How to apply for MSCA PF



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About the European Union

- the European Union (EU) has long emphasized the need for innovation as a vehicle for promoting stable and sustainable economic development and enabling a quantum leap in development to allow everybody a better life.
- With just 7% of the world population, the European Union takes up 20% of the global R&D expenditure, 27% of patent applications, and 32% of all high-quality scientific publications.
- The wealthiest marketplace in the world
- Controller of one of the two leading international currencies (Euro)
- The biggest trading power in the world
- The biggest market for mergers and acquisitions
- The biggest source of foreign direct investments
- The biggest donor of official development assistance





Toward Horizon Europe

- Since 1984, European Community research and technological development activities have been defined and implemented by a series of Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development (Framework Programmes, FP, or FP1-FP9).
- The FPs have been the main financial tools through which the EU supports research and development
 activities covering almost all scientific disciplines. FPs are proposed by the European Commission and
 adopted by Council and the European Parliament following a co-decision procedure. The budget for
 FPs started with 3.8 billion Euro for FP1 and has increased ever since to 95.5 billion Euro for
 Horizon Europe (FP9)
- FP8, **Horizon 2020**, ran from 2014–2020 and provided an estimated 80 billion Euro of funding for research and innovation projects through open and competitive calls for proposals
- The current FP, Horizon Europe or FP9, focuses on **improving the objectives** in the previous framework, H2020, by supporting a broad range of member state science and research projects
- Horizon Europe was proposed by the European Commission on June 7, 2018.
- Further development of the program was constrained by the COVID-19 outbreak and budget reduction, but the agreement was finally reached at the end of 2020.



Horizon Europe

- Horizon Europe is the most ambitious program for research and innovation ever implemented
- In the years 2021-2027 Horizon Europe's beneficiaries will receive 95.5 billion Euro. The overall budget is 30% bigger compared to Horizon 2020
- The aim of this funding program is to address and solve the pending societal issues with a special focus on human resources, industrial modernization, infrastructure, and inter-regional collaboration
- The goal is also for Europe to transform science leadership into worldwide leadership in entrepreneurship and innovation by 2027
- Consortia formed of public-private partnerships are the main beneficiaries of this funding scheme (individuals can also apply for certain programs)
- The complex funding structure of Horizon Europe is organized similarly to the previous Framework Programmes and is composed of three pillars: Excellent Science; Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness; and Innovative Europe.





Structure of Horizon Europe

HORIZON EUROPE (€ 95.5 billion)

EURATOM

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

Exclusive focus on defence research & development

> Research actions

Development actions

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT*

Exclusive focus on civil applications



European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie **Actions**

Research Infrastructures

Basic research, human resource exchange



Pillar II 53.5%

GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Clusters **Inclusive Society**
 - Civil Security for Society
 - Digital, Industry & Space
 - Climate, Energy & Mobility
 - · Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & **Environment**

Joint Research Centre

Joint research by field



European Innovation Council

European Innovation Eco-systems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology*

Support for the EU Industry

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme





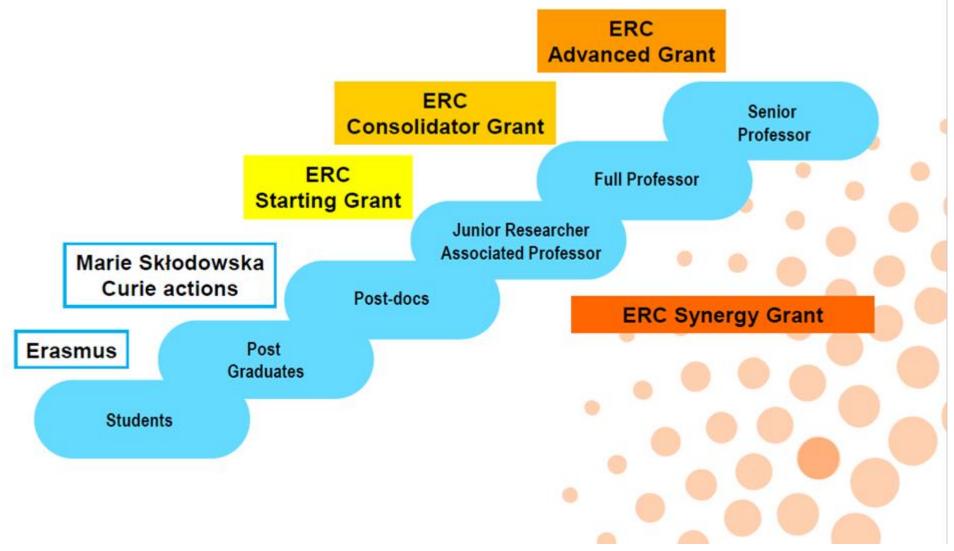
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European Grants – who can benefit?







Horizon Europe country profile:

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Participation 2

680,07% HORIZON EUROPE

Number of organisations involved in HORIZON EUROPE projects. One organisation participating in N projects is

Net EU Contribution 대

831,5k^{0,00%} HORIZON EUROPE

Funding received by the project's participants after deduction of their linked third parties' funding

Applications ♂

290,06% HORIZON EUROPE Success rate 2

22,76%_{Average}





EU and the Republic of Korea today

HORIZON EUROPE and HORIZON 2020 - Key data for the Republic of Korea

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H2020

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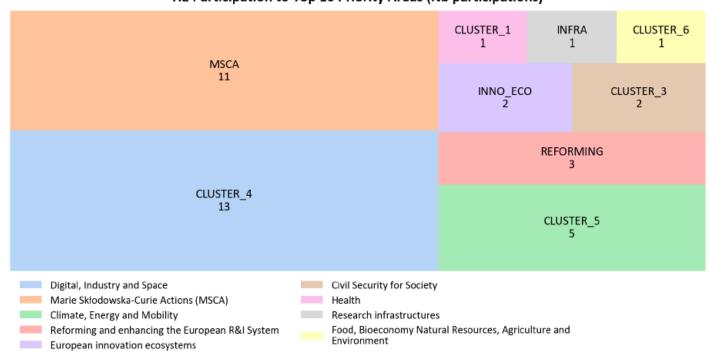
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grants signed

participations

HE Participation to Top 10 Priority Areas (Nb participations)







MSCA - New Names



MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN)

• formally Innovative Training Networks (ITN)



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (FP)

• Formally Individual Fellowships (IF)



MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE)

• Formally Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)



MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

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MSCA and Citizens

Formally Researchers Night (NIGHT)





Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

- Supports researchers at all career stages and across all research disciplines
- Encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility
- Enables research-focused organisations to host talented foreign researchers and to create strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide.
- Equip researchers with the necessary skills and experience to support long-term employability
- Supports fundamental research to market take-up and innovation services.
- Fields are chosen freely by the applicants (individuals and/or organisations) in a fully 'bottom-up' manner.





MSCA – Postdoctoral Fellowship (PF)

- Enhance the creative and innovative potential of post-doctoral researchers
 - **European Fellowships**: researchers of any nationality moving within or coming to Europe (12-24 months)
 - Global Fellowships: European nationals or long-term residents in Europe to do research abroad (24-36 months [12-24 outgoing & 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe])
- Secondments: worldwide up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration (outgoing phase for Global Fellowships)
- Continue to fund all research areas including research funded by EURATOM
- Fellows can be recruited in the non-academic sector
- Optional additional placement of up to 6 months in a non-academic European organization, at the end of the fellowship – must be integral part of the proposal
- Host beneficiary must be in an EU MS or AC, for Global Fellowships out going host must be located in a TC
- Resubmission restrictions (applied from 2022)





MSCA – Postdoctoral Fellowship – Eligibility

Host Beneficiary

• must be in an EU MS or AC, for Global Fellowships out going host must be located in a TC

Supported Researcher must

- be in a possession of a doctoral degree at the date of the call deadline
 - defined as a successfully defended doctoral thesis
- at the call deadline researchers have a maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent research experience
 - Career breaks, working outside research, research outside of EU (for reintegrating researchers)
- may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies etc.) in the country of their (main) host organisation (TC host for Global Fellowship) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the applicable reference date.







What is the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship?

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

- Funded by the European Commission, the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
- → To enhance therir careers through international, intersectoral and mobility
- → With a focus on excellent research and training

Types of Fellowships:



European Fellowships

Postdoctoral research in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries (1-2 years)



Global Fellowships

Research in a non-European country (1-2 years) + mandatory return phase to Europe (1 year)

Eligibility:



PhD awarded at the call deadline



Max. 8 years of research experience after PhD (career breaks excluded)

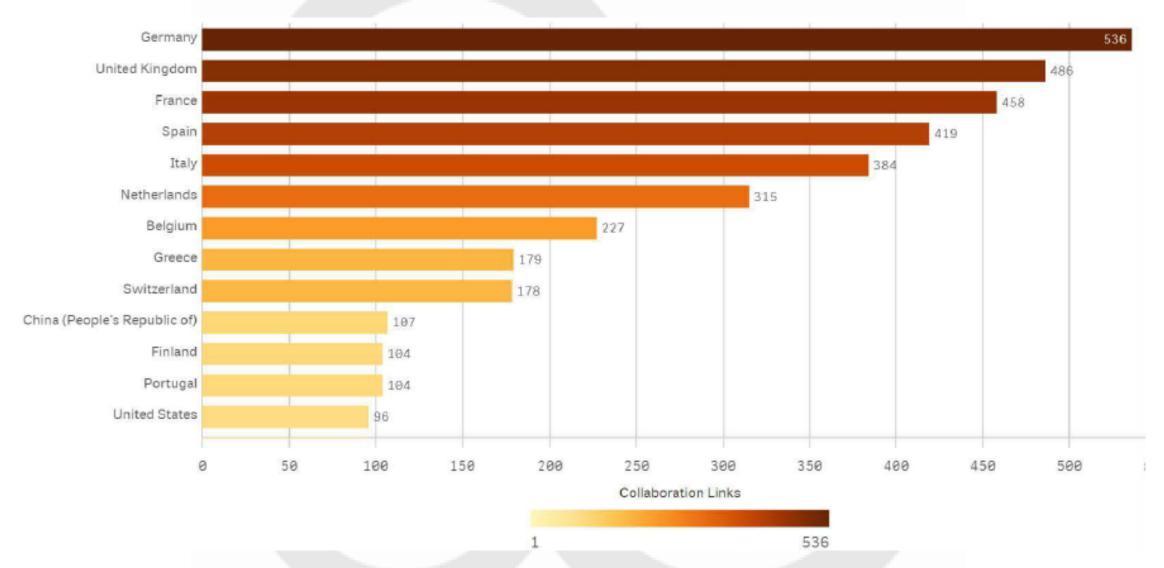


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Top Collaborations







How to Apply – Step-by-Step

- 1. Find a Host Institution & Supervisor
- Look for universities or research institutes in the EU or associated countries
- Use platforms like EURAXESS or MSCA host offers portal
- 2. Develop a Proposal Together
- You and the host prepare:
- A research proposal
- Impact section (skills development, dissemination, career goals)





Finding a Host & Writing a Competitive Proposal

- Identify a Host Institution
- Build the Proposal Collaboratively
- Proposal structure:
 - Excellence: Research objectives, methodology, supervisor's expertise
 - Impact: Career development, dissemination & communication plan
 - Implementation: Work plan, risk management, institutional support
- Get feedback early from your host and mentors.
- Use the MSCA Proposal Template from the Funding & Tenders Portal.





Submission, Timeline & Tips for Success

Step 3: Submission Process

- •Create an account on the **EU Funding & Tenders Portal**
- •Submit under: MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (HORIZON-MSCA-202x-PF-01)
- •Attach:
 - Part A (online form)
 - Part B1 & B2 (PDFs: proposal + administrative details)

Timeline

Call opens: mid-April

Deadline: mid-September

Evaluation: ~5 months

Project start: within ~1 year after application





Tips for Success:

- Tips for Success:
- Start preparing 4–6 months before the deadline
- Highlight mobility, training, and impact
- Use clear, simple language (non-native reviewers!)
- Check examples from previously successful proposals (many are available online)







Discover the funding & tenders opportunities

Find out how to participate by following these key steps.

Find calls for proposals

Explore the available EU funding opportunities by searching for calls for proposals within your topics of interest, find partners and submit a proposal.

View projects and results

Browse through EU funded projects and learn about the results. Invest in opportunities and get inspired by the highlights and success stories.

Find calls for tenders

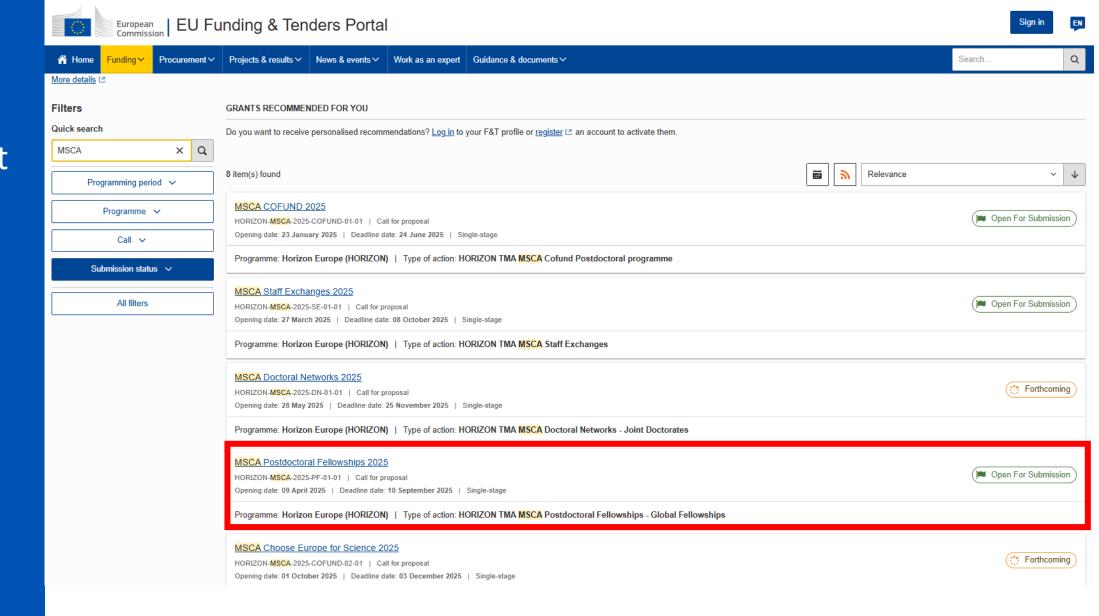
Find business opportunities in the calls for tenders managed by EU institutions, bodies and agencies.

Work as an expert

Proposals and projects need evaluations, monitoring and domain-specific knowledge advice from experts.

https://ec.europa.eu/in fo/fundingtenders/opportunities/ portal/screen/home







ropic conditions and documents

General conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in Annex A L2 and Annex E L2 of the Horizon Europe Work Programme General Annexes

Proposal page limits and layout: described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System...

Show more

Budget overview

Topic ↑	Budget (EUR) - Year : 2025 ↓↑	Stages ↓↑	Opening date ↓↑	Deadline ↓↑	Contributions ↓↑	Indicative number of grants ↓↑
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01-01 - HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships	343 648 887	single-stage	2025-04-09	2025-09-10		
HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01-01 - HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	60 643 921	single-stage	2025-04-09	2025-09-10		

Partner search announcements

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Searches of partners to collaborate on this topic

View / Edit

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

Start submission



To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.



Faculdade de letras da Universidade de Lisboa

Organisation

Contact

The Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Lisboa (https://www.letras.ulisboa.pt/pt/investigacao) welcomes proposals in any of its scientific domains: Literature, Art and Culture; History; Language Sciences; and Philosophy. FLUL hopes to enhance the researchers creativity and innovative potential by offering excellent hosting conditions and essential services, as well as a high-quality and high-impact research environment. Further information: npac@letras.ulisboa.pt.

Organisation type Higher or secondary education establishment Country/Territory Portugal Type of request Request date Expertise request 08 May 2025

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Organisation)



Dr. Elena Macías-Sánchez, from the Institute of Parasitology and Biomedicine López Neyra (CSIC), welcomes candidates interested in applying for a MSCA-PF 2025. Our research aims to understand the tissue, cellular and molecular mechanisms that determine bone mineralization and how these mechanisms are altered under pathological conditions. We use a multidisciplinary approach, combining biochemical techniques, X-ray diffraction and advanced electron microscopy. Contact elena.macias@ipb.csic.es

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Organisation)



Aurelio López-Tarruella Martínez, Research Group on Global and Innovation Policy and Law (GIP-Law), welcomes expressions of interest from Postdoctoral researchers with an excellent track record to apply jointly to MSCA-PF. Further info and contact: https://sgi.ua.es/en/proyectos-internacionales/v7-if-expressions-of-interest/2025/marie-sklodowska-curie-msca-actions.html Contact: aurelio.lopez@ua.es

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WHAT IS EURAXESS?







Joint initiative over 40 European countries funded by the European Commission

- ➤ Objective: Support int. research cooperation & mobility
 - > All disciplines, all profiles, all nationalities
 - ➤ 100% free services







Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, FYROM, Island, Israel, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey





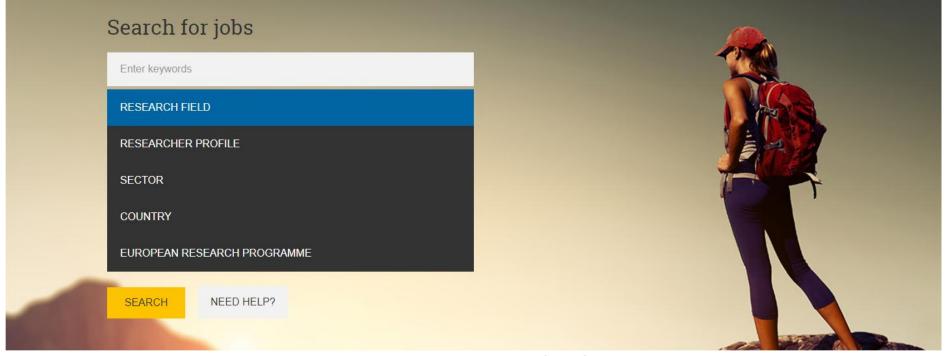
EURAXESS– Researchers in Motion

- pan-European initiative backed by the European Commission that aims to support the development of the European Research Area (ERA) by addressing barriers to the mobility of researchers, and to enhance scientific collaboration between Europe and the word
- EURAXESS is supported by 43 participating countries across Europe (EU member states and countries within the Horizon Europe Associated Countries list)
- Designed as a comprehensive toolset, it provides researchers with a complete range of information and support services
- EURAXESS Korea mainly provides three services:
 - Information services, through its website (https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/south-korea) and social media (@EURAXESS_Korea) where funding, job opportunities, policy developments, events and networking opportunities of interest to Korean researchers and Korean RPOs are provided in the form of a curated newsfeed, both in English and Korean languages.
 - Events and informative and seminars, where detailed explanation of EURAXESS services, and also European funding programmes such as Horizon Europe, European Research Council grants or Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions





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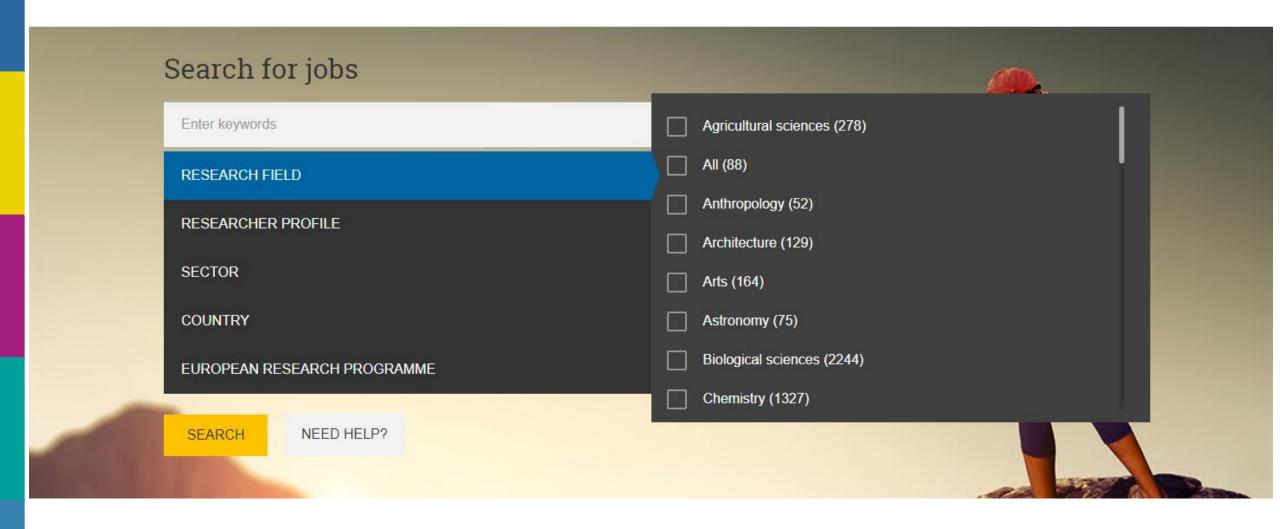


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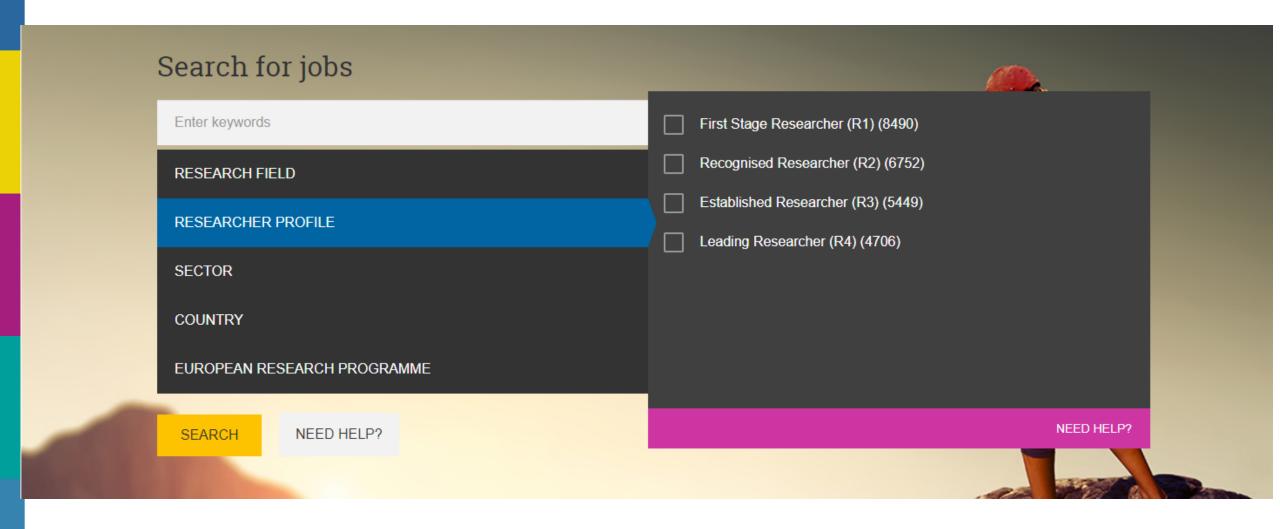






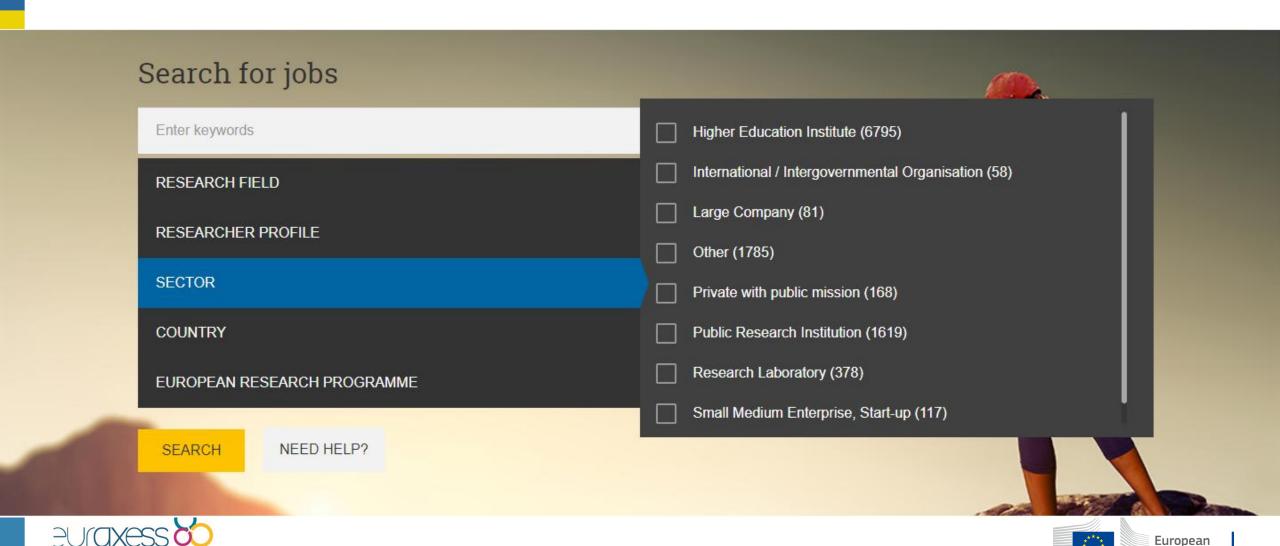


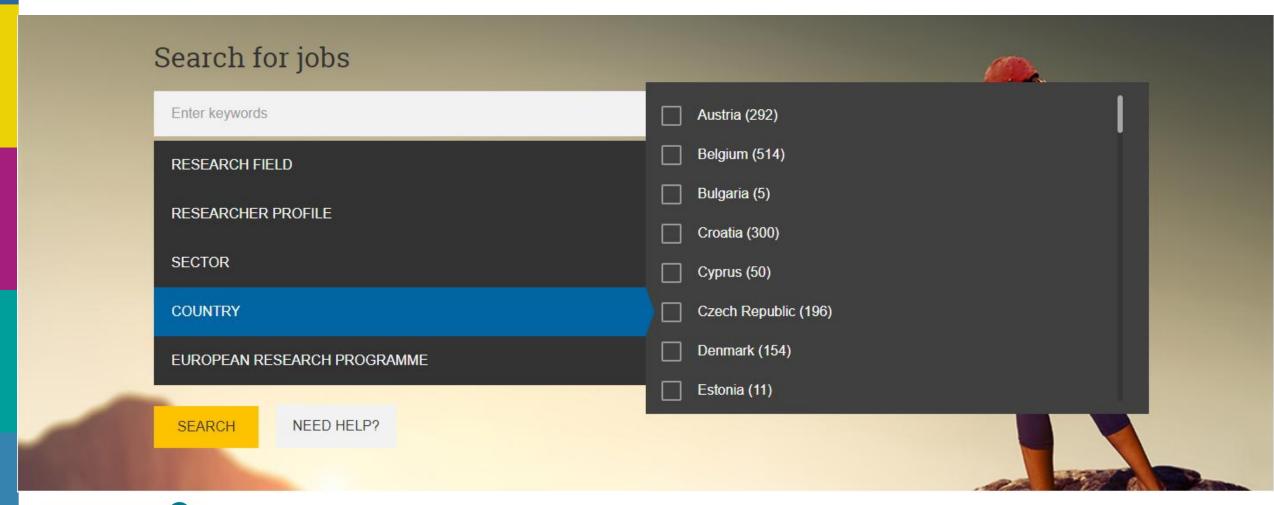
















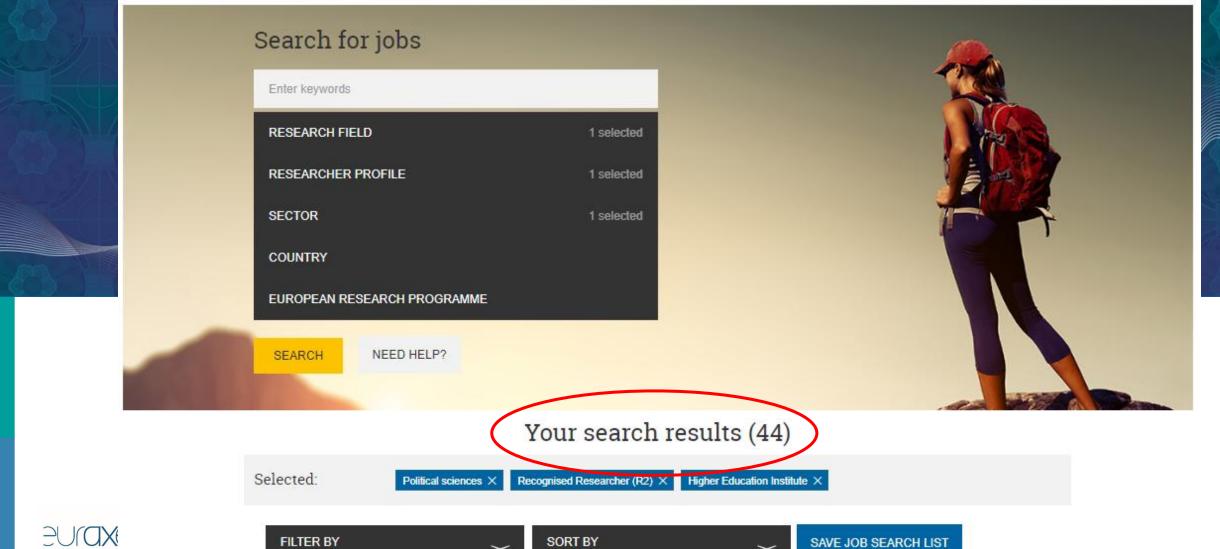
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MSCA awards €417 million to postdoctoral researchers

1696 outstanding postdoctoral researchers were selected for funding among 10,360 applicants. The European Commission will



7 Jan 2025

Republic of Korea to join Horizon Europe under Transitional Arrangement

As of 1 January 2025, the Republic of Korea



18 Feb 2025

Postdoctoral Researcher: Behavioural Science Institute -Nijmegen, The Netherlands

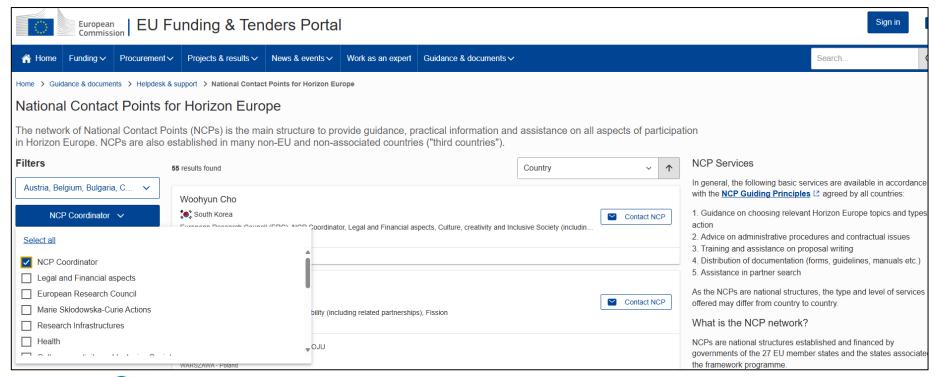
Are you interested in how adolescents develop in their social contexts? Are you





National Contact Points

National Contact Points are support structures established by Member States (MS), Associated Countries (AC) and many third countries, recognized by the European Commission (EC) to help participants to access the different EU Programme opportunities through advice, practical information, and assistance in all aspects. For Horizon Europe, there are 17 NCP different functions plus the NCP national coordinators network.







Enterprise Europe Network

• <u>Enterprise Europe Network</u> Support in the search and participation in international partnerships. Experience, contacts and events to connect you with the right international partners to grow your business.

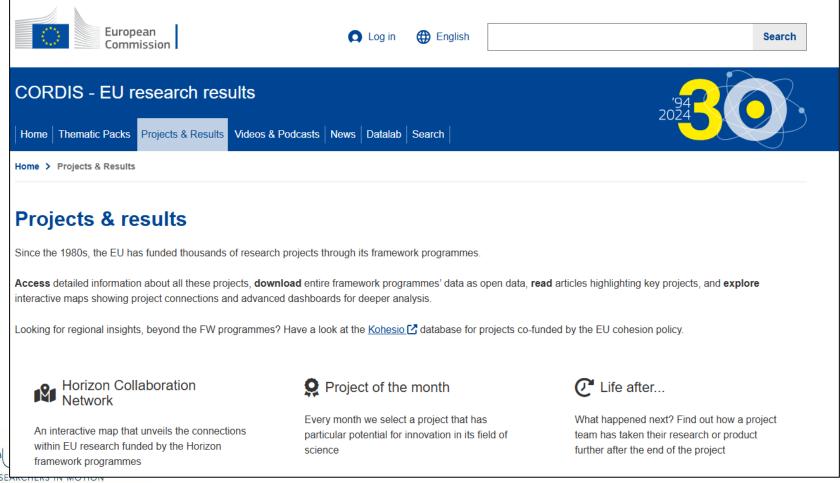
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CORDIS

CORDIS - (Community Research and Development Information Service) is the European Commission's primary source of information on EU-funded research projects. It provides access to details about projects funded under the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation, including Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.





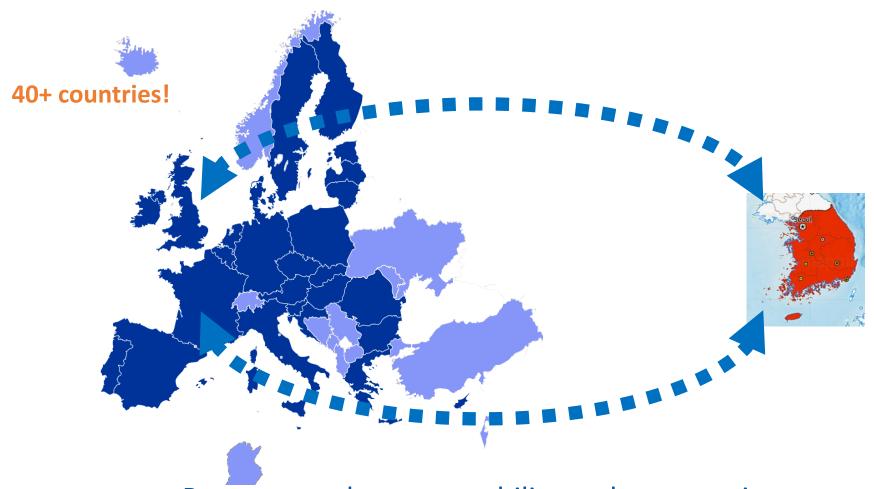
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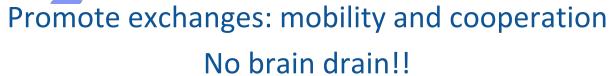






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Additional Information

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Funding & tenders opportunity portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

MSCA under Horizon Europe Information Event https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/events/msca-under-

horizon-europe-information-event_en

Net4Mobilty+ https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/

Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/

ERC: http://erc.europa.eu

National Contact Points (NCP): https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-

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NCP Portal: https://www.horizoneuropencpportal.eu/





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