of staff contributing to research activities** (researchers, administrative, technicians, infrastructure operators,...)
- **International, intersectoral, interdisciplinary** secondments
- Emphasis on the **added-value of the collaboration** itself
- Lean and flexible tool to support **collaborative R&I projects**
- **4 years** for project implementation
- **New:** Interdisciplinary secondments possible within Europe (max 1/3 of project's person-months)
- Number of person-months 360 (to make projects more manageable)



# European Research Council Calls



# Horizon Europe- Pillar 1: European Research Council Grants – Bottom up 2025

## Starting Grants

For promising researchers with 2-7 years experience after PhD

call opens  
**10.07.2024**  
deadline  
**15.10.2024**

budget  
**€ 751 million**

**€ 1.5 million** for a period of **5 years** + **2.5 million EUR**

## Consolidator Grants

For excellent researchers with 7-12 years experience after PhD

call opens  
**26.09.2024**  
deadline  
**14.01.2025**

budget  
**€ 719 million**

**€ 2.0 million** for a period of **5 years** + **3 million EUR**

## Advanced Grants

For established research leaders with a recognised track record

call opens  
**22.05.2025**  
deadline  
**28.08.2025**

budget  
**€ 683 million**

**€ 2.5 million** for a period of **5 years** + **3.5 million EUR**

## Synergy Grants

For 2-4 researchers working together to tackle ambitious research problems

call opens  
**11.07.2024**  
deadline  
**06.11.2024**

budget  
**€ 500 million**

**€ 10 million** for a period of **6 years** + **4 million EUR**

If you are moving to Europe

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# Case example from audience

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# Useful links

## Information on Horizon Europe

EC programme overview over [Horizon Europe](#) and [Horizon Europe Programme Guide Funding and Tenders](#) – EC portal for calls for tenders, topics and application

ECs information on [European partnerships](#)

[Reference Documents](#) – rules, guides and templates for HE

[Euraxess](#) – a portal providing information and support services for researchers wishing to pursue a career in Europe.

## International cooperation

EC guide on [Complementary funding mechanisms in third countries and territories](#)

[List of Participating countries in Horizon Europe](#) (listing which countries are associated countries, third countries, automatically eligible for funding as low- and middle-income countries)

## Networking and SME

[EUSME](#) – Swedish support office for small and medium-sized enterprises

[EEN Match](#) – European Enterprise Network matchmaking database (SME)

Some topics include a reference to the European Commission's [Joint Research Centre](#)

# Next steps

# Why and how to participate to Horizon Europe for international researchers

1

## FIND A SUITABLE CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Check out the European Commission's [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

3

## CREATE AN EU LOGIN ACCOUNT

To access the Portal [register](#) and get your account. This will allow you to participate in a call for proposals or tenders with eSubmission.

5

## SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Select your topic and go to the Submission Service section of the topic page. Make sure that you select the correct type of action before you start drafting your proposal. The link to the submission system is available if the status of the call is 'open'. A login with your EU Login account is required.

2

## SEARCH FOR A PROJECT PARTNER (if required)

Review partnership and other eligibility requirements of a call. Publish your partner search request or offer, select a topic on the Search Funding and Tenders page. Get more help [here](#). Use the [Partner Search](#) to find an organisation.

4

## REGISTER YOUR ORGANISATION

Your organisation will need a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC) as a unique identifier of your organisation. Your organisation may already be registered. Check [here](#) or register.

6

## FOLLOW UP ON YOUR PROPOSAL

An evaluation committee with independent experts reviews the proposals. Following the evaluation, applicants receive a letter informing them about the outcome of their proposal and an evaluation report generally no later than 6 months after the call deadline.

SIX STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN HORIZON EUROPE

# Final words

# Next steps

- **EC subscriptions**
- **NCP Network**
- **EU partners**
- **Opportunities for informal networking, collaborations and impact**
- **Relationship building**
- **Peer learning**
- **EARMA**
- **FP10**



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