



Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

under Horizon Europe

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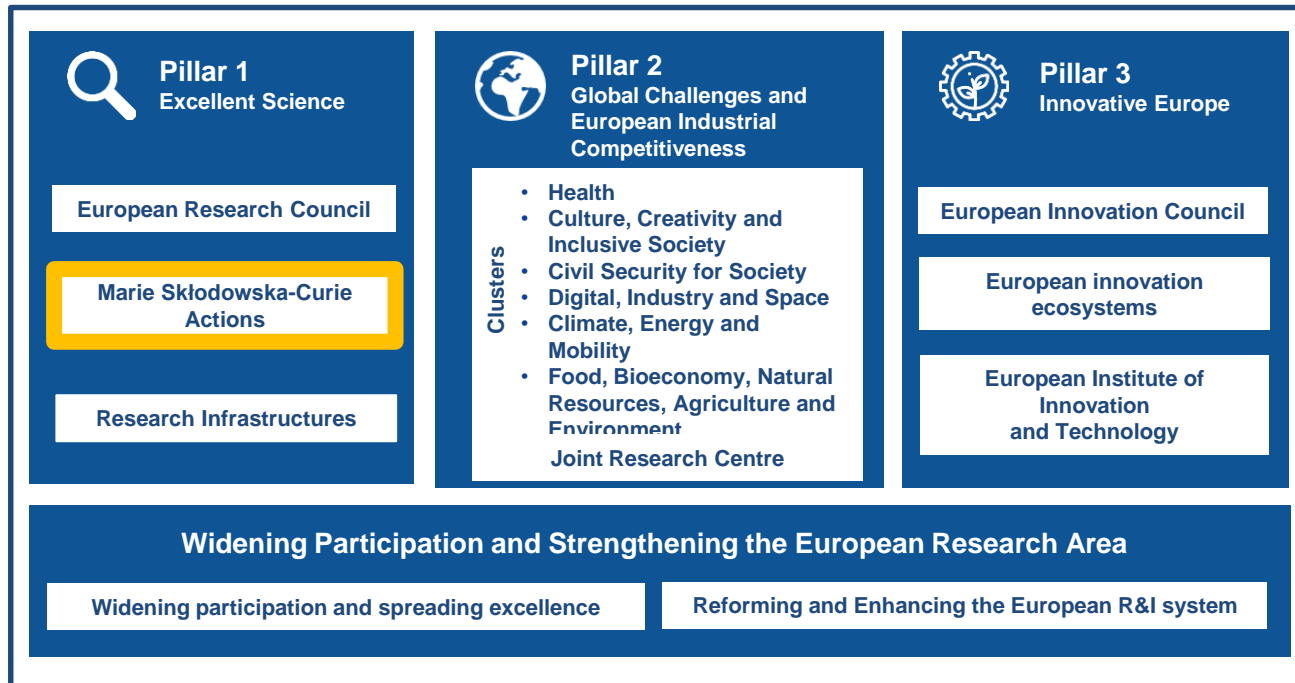
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The MSCA under Horizon Europe



Key figures (2014-2020)

+65,000

Researchers,
including
25,000 PhD
candidates

37%

Researchers
from outside
of the EU

6.2 billion €

Under Horizon
2020

+1,000

Doctoral
program
mes

+4,500

Companies
supported

42%

Female
researchers



What are the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

- **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



**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

- 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

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

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Public outreach events (NIGHT)

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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

- **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
- In 2022-2023, focus on **Horizon Europe Missions**
- **New:** the **Researchers at Schools** activities will bring researchers to schools to interact with pupils on societal challenges and on the key role of research to address them. These activities can take place at any time during the project duration.

Links

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website

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

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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