Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND)
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Objective

- stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development

Scope

- international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sector mobility of researchers at all stages of their career
- Possibilities of synergies with structural funds
- Opportunities for researchers from all countries
- Researchers to comply with the mobility rules of the MSCA
- Open and transparent recruitment, vacancies widely publicised

Expected Impact

- exploit synergies between European Union actions and those at regional, national, and international level
- leverage funding and combat fragmentation
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selection process based on openness, transparency, merit, impartiality and equality
There are two different types of participating organisations:

- Beneficiary
- Partner Organisations
Beneficiary

- It is the sole signatory to the Grant Agreement,
- It receives the EU funding, claims costs,
- It takes responsibility for the proper implementation of the proposed programme.

- Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country

- It may also recruit, supervise, host or train the researchers, either on its own or in conjunction with partner organisations.
Partner Organisations

- They contribute to the action by implementing a Doctoral or Fellowship programme (i.e. recruitment of researchers) or by providing training and hosting to researchers during secondments.
- They are not signatories of the Grant Agreement.
- They cannot claim costs of the programme directly from the Research Executive Agency (REA).
- Their costs for activities in the research training programme are covered by the unit costs paid to the beneficiary.
Partner Organisations

- Partner organisations that **recruit researchers** must be established in an EU Member State, H2020 Associated Country, or Third Country listed in General Annex A to the H2020 Work Programme.

- Partner organisations **providing secondments** can be established in any country.
Partnership agreement between the beneficiary and all partner organisations involved is strongly recommended.
Partner organisations

All partner organisations must:
- provide a letter of commitment in Part B;
- be included in the overview of all the identified Partner Organisations provided in Table 2

In case potential beneficiaries do not know the partner organisations at the time of application, these can be added during the lifetime of the project.

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<th>Partner organisation name</th>
<th>Partner organisation short name</th>
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Table 2. The following table should be used to list and detail the role of the partner organisations (if known), including their financial contribution to the programme (when applicable):
Participants are organisations from the academic or the non-academic sector. These two sectors are defined as follows:

**Academic sector**
- public or private HEI awarding academic degrees,
- public or private non-profit research organisations,
- international European interest organisations

**Non-academic sector**
- any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector definition

**intersectoral**
**Mono-beneficiary action**

*Cofund is a mono-beneficiary action.*

Only one legal entity established in an EU Member State or Associated Country will apply to the COFUND scheme.
Structure

COFUND programmes may take one of two forms:
A. Doctoral Programmes (DPs)
B. Fellowship Programmes (FPs)

- a minimum of three researchers must be recruited
"bottom-up" approach:

Applicants are encouraged to offer high-quality research options to researchers and to cover as many research disciplines as possible but they can also focus on specific disciplines, especially for the DPs.
Duration

- *Duration: between 36 and 60 months*
- The majority of the programmes tend to have the maximum duration (60 months),
- it allows for the organisation of several calls, ensures enough time for the selection and recruitment of the researchers

It is expected that DPs would offer recruitment of ESRs corresponding to the typical time needed to complete a PhD in the corresponding country.

For FPs, the typical duration of the appointments of ERs varies from 12 to 36 months.
Each single application must only address the doctoral or fellowship programme, but

More than one application can be submitted

Recruited researchers must respect the same mobility rule as IF (for the fellowship programme) or ITN (for the doctoral programme). Existing programmes can continue with own mobility rule if well-justified.

Unless prohibited by national legislation all fellows, including doctoral fellows, must be recruited on a work contract.

In the doctoral programme all fellows must be registered for a PhD.
In the case of COFUND, the unit of measure is the eligible person-month.

The unit costs cover researcher unit costs and institutional unit costs.

A. **Researcher Unit Costs**

B. **Institutional Unit Costs**
## A. Researcher Unit Costs

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<th>Researcher category</th>
<th>EU contribution to living allowance for researchers recruited under an employment contract (EUR/person-month)</th>
<th>Beneficiary contribution to [living allowance + mobility allowance] for researchers recruited under an employment contract (EUR/ person-month)</th>
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<td>Early-Stage Researchers (ESR)</td>
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<td>Experienced Researchers (ER)</td>
<td>2 740</td>
<td>minimum 1 096</td>
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Minimum amounts for monthly living + mobility allowances:

- **ESR:** € 2709
- **ER:** € 3836
B. Institutional Unit Costs

- EU contribution to management costs: € 325 per person-month
Other cost items may be funded through other resources (including ESIF funds).
Example of Budget

**NB:** For this call, the maximum EU contribution is EUR 10 million per beneficiary.

- **EU contribution to living allowance** for contracts with full social security:
  - Early stage researchers (ESR): € 1935 per person-month
  - Experienced researchers (ER): € 2740 per person-month

- **EU contribution to management costs:** € 325 per person-month

- Minimum amounts for monthly living + mobility allowances:
  - ESR: € 2709
  - ER: € 3836

- Other cost items may be funded through other resources (including ESIF funds)

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**Example (Fellowship programme – ER)**

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<th>Cost item</th>
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## Indicative timetable

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<td>Call Opening</td>
<td>08 April 2020</td>
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<td>Deadline for submission of proposals</td>
<td>29 September 2020 at 17:00:00, Brussels local time</td>
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<td>Evaluation of proposals</td>
<td>November 2020</td>
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<td>Information on the outcome of the evaluation</td>
<td>February 2021</td>
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<td>Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements</td>
<td>May 2021</td>
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Indicative call budget: € 100 million.
€ 40 million is allocated to the Doctoral Programmes.
€ 60 million is allocated to the Fellowship Programmes.
Funding & tender opportunities (the Single Electronic Data Interchange Area) is the entry point for participants and experts in funding programmes and tenders managed by the European Commission and other EU bodies.

Find calls for proposals and tenders

Search calls for proposals and tenders by keywords, programmes...

Search

EU Programmes

- 3rd Health Programme (SHP)
- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- Consumer Programme (CIP)
- Creative Europe (CREA)
- European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP)
- EU Aid Volunteers Programme (EVAID)
- Erasmus+ Programme (EPLUS)
- Europe For Citizens (EFC)
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SET OF GRAPHS
2017-2018
H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017 Call

Cut-off score (main list) by panels

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<th>DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES</th>
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Success rate by panels
(16.9% for all)

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H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2018 Call

Submitted eligible proposals (114 in total)

- Doctoral Programmes: 43
- Fellowship Programmes: 71

Mainlist
(Number of proposals = number of participants)

- Doctoral Programmes: 14
- Fellowship Programmes: 14
Cut-off score (Mainlist) by panels

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<th>Fellowship Programmes</th>
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Success rate by panels
(24.56% for all)

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Type of Organisations for Coordinators
(for all 114 participants)

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<td>Research Organisations</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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COFUND under H2020

Doctoral/Fellowship Programmes eligible proposals

Number of proposals evaluated

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<td>2019</td>
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Type of COFUND Beneficiaries

- 80% Academic Sector/Research Organisations
- 17% International Organisations
- 3% Non Academic/Funding Agencies
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PROJECT EXAMPLES
Project examples

https://cordis.europa.eu/
Deliverables

Documents, reports (11)

1st Periodic Report
Periodic Report to be submitted within 60 days following the first reporting period:
Month 24+2.

Report for the first call on evaluation and selection
Report for the first call on evaluation and selection. Containing at least the following
MSCA-COFUND Success Stories

"GrapheneReceptor" in CZ

Name of the Fellow:
Cina Foroutan-Nejad

Host organization:
CEITEC-Masaryk University

Success Story Link

"ImPRESS" in Poland

Host Institution:
Medical University of Bialystok (MUB)

Success Story Link

"CONMECH" in Poland

Host organization:
National Science Centre

Success Story Link

"ImPRESS" in Poland

Name of the Fellow:
Bence Gálík

Host organization:
Medical University of Bialystok (MUB)

Success Story Link

https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/widening-countries-success-stories/
The MSCA part of the Work Programme:


The COFUND-2020 Guide for Applicants:

GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND)

Call identifier: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2020
Deadline: 29 September 2020 at 17:00:00
(Brussels local time)

Date of call publication: 03 July 2019
Date of call opening: 08 April 2020
Version Number: 1.0

Note: National Contact Points (NCPs) have been set up across Europe by the national governments to provide information and personalised support to H2020 applicants in their native language. The mission of the NCPs is to raise awareness, inform and advise H2020 funding opportunities as well as to support potential applicants in the preparation, submission and follow-up of the grant application. For details on the NCP in your country, please consult the website at https://ec.europa.eu/zh-hans/funding-opportunities/participants/national-contact-points.

Additionally, in order to find handbooks on how to prepare applications, success stories, interesting information about widening countries are much more, you may also consult the website of the EU-funded network of MSCA NCPs at https://www.net4mobility.net/

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Guide for Applicants
Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND) 2020
Access Proposal Submission System via the Funding & Tenders Portal
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes
ID: MSCA-COFUND-2020

Type of action:
- MSCA-COFUND-FP Fellowship programmes, MSCA-COFUND-DP Doctoral programmes

Deadline Model: single-stage
Opening: 08 April 2020
Deadline: 29 September 2020 17:00:00 Brussels time

Work programme:
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Call name: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes | Call ID: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2020

See all topics of this call

See budget overview
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Select your type of action to start submission

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

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

**Type of Action:** Doctoral programmes [MSCA-COFUND-DP]  
Start SUBMISSION

**Type of Action:** Fellowship programmes [MSCA-COFUND-FP]  
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The Electronic Submission Service provides guidance on how to complete Part A, which includes the following sections:

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How to fill in the forms

The administrative forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the administrative forms are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.
Table of Contents

In drafting PART B of the proposal, applicants must follow the structure outlined below.

0. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME (Maximum 2 pages)
   INFORMATION ON THE BENEFICIARY

1. EXCELLENCE
2. IMPACT
3. QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

4. ETHICS ASPECTS
5. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

NB: Applicants must ensure that sections 1-3 do not exceed the limit of 30 pages.
## Award criteria

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<td>Quality of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers</td>
<td>Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of researchers; strengthening human resources on regional, national or international level</td>
<td>Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan</td>
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<td>(transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities)</td>
<td>Aligning practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation</td>
<td>Appointment conditions of researchers</td>
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<td>Quality of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility</td>
<td>Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the results</td>
<td>Competence of the participant to implement the programme</td>
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ARE YOU AN EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS OR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES?
Researchers

Early-stage researchers (ESR)

≤ 4 years full-time equivalent research

Experienced researchers (ER)

≥4 years full-time equivalent research experience

**Full-time equivalent research experience** is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate.
COFUND will support **Doctoral Programmes (DPS)** and **Fellowship Programmes (FPs)** for the most promising early-stage researchers and experienced researchers, respectively.

The selection of the researchers must follow an open, transparent, merit-based, impartial and equitable selection procedure, with vacancies internationally advertised and published, including on the EURAXESS website.
SUPPORT?
How to get Support

FAQs by the EC

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq
How to get Support

FAQs Blog by Net4Mobility+

http://mariecurieactions.blogspot.ch/
How to get Support

Helpdesks

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/helpdesks;programCode=H2020
How to get Support

Contact the National Contact Point of your country/ of your future partners’ country

www.net4mobilityplus.eu
Report on a workshop with beneficiaries
April 2019
Links

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

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/index_en.htm
Links

http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home_it.html

Thank you

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