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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: general overview and funding opportunities

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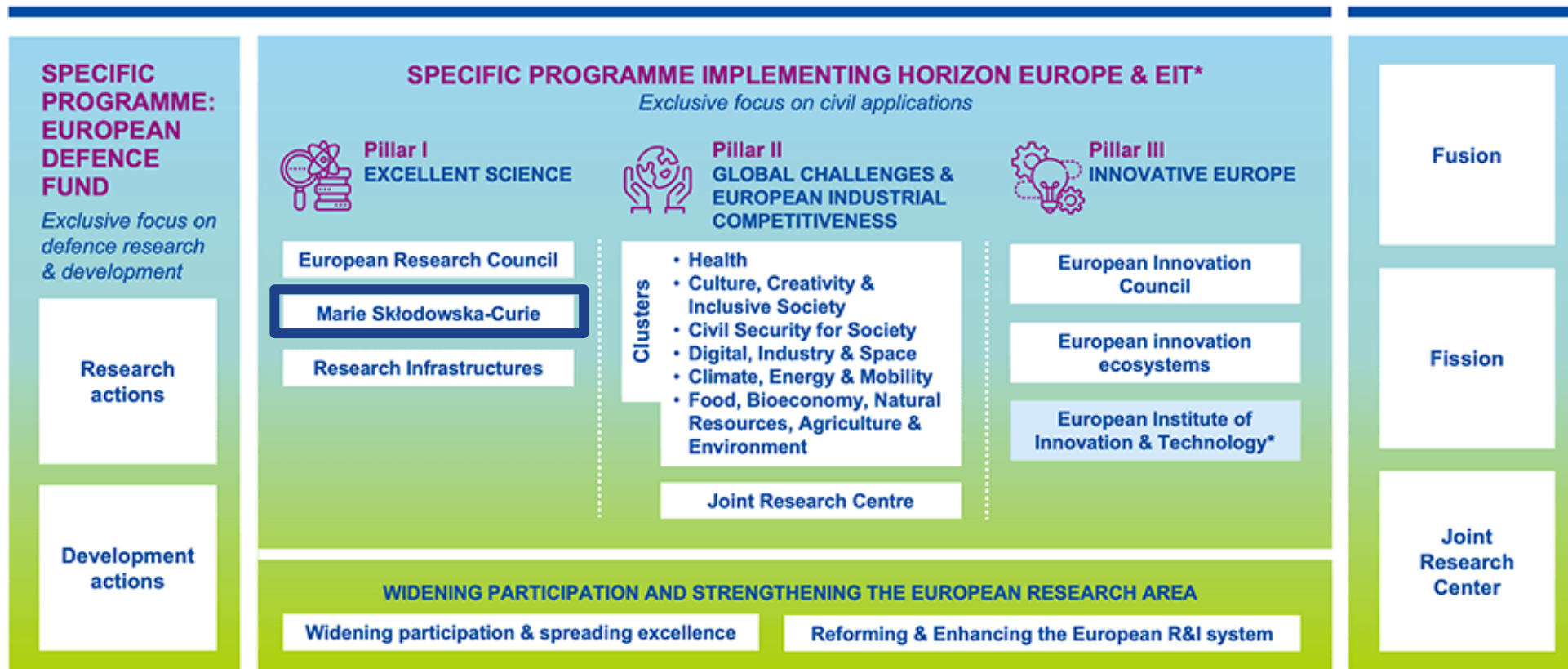
MSCA within Horizon Europe

HORIZON EUROPE

EURATOM

Following the Multiannual Financial Framework Midterm Review (MTR) decision, the indicative funding amount for **Horizon Europe** for the period 2021-2027 is **EUR 93.5 billion**.

The budget for the **MSCA** under Horizon Europe is **EUR 6.6 billion**.



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



MSCA Actions

Postdoctoral Fellowships

12 – 24 or 24 – 36 months
outgoing mobility to implement fellowship

Staff Exchanges

1 -12 months international, intersectoral, interdisciplinary
exchange of staff
(incoming/outgoing mobility)

Doctoral Networks

Implementation of **doctoral programme** - standard, industrial or joint

COFUND

Co-funding post-doctoral or doctoral programmes

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach/ science communication



MSCA Call calendar 2025

Action	Call opens	Deadline
MSCA COFUND	23/01/2025	24/06/2025
MSCA SE	27/03/2025	08/10/2025
MSCA PF	09/04/2025	10/09/2025
MSCA DN	28/05/2025	25/11/2025
MSCA and Citizens	17/06/2025	22/10/2025

 [MSCA calls on F&T portal](#)



Statistics

MSCA Action and call identifier	Type	Proposals submitted	Nr of above threshold proposals	Proposals funded	Success rate %
Postdoctoral Fellowships HORIZON-MSCA-2023-PF-01	European	7181	5351	1110	15.7
	Global	858	679	139	16.8
Doctoral Networks HORIZON-MSCA-2023-DN-01	Standard	920	944	113	12
	Industrial	64		8	
	Joint	82		7	
Staff Exchanges HORIZON-MSCA-2023-SE-01		233	142	73	31.8
COFUND HORIZON-MSCA-2023-COFUND-01	Doctoral	49	71	12	26.4
	Postdoctoral	57		15	
MSCA and Citizens HORIZON-MSCA-2023-CITIZENS-01		134	104	44	33.3
MSCA4Ukraine (first call)		403		124	32.1

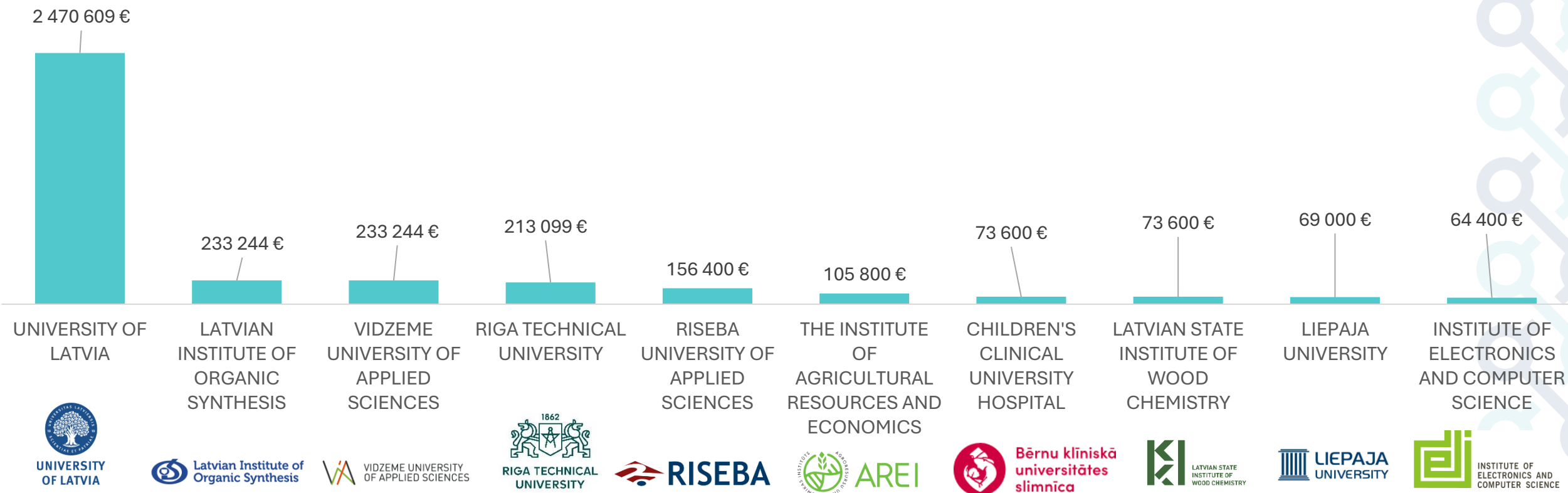


MSCA top 10 participants

■ EU NET CONTRIBUTION, EUR

eCORDA data 12.01.2025.

*LATVIAN COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
(27 500 EUR)



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MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships main characteristics

Mono-beneficiary action

One organisation receives funding

Bottom-up

No topics; all scientific fields are included, also Euratom

Mobility

Researchers are subject to a mobility rule



Main goals:

- Stimulate **excellence**, through the implementation of scientific projects
- Promote **creativity and innovation potential** of researchers in post-doctoral phase (transferrable skills and career development)
- Encourage **3i** (international, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary) collaboration and mobility
- Promote cooperation with **non-academic sector**



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships overview

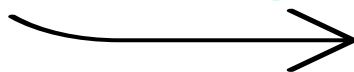


Researcher with max. 8 years experience in research, from the date of the award of their PhD degree

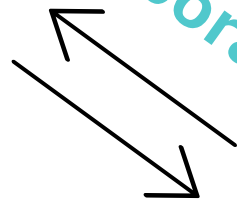
12-24 months European fellowship
24-36 months Global fellowship



mobility



collaboration



Outgoing phase
(Associated partner,
Global Fellowship)

Secondment

Non-academic placement

Host institution (HI) administers funding and provides a supervisor



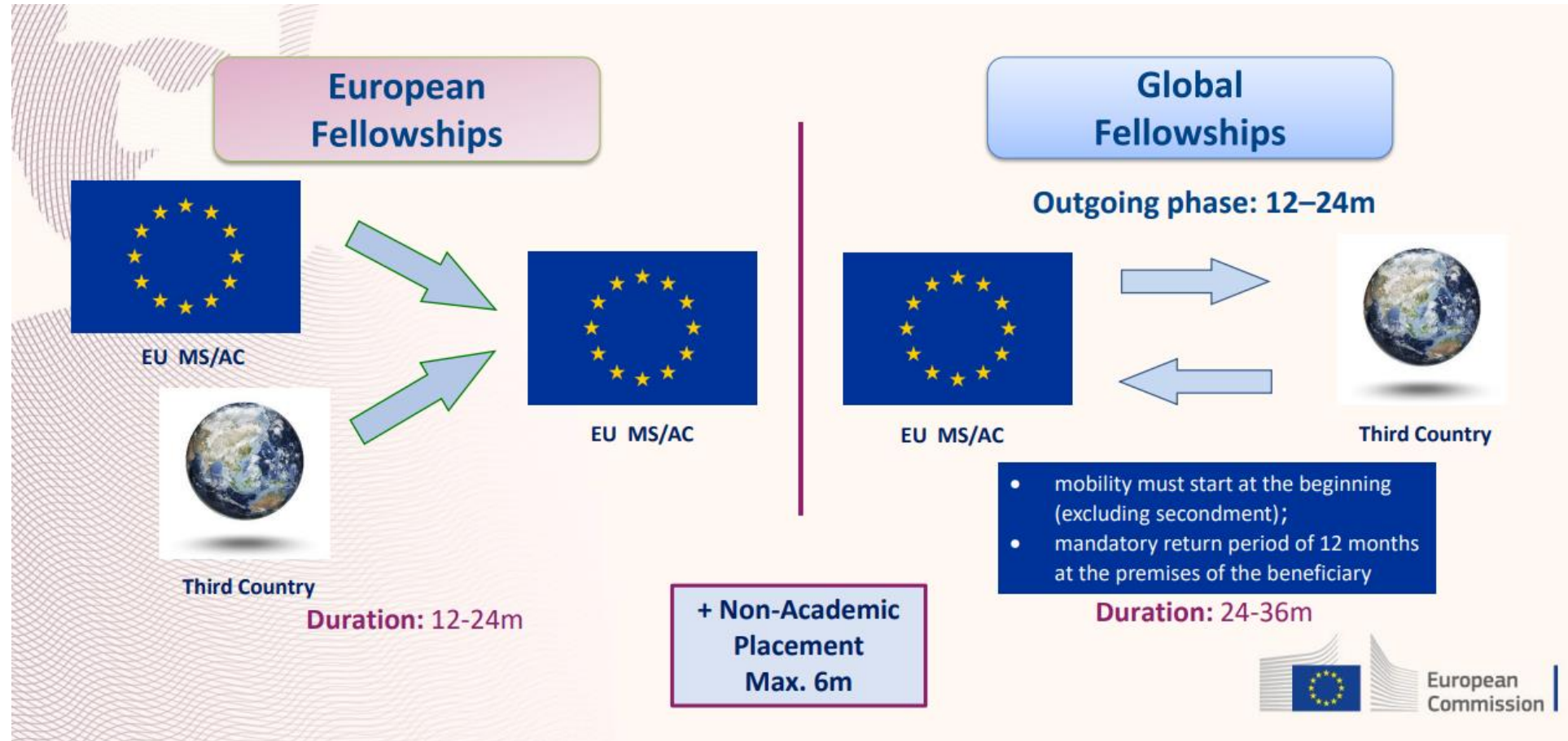
Supervisor **from HI** who acts as a mentor throughout the duration of the project

Proposals that have received **70% and less** are subject to resubmission restrictions the following year



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European vs. Global fellowship



GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS: If not European, the researcher must have resided at least 5 consecutive years in Europe before leaving (long term residency)



Mobility rule



Recruited researchers must comply with the following mobility rule: they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.

– MSCA Work programme 2023-2025, page 121



Unit costs



Researcher unit costs

Per person month

Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Long-term leave allowance	Special Needs allowance
5990 EUR*	710 EUR	660 EUR	Calculations	Calculations



Institutional unit costs

Per person month

Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
1000 EUR	650 EUR

*gross amount multiplied by country correction coefficient



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships results

- Latvia

	Participations in evaluated proposals	Participations in retained for funding proposals	Requested EU contribution in evaluated proposals	Requested EU contribution in retained for funding proposals	Success rate
2023	9	1	1,387,889 €	162,499 €	11.71 %
2024	21	0	3,805,013 €	0 €	0 %

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- All 21 participated as coordinators
 - 12 proposals below available budget; 9 proposals below threshold
 - 3 proposals attained score 85% and above (Seal of Excellence)



MSCA Doctoral Networks main characteristics

1 consortium (universities, research centres, SMEs etc.)



submit **one big research project** consisting of **smaller interdependent** doctoral (PhD) research projects

The core of the scheme is **training of incoming doctoral candidates (DCs)**. Each project partner must host at least 1 DC for at least 3 months.



Expected outputs for participating organisations:

- Recruitment of EU funded **excellent DCs**
- **Cooperation and knowledge transfer** between sectors/disciplines
- Strengthening **Research and Innovation** capacity
- Improved **quality, relevance and sustainability** of PhD programmes



Types of Doctoral Networks

DN

Doctoral Networks

Participants implement a joint research programme

DN-ID

**Doctoral networks
Industrial
Doctorates**

Doctoral training with the non-academic sector

DN-JD

**Doctoral Networks
Joint
Doctorates**

Doctoral programme to deliver joint degrees

→ *All 3 modes compete within the same scientific panels*

These networks focus on setting up doctoral programmes through collaborations among multiple beneficiaries. They provide training in academia and/or industry.

joint research project

IDs emphasise training within an industrial context, allowing doctoral candidates to work closely with industry partners while conducting their research.

mandatory involvement of the non-academic sector in doctoral training (50%)

JDs involve joint collaborations between academia and industry, with inter-sectoral supervision. Participants pursue their doctoral studies across different institutions.

joint doctoral programme leading to a joint or multiple PhDs



Project example

Grant agreement ID: **101119695**
EU contribution: **€ 2 425 514,40**
Call for proposal: **HORIZON-MSCA-2022-DN-01**
<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101119695>

CONSORTIUM

Network partners

- KTH, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden**
Applied Physics / Visual Optics group, PI: Linda Lundström
- University College Dublin, Ireland**
School of Physics, PI: Brian Vohnsen
- Universidad de Murcia, Spain**
Laboratorio de Óptica, PI: Pablo Artal
- Carl Zeiss Vision International GmbH, Germany**
Department of Technology & Innovation. PI: Siegfried Wahl
- Diestia P.C., Greece**
R&D, PI: Harilaos Ginis



Partner organizations

- Tobii Technology in Sweden
- Alcon in Ireland
- Voptica Smart Visual Optics in Spain
- Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen in Germany

1 PROJECT



Advanced Customized Technologies for Intact Vision in Ageing

- The duration of the project is **48 months**.
- **9 doctoral candidates** recruited and employed by the individual network partners and enrolled in the local PhD-programme.
- ACTIVA funds the research and training activities for **36 months for each candidate** through the Horizon Europe programme under MSCA.

3 RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research Projects

Research Projects

- WP1 Combating presbyopia: intact vision for near-by objects >
- WP2 Precise diagnosis: novel methodologies for early detection >
- WP3 Enabling technologies: improved visual functionality >

RECRUITED DCs

- [Sunil Kumar Chaubey \(WP 1.1\)](#)
- [Konstantinos Ntatsis \(WP 1.2\)](#)
- [Faik Ozan Özhan \(WP 1.3\)](#)
- [Faeze Mashayekhi \(WP 2.1\)](#)
- [Sara Silva Leite \(WP 2.2\)](#)
- [Alejandra Ramirez \(WP 2.3\)](#)
- [Lichuan Zheng \(WP 3.1\)](#)
- [Deepa Narasappa \(WP 3.2\)](#)
- [Chiara Maria Mariani \(WP 3.3\)](#)



Unit costs



Researcher unit costs

Per person month

Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Long-term leave allowance	Special Needs allowance
4010 EUR*	710 EUR	660 EUR	Calculations	Calculations



Institutional unit costs

Per person month

Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
1600 EUR	1200 EUR

*gross amount multiplied by country correction coefficient



MSCA Doctoral Networks results - Latvia

	Participations in evaluated proposals	Participations in retained for funding proposals	Requested EU contribution in evaluated proposals	Requested EU contribution in retained for funding proposals	Success rate
2021	20	1	4,664,880 €	233,244 €	5%
2022	34	8	4,315,014 €	816,354 €	23.53 %
2023	37	0	6,958,446 €	0 €	0 %



MSCA Staff Exchanges main characteristics

1 consortium

(universities, research centres, SMEs etc.)

Duration: max

48 months

The core of the scheme is **short-term mobility of staff** that is involved in research and innovation activities



MSCA SE funds

- **mobility** among
- **different countries, sectors, disciplines (3i)** to ensure
- **knowledge transfer, and collaboration between** academic sector and industry



Minimum requirements for the consortium

3 legal entities

of which

2 based in
EU/AC

If entities are
from **different
sectors**

Country No.1 EU/AC
Country No.2 EU/AC
Country No.3 EU/AC

+ associated partners
(no limit)

or

If entities are
from **one sector**

Country No.1 EU/AC
Country No.2 EU/AC
Country No.3 TC

+ associated partners
(no limit)

EU – European Union, AC – Associated country TC – Third country **eligible for funding**



MSCA Staff Exchanges – eligible staff



Unit costs



Researcher unit costs

Per person month

Top-up allowance

2710 EUR

Special Needs allowance

Calculations



Institutional unit costs

Per person month

Research, training and networking costs

1300 EUR

Management and indirect costs

1000 EUR

It is expected that the sending organisation keeps paying salary to the staff during the secondment



MSCA Staff Exchanges results - Latvia

	Participations in evaluated proposals	Participations in retained for funding proposals	Requested EU contribution in evaluated proposals	Requested EU contribution in retained for funding proposals	Success rate
2023	19	4	2,300,000 €	506,000 €	21.05 %



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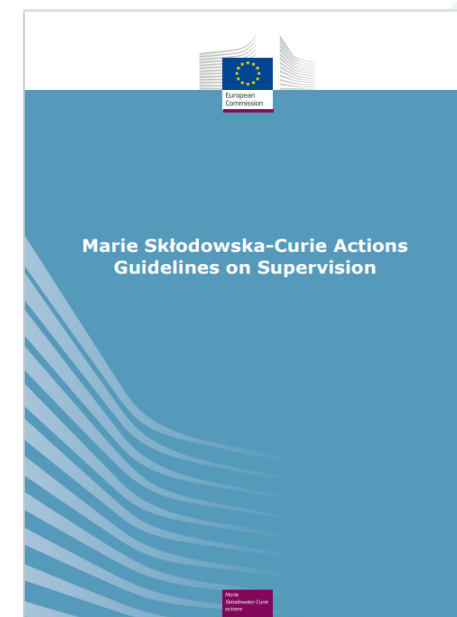
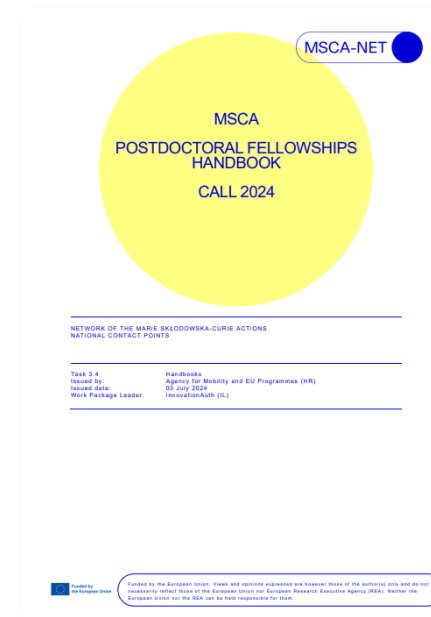
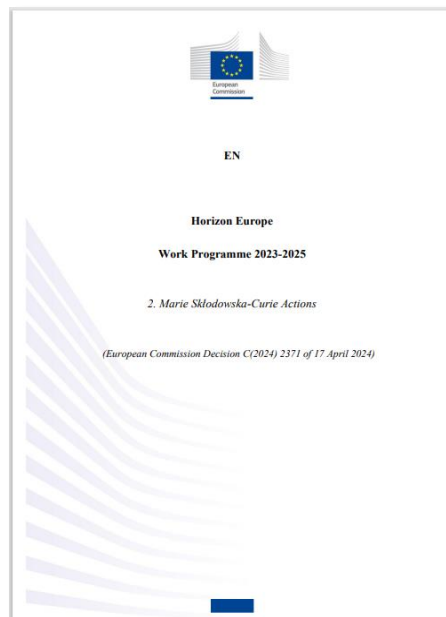
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NCP Poland, NCP Lithuania, NCP Latvia online seminar for potential MSCA PF applicants (April 11th, 2024) - [informative materials](#)

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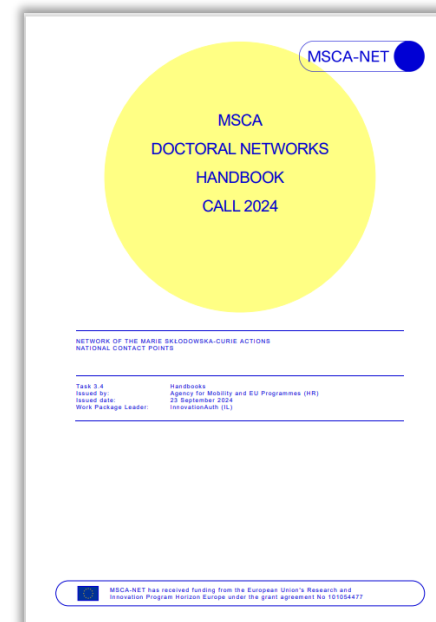
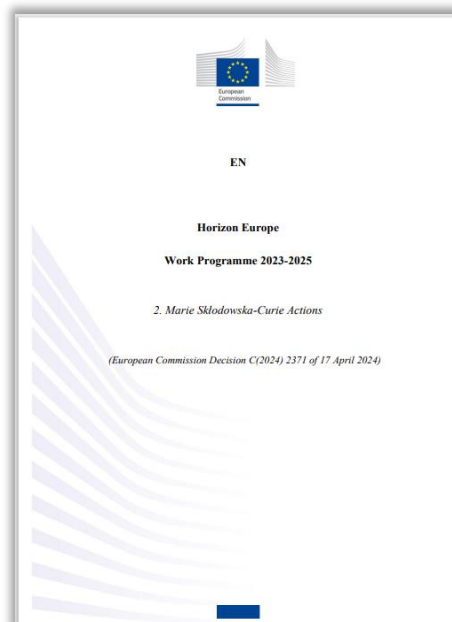
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NKP Latvija informācijas diena ‘Marijas Sklodovskas-Kirī programmas (MSCA) konkurss “Doktorantūras tīkli” (Doctoral Networks)’ (2024. gada 18. jūlijs) – [informatīvie materiāli un ieraksts](#)

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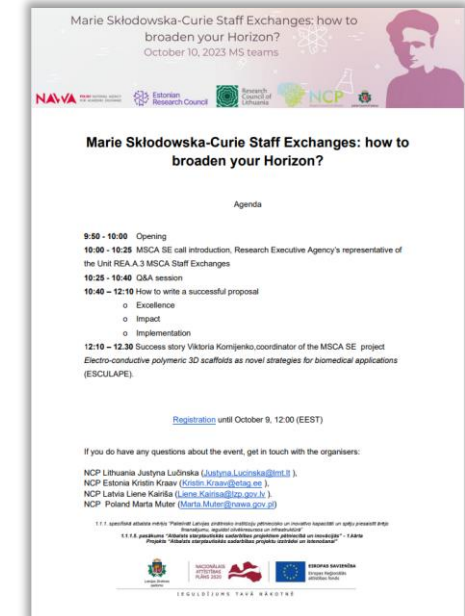
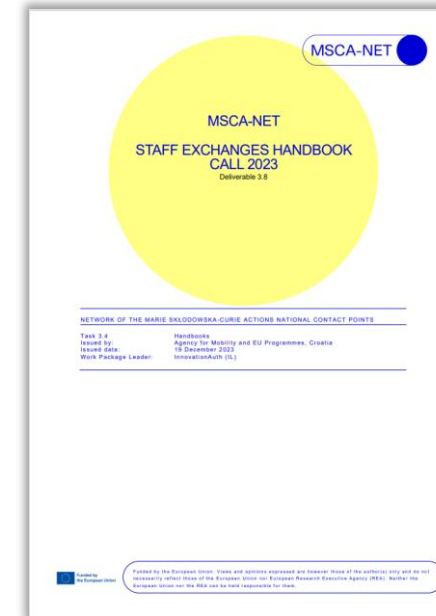
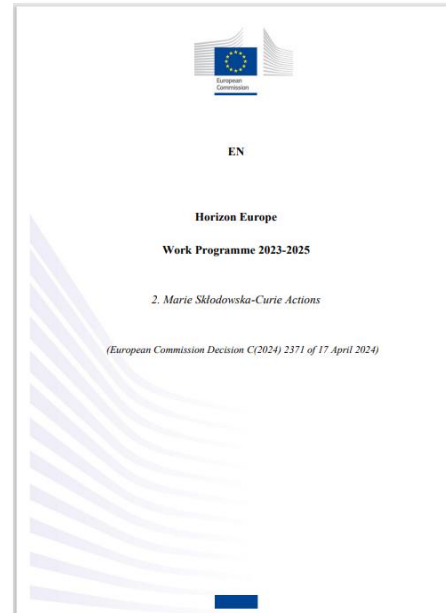
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Upcoming event

- Each day dedicated to a different MSCA action
- Joint online event by NCPs from Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia
- Registration to open in late February



The poster features a decorative graphic of three overlapping triangles in purple, green, and black at the top left. The main title 'MSCA Week 2025 - joint event' is in a bold purple font, with the dates '8 - 11 April 2025' below it. A purple silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is on the right. At the bottom, logos for the Latvian Council of Science, Research Council of Lithuania (RCL), NAWA (Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange), and the Slovak Research and Development Agency (VEDECKO-TECHNICKÝ INFORMAČNÝ STROJ) are displayed.

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