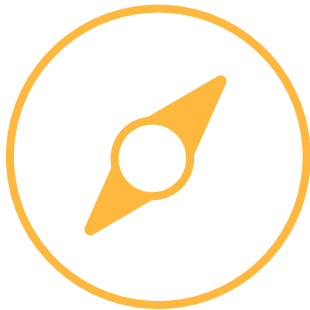


European Funding Opportunities for Doctoral Researchers in Horizon 2020

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships
and ERC Starting Grants

Dunja Hofmann & Martin Winger, KoWi

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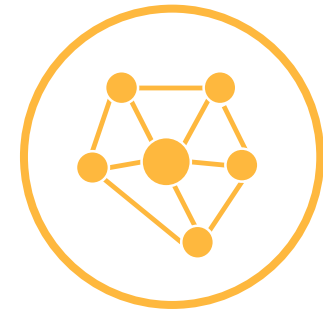
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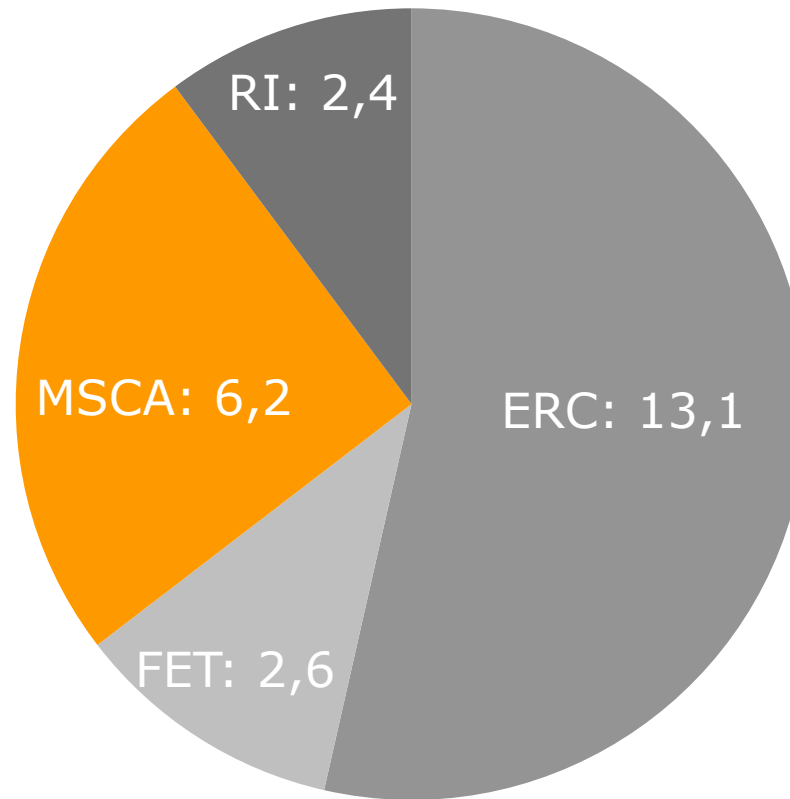
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Horizon 2020 Budget – Excellent Science



Total:
~ 24,3 billion

MSCA key features

- Mobility of researchers from all over the world
- Focus on training and career development
- Coverage all domains of research (bottom-up approach)
- Fellowships of 3-36 months
- Attractive working and employment conditions
- Financing rate of 100%
- Host institution in EU Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AS)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN)



Innovative Training Networks

ETN
European
Training Networks

EID
European
Industrial Doctorates

EJD
European
Joint Doctorates

Duration max. 48 months

3 beneficiaries
3 different MS/AC

2 beneficiaries
2 different MS/AC
2 different sectors

3 beneficiaries
3 different MS/AC

Additionally partner organisations from any sector/country

ESR funded 3-36 months

540 person months

180 or 540 person
months

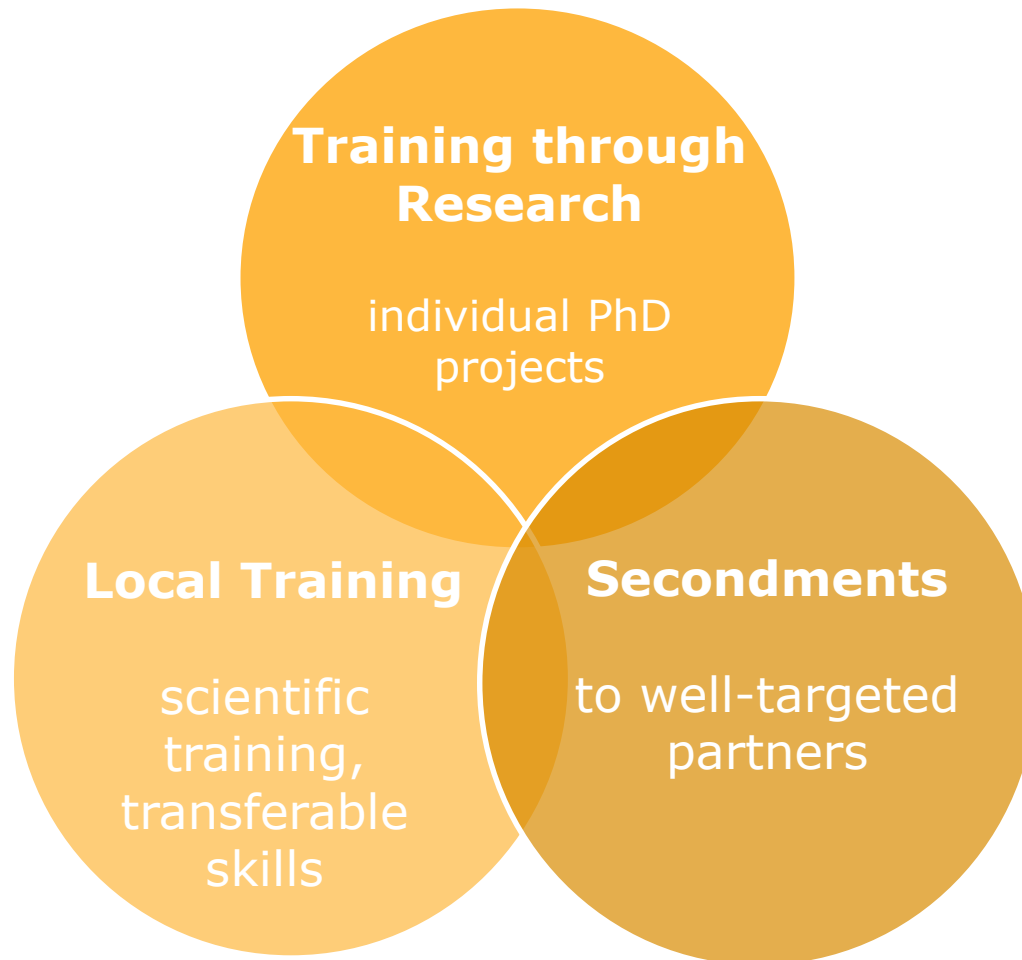
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Training

PhD

Joint PhD

ITN Training

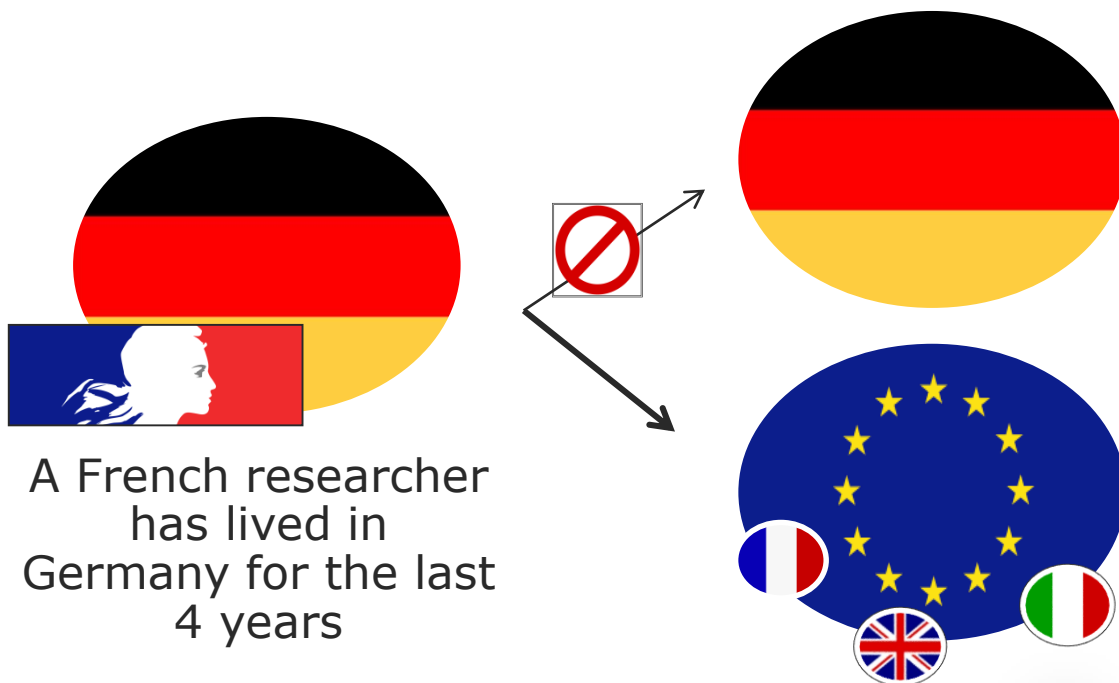


Conditions

- Students cannot apply, only institutions
- You can apply for vacancies in funded ITN-projects
- You need to be an “Early Stage Researcher” (ESR)
 - less than 4 years of research experience after graduation
- AND
- no PhD
- Nationality or age not relevant
- You need to follow the “Mobility Rule”

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Mobility Rule

Fellow has lived or worked \leq **12 months within the last 3 years** in the potential host country.



Not eligible for a Fellowship in Germany!

Eligible for a Fellowship in France and other countries

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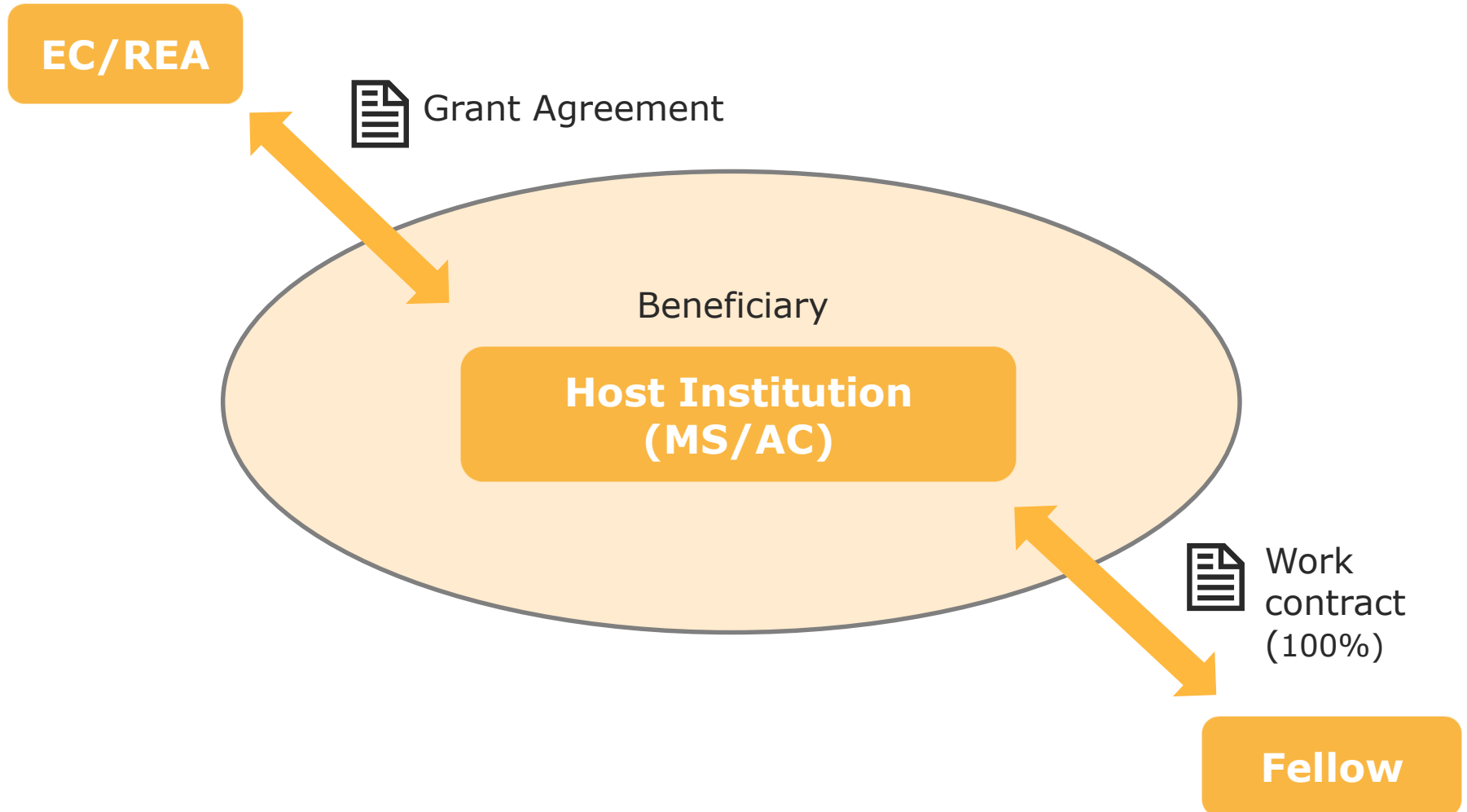
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- ☐ H2020 / ERC (4)
- ☒ H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (26)
- ☐ Not funded by an EU programme (288)

Your search results (326)

Selected:

Germany X

MSCA Basic Contracts*



*without partner organisations

Funding within an ITN**

Funding 100%	Researcher unit cost (person/month)			Institutional unit cost (person/month)	
	Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management & Overhead
ITN (ESR)	EUR 3,270	EUR 600	EUR 500	EUR 1,800	EUR 1,200

*Application of the country correction factor: Germany 2019: 97,0%

**Employer's gross salary

Advantages

- Funded PhD positions for up to three years
- Topic of the PhD project already defined
 - You can start very soon
- Employment contract including social contributions
- 100% working time on your project
- Training within an international network
- Part of a structured training program
- Contact to the non-academic sector and potential future employers

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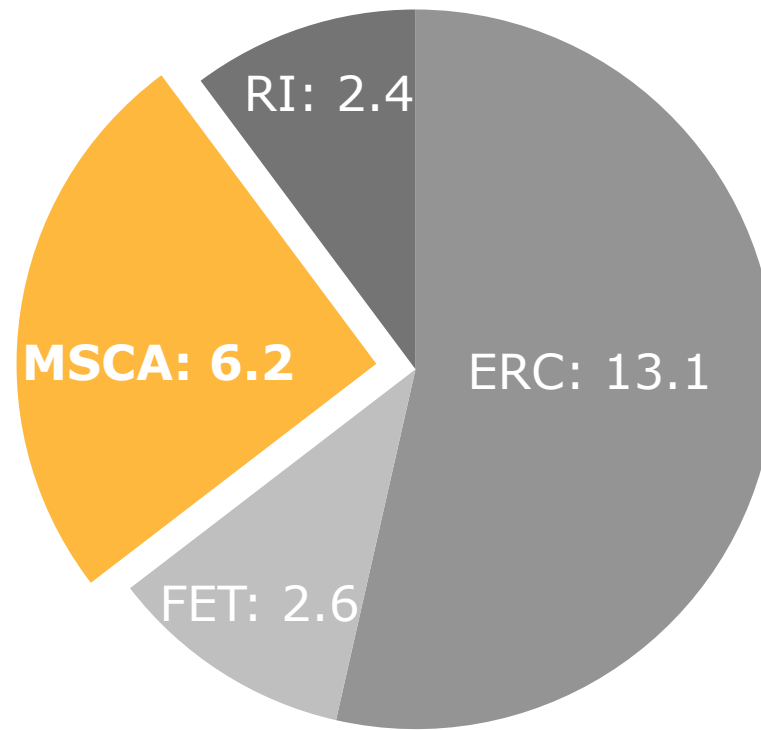
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Horizon 2020 Budget

Excellent Science: 24.4 billion



Total:
ca. 74.8 bn.

Individual Fellowships – Principles

Who?

- Experienced Researchers **or** Postdocs with at least 4 years of research experience (“**experienced researchers – ERs**”)

What?

- Implementation of an independent research project in Europe (MS or AC) or in a Third Country (TC)

How?

- Fellow writes individual application jointly with Host Institution; proposal is submitted jointly with supervisor
- Research & skills training at Host Institution
- Optional secondment(s)

Country Categories in Horizon 2020

- 
- Europe:
 - 28 EU Member States (MS), including their overseas departments
 - 16 associated countries (AC): Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia
 - Third countries: all other countries

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Mobility Rule

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A French researcher
has lived in
Germany for the last
4 years



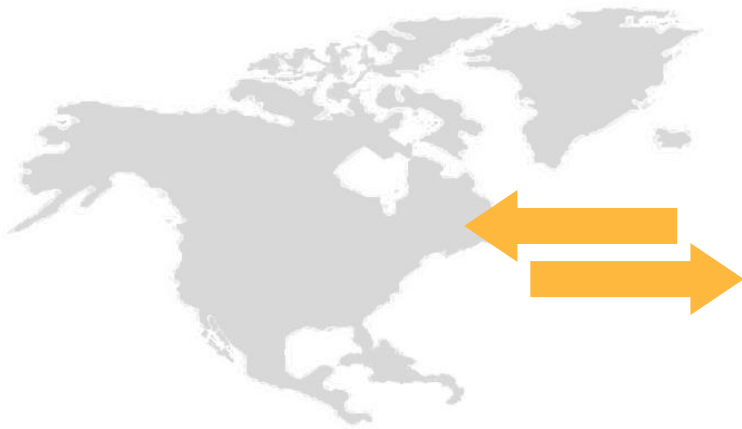
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Individual Fellowships



Global Fellowship



European Fellowship

European Fellowships (EF)

Research project in Europe
(EU Member State or FP-Associated Country)

Eligible	Postdocs or researchers with at least 4 years of research experience
Nationality	No restrictions
Mobility rule	May not have lived/worked more than 12 months within the last 3 years in host country
Secondments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional for 3 to 6 months to the academic or non-academic sector in Europe • Can be split (e. g. 2 x 3 months)
Project	1 – 2 years

MSCA Evaluation Criteria and Panels

Excellence

(weighting: 50%)

Impact

(weighting: 30%)

Implementation

(weighting: 20%)

■ Standard Panel-scientific areas

1. Chemistry (CHE)
2. Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
3. Economic Sciences (ECO)
4. Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
5. Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
6. Life Sciences (LIF)
7. Mathematics (MAT)
8. Physics (PHY)

European Fellowships (EF): Multidisciplinary Panels

- **CAR** - *Career Restart*

- > Researchers who have not been active in research for **at least 12 months** within the **last 18 months** before the call deadline

- **RI** - *Reintegration*

- > Researchers **returning to Europe** after a research phase in a Third Country

- **SE** - *Society & Enterprise*

- > Applicants with a **non-academic Host Institution**

Fellow has lived or worked \leq **3 years** within the
last **5 years** in the potential host country

Global Fellowships (GF)

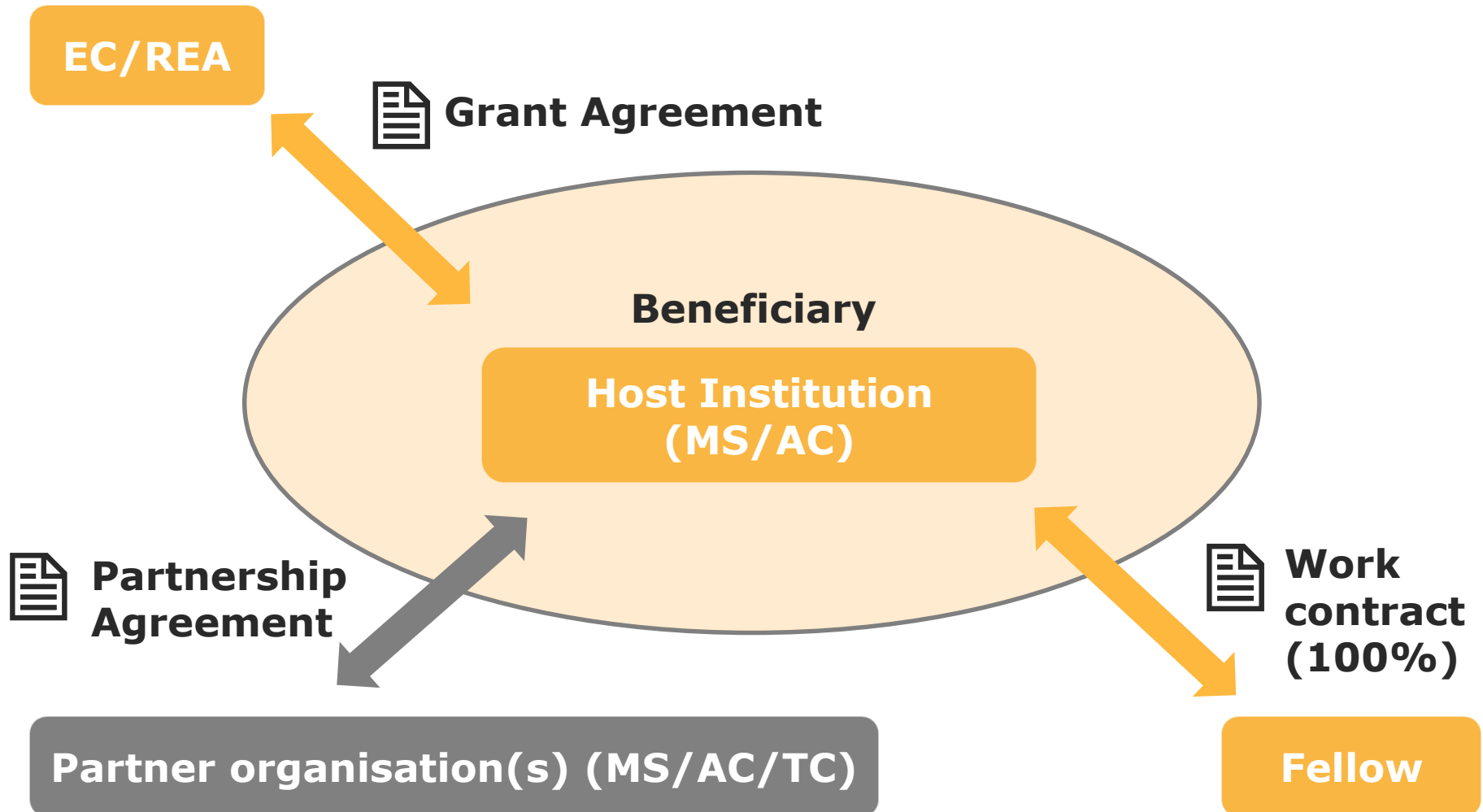
Research project in a Third Country and Europe (MS/AC)

Eligible	Postdocs or researchers with at least 4 years of research experience
Nationality	MS/AC nationals and long-term residents (must have lived/worked ≥ 5 years in MS/AC)
Mobility rule	May not have lived/worked more than 12 months within the last 3 years in host country
Secondments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional for 3 to 6 months to the academic or non-academic sector in Europe • Can be split (e. g. 2 x 3 months)
Project	1 – 2 years + 1 year mandatory return phase to Europe

MSCA Evaluation Process

- Each proposal will be evaluated by at least three reviewers (selection by Research Executive Agency, REA)
- Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 5 Excellence
Impact
Implementation
- 3 phases of evaluation:
 1. Individual evaluation (Individual Evaluation Report + comments and points for each criterion)
 2. Consensus meeting (Agreement of the experts + Consensus Report)
 3. Panel review (Evaluation Summary Reports + Panel Ranked List)

MSCA Basic Contracts IF



**NEW: Special
Needs Allowance
(max. 60.000€
per Fellow)**

IF Financing

- Living allowance ER (*country correction coefficient)	Fellow	4,880 x 12 M
- Mobility allowance		600 x 12 M
- Family allowance (if applicable)		500 x 12 M
- Research, training and networking costs	Project	800 x 12 M
- Management & overhead		650 x 12 M
Total		EUR 89,160 /y
Employer's gross e. g. Belgium (*100 %)		5,980 EUR/M 71,760 EUR/y

e. g. Germany (*correction co-efficient 97.0 %) = 5,833.60 EUR/M

Preparation of the proposal

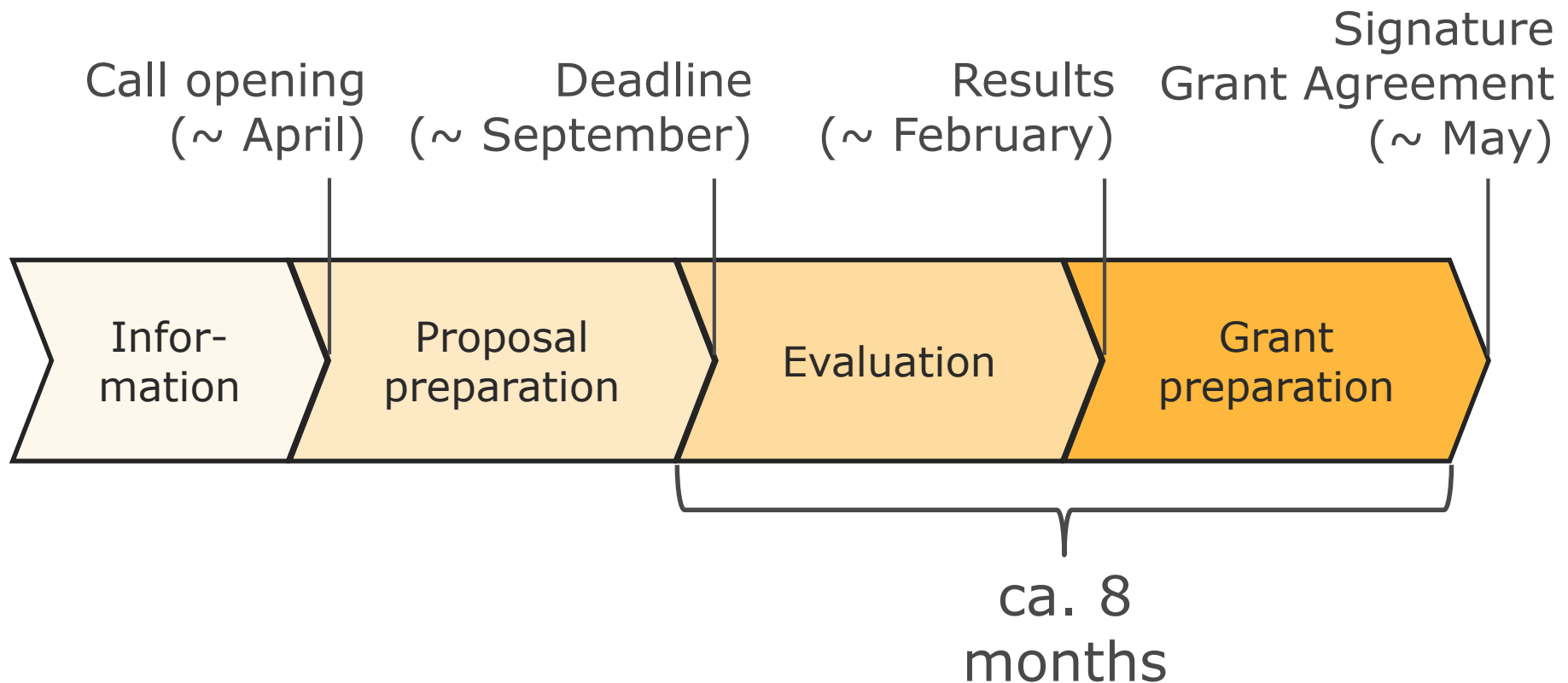
- Work Programme
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Participant Portal:

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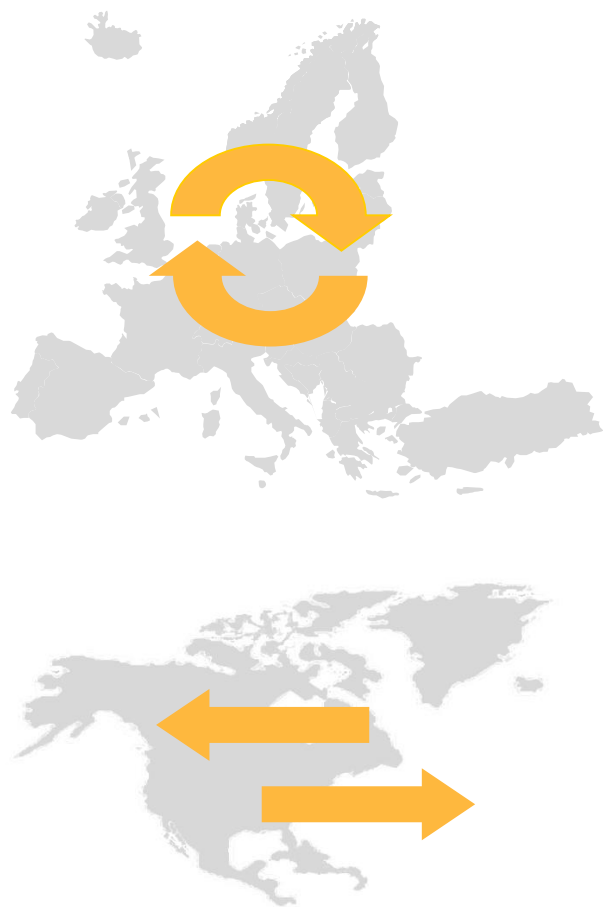
From Submission to Funding (IF)



Success Rates 2017

MSCA	Proposals retained for funding	Success rate
ITN-ETN	98	6.8 %
ITN-EJD	9	10.5 %
ITN-EID	20	10.5 %
RISE	80	24,9 %
IF-EF	1.211	14,9 %
IF-GF	137	16,4 %
COFUND-DP	8	16,7 %
COFUND-FP	13	17,1 %

IF Success Rates 2017



MSCA	Proposals retained for funding	Success rate
EF (ST)	1.029	14.6 %
EF (RI)	78	14.6 %
EF (CAR)	46	14.3 %
EF (SE)	58	28.4 %
GF	137	16.4 %

MSCA Calls 2018/2019*

	Budget (million)	Opening	Deadline
ITN	EUR 470	13 Sep 2018	15 Jan 2019*
RISE	EUR 80	04 Dec 2018	02 Apr 2019*
COFUND	EUR 80	12 Apr 2018	27 Sep 2018
IF	EUR 273	12 Apr 2018	12 Sep 2018

Information online

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Horizon 2020 EU Research Policy Collaborative Research ERC Marie S.-Curie Proposal & Project Events

Marie S.-Curie Actions

Research Networks - Individual Fellowships - Staff Exchange COFUND - Application Evaluation Conditions of Work

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) in part I of Horizon 2020 (2014-2020), "Excellent Science", have a budget of EUR 6.16 billion. The aim of the programme is the qualitative and quantitative strengthening of the human capital in research and technology in Europe as well as the career development for innovative researchers.

Mobility continues to be a key requirement. Researchers will receive funding by broadening or deepening their competencies in another country.

The four different Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are open to all fields of research and provide funding for basic research as well as projects that aim to cover market take-up or the implementation of innovation services. Innovative Training Networks (ITN) support innovative, structured doctoral training; within the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) research, innovation and administrative personnel can participate in exchanges between academia and non-academia as well as between international partners. For postdocs, the MSCA programme provides fellowships within Europe and in Third Countries (Individual Fellowships, IF). The co-funding of programmes will be extended in Horizon 2020. Besides the co-financing of fellowship programmes for postdocs, there will be the possibility for co-funding doctoral programmes (COFUND).

In addition a call for the European Researchers' Night will be published every two years. The Researchers' Night is a set of Europe-wide evening events with the main goal to convey the importance of science for the society to the broader public.

An overview of all funding schemes is provided in the Work Programme, which is published on the Participant Portal of the European Commission. It informs about the road map of upcoming calls.

KoWi services: Deadline for proposal proof-reading

As in previous years, KoWi offers individual support to applicants writing their proposal. For the funding schemes of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, we kindly ask you to send us your complete proposals at least four weeks before the deadline of the respective funding scheme, so that we can give you a feedback on your proposal in time. From two weeks before the deadline we may not be able to guarantee a detailed feedback.

Please note: In order to optimize our services concerning the proof-reading of proposals we have agreed on an exchange with the NCP MSCA. It means that we inform each other on the acronym and host institution of proposals we receive in order to avoid double checks. We ensure that we will not exchange information with the NCP containing personal data.

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Documents

- Scoping Paper H2020 WP18+ Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions [en]
- Work Programme 2016-2017 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, v.2.0 [en]
- Flyer KoWi Events MSCA [de]

Links

- MSCA Homepage [d]
- Website of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) [d]
- Participant Portal [d]

Articles

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) - 2016/2017
- A model employment contract for Marie Curie fellows in Germany

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Starting from 1/1/2014

On this site you can find and secure **funding** for projects under the following EU programmes:

- 2014-2020 Horizon 2020 - research and innovation framework programme
- 2007-2013 7th research framework programme (FP7) and Competitiveness & Innovation Programme (CIP)
- Research Fund for Coal & Steel, COSME, 3rd Health Programme, Consumer Programme, Justice Programme

Non-registered users

- search for funding
- read the H2020 Online Manual & download the legal documents
- check if an organisation is already registered
- contact our support services or check our FAQs

Registered users

- submit your proposal
- sign the grant
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Types of MSCA:

- Individual Fellowships (IF)
- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)
- Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
- Co-funding of Doctoral Programmes (COFUND)

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Information about the MSCA programme, including the Work Programme and the Participant Portal.

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Projects funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

This is just a small sample of the projects funded

KoWi Services on Marie Skłodowska-Curie

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- Information events and workshops
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- Individual consulting and support for applicants
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ERC Funding Schemes

Starting Grant

2 – 7 years after PhD

Consolidator Grant

7 – 12 years after PhD

Advanced Grant

10 years track record

Proof of Concept

Preparing ideas from
ERC Grant for the market

Synergy Grant

Teams of 2-4 PIs pursuing
highly ambitious research goals

ERC Underlying Principles

- European funding of basic research (“frontier research”)
- Open to all fields of research: bottom-up, investigator-driven, annual calls for proposals
- Open for researchers of any age and nationality
- Funding of individuals: Principal Investigator + project
- Funding: 100 % direct + 25 % indirect project costs
- Scientific excellence is the sole criterion for evaluation

ERC Grantees – Profile Features

- Starting-Grantees usually have longer (and often several) “mobility experiences”
- Solid third-party funding (DFG, BMBF, EU etc.)
- Publications in the most high-ranking international journals
- Memberships in academies and editorial boards, review activities
- Distinct (inter)national research cooperation with leading scientists

ERC Starting Grants – Overview

Target group	2-7 years after PhD (extensions possible in exceptional cases; special rules for MD)
Funding	max. EUR 1.5 million for max. 5 years (exception: + EUR 500,000 for major equipment or for PIs from Third Countries)
Host institution	in EU Member State or Associated Country
Time commitment	≥ 50% (≥ 50% in Europe)
Application procedure	single submission of full proposal, two-step evaluation (incl. interview)
Call	annually

ERC application process

- Calls for proposals
 - Annually
 - Specific deadline
- The proposal
 - submitted by the PI
 - together with a Host Institution (Host Support Letter)
- Online submission
 - Participant Portal of the European Commission:
ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html

Evaluation (StG, CoG, AdG)

- Peer-review: Evaluation panels (10-15 members)
- Applicants choose panel(s)
- Up to 3 reviewers can be excluded in advance
- Three scientific domains:
 - Physical Sciences & Engineering (PE): 10 Panels
 - Life Sciences (LS): 9 Panels
 - Social Sciences & Humanities (SH): 6 Panels
- Reviewers give marks for PI and project, respectively


ERC Success Rates 2015-2018

Call Year	2015	2016	2017	2018
Starting Grants	12 %	11 %	13.3 %	12.7 %
Consolidator Grants	15 %	13.8 %	13.2 %	
Advanced Grants	14 %	9.6 %	12 %	

ERC Information Online


Nationale Kontaktstellen (NKS)

Der Europäische Forschungsrat (ERC)



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Die Nationale Kontaktstelle zum Europäischen Forschungsrat (European Research Council, ERC) wird gemeinsam vom EU-Büro des BMBF (im DLR Projektträger) und der Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi) betreut.



Wer wird gefördert?

Der Europäische Forschungsrat (European Research Council - ERC) ist eine von der Europäischen Kommission eingerichtete Institution zur Finanzierung von grundlagenorientierter Forschung. Er wird von 2014 - 2020 über das EU-Rahmenprogramm für Forschung und Innovation "Horizont 2020" finanziert.

- Starting Grants für Nachwuchswissenschaftler und -wissenschaftlerinnen (2 - 7 Jahre nach Ph.D.) mit bis zu 2 Mio. Euro über maximal fünf Jahre
- Consolidator Grants für Nachwuchswissenschaftler und -wissenschaftlerinnen (7 - 12 Jahre nach Ph.D.) mit bis zu 2,75 Mio. Euro über maximal fünf Jahre
- Advanced Grants für erfahrene exzellente Forschende mit bis zu 3,5 Mio. Euro über maximal fünf Jahre

Personen die bereits einen ERC Grant eingeworben haben und die aus dem Projekt entstandenen Ideen in Innovationen überführen möchten, können zusätzliche Mittel über die "Proof of Concept"-Ausschreibungen des ERC einwerben.

Koordinierung des NKS-Netzwerkes

Erstinformation

Recht & Finanzen

Der Europäische Forschungsrat (ERC)

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 Deadlines: 25-04-2017 | 05-09-2017

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EVENTS

23-04-2017
 European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly 2017

NEWS

07-04-2017
 ERC Advanced Grants: €540 million from EU to 231 senior researchers

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 ERC Advanced Grants 2016 highlighted projects

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 ERC President's Keynote: Looking beyond 60 Years of Rome Treaty - a Scientist View

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 Speech ERC President "ERC 10 Years, a Success Story for Europe with a view on Italy"

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ALL ABOUT ERC FUNDING

ERC STARTING GRANTS	ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS	ERC ADVANCED GRANTS
Grants up to 1.5€ million for 5 years For promising early-career researchers with 2 to 7 years experience after PhD	Grants up to 2€ million for 5 years For excellent researchers with 7 to 12 years experience after PhD	Grants up to 2.5€ million for 5 years For established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements

ERC PROOF OF CONCEPT	SYNERGY GRANTS	OTHER ERC OPPORTUNITIES
Grants up to 150 000€ For existing ERC grant holders to bring their research ideas closer to market	This grant should be relaunched in the ERC Work Programme 2018	For researchers wishing to work or gain experience in an ERC grantee's team

European Research Council (ERC)

KoWi Services on the ERC*



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- Interview trainings for Starting und Consolidator Grants in Bonn + on-site support in Brussels
- Workshops on application and grant management

* Cooperation with the EU-Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (EU-Büro des BMBF)

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