If you consider a Widening Country organisation as a partner or host for your Marie Skłodowska-Curie project, THIS COUNTRY PROFILE IS FOR YOU!
# FACTS AND FIGURES

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<td>Inhabitants</td>
<td>38 million (EU28: 518 million)</td>
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<td>Researchers</td>
<td>132.5 thousand (EU28: 247.7 thousand)</td>
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<td>New doctorate graduates per 100,000 population aged 25-34</td>
<td>63 (EU28: 35)</td>
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<td>International scientific co-publications per 100,000 population</td>
<td>2,966 (EU28: 5,175)</td>
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<td>Polish organisations successful in H2020 so far</td>
<td>683 (EU28: 2,671)</td>
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Polish organisations have already received the HR Excellence Award: [https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/hrs4r#show_POLAND](https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/hrs4r#show_POLAND)

To know more about the Polish R&I system, check the RIO analysis: [https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/country-analysis/Poland](https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/country-analysis/Poland)

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### The 5 most successful organisations in Horizon 2020 and MSCA (until June 2019)

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MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
Conduct research with a Polish institution!

441 researchers are already in Poland with MSCA, will you become the next one?
Team up with a Polish organisation – 145 are already participating in the MSCA.

MSCA key figures – country profile for Poland:
- [https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/msca-numbers_en](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/msca-numbers_en)

Check the next MSCA calls on the EC website:
- [https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en)

Excellent MSCA IF proposals with Polish host institutions also have a chance of getting funding under the Widening Fellowship Programme. Learn more:
- [https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/N4M__flyer.pdf](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/N4M__flyer.pdf)

Check out the success stories of the Widening countries under MSCA:

Look for job opportunities and find out practical issues about Poland with EURAXESS:
- [https://www.euraxess.pl/](https://www.euraxess.pl/)

If you need more information, contact the Polish National Contact Point for Horizon 2020:

or the MSCA dedicated NCP: [https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/contacts/](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/contacts/)
Over the last 20 years, the Polish R&I sector has developed rapidly. Thanks to national and European Structural and Investment Funds, hundreds of institutions have been equipped with modern infrastructure, start-ups are dynamically developing, and industrial doctorates introduced in 2017 are popular among the private sector. Moreover, there are many dynamically developing science parks, which offer consulting services in technology transfer and transformation of research results into technological innovations.

The reform of research systems introduced by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education creates favourable conditions for developing scientific and didactic excellence and gives the universities more autonomy in managing their potential. The reform resulted, among others, in establishing public research funding organisations to which foreign researchers may also apply for grants:

- The National Centre for Research and Development strengthens collaboration between business and academia, supporting applied research projects;
- The National Science Centre provides grants for basic research;
- The National Agency for Academic Exchange offers programmes supporting international mobility of scientists and students.
Higher education institutions of different profiles play a major role in the development of national research potential. A recent initiative is the Łukasiewicz Research Network, which is the biggest Polish and third largest European research and development network connecting 38 scientific institutes with hundreds of world-class laboratories and almost 8000 employees in 11 locations across the country. Its aims are to conduct applied research that is particularly important for the country’s innovative development and to provide a better transfer of knowledge to the economy.

Polish researchers and entrepreneurs are increasingly active in obtaining international grants, including from Horizon 2020. A successful example of such projects is the recent MSCA COFUND ‘PASIFIC’ which will finance two-year postdoctoral fellowships for 50 scientists who can choose among 79 institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences to do their research and training.

Examples of the most outstanding scientific results achieved by Polish scientists are published on-line.
Poland is situated in the heart of Europe. A point near Warsaw, the capital city, is the geometrical centre of Europe easily reached from every country. The country’s distinctive feature is its varied landscape: alpine mountains, wide sandy beaches, primeval forests and extensive lake districts – good places for taking a break.

Polish customs, cuisine and hospitality result from the intermingling of cultures of many nationalities that have been here for more than ten centuries. Soups and dumplings with a variety of fillings are the favourite dishes among foreigners. Poles spend their leisure time in active ways, enjoying various attractions offered by each region. Concerts, festivals and fetes are organised everywhere so often you will be faced with a difficult choice. Science festivals and days are enormously popular.

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