Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Western Balkans Steering platform on R&I
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EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Research Infrastructures

Pillar II
**GLOBAL CHALLENGES &
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL
COMPETITIVENESS**

Clusters

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

Joint Research Centre

Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation
Council

European Innovation
Ecosystems

European Institute of
Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint
Research
Center

2021-2027

Budget: EUR 95.5 billion

European
Commission

Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

European Research Council

Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams
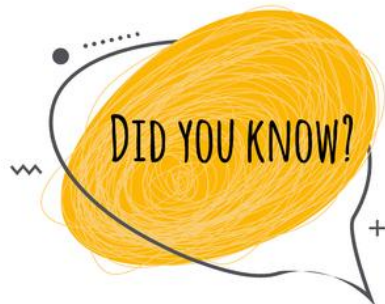
€16 billion

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

Research Infrastructures

Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion

DID YOU KNOW?

17 Nobel Prize winners either backed by or involved in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions between 2012 and 2020

European Commission

Key features

Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)

Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)

International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility

Attractive working and employment conditions

Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes

Strong collaboration beyond academia

+ gender equality, open science, and green transition

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The Actions

Doctoral Networks

Doctoral programmes in and outside academia incl. joint & industrial doctorates

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

Staff Exchanges

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events (Night)

European Commission

Western Balkan's Participation in Horizon Europe

- Projects Awarded: **48** projects (204 eligible proposals)

- EU Budget awarded: EUR **9** million euros

- Number of participations by WB Organisations: **79**

- 64 Distinct WB organisations

- Success Rate: **23,5%** (above average)

- Mobility Flow: slightly unbalanced (**140** WB researchers benefiting from MSCA vs. **98** researchers going to WB organisations)

- Gender Balance: **43.9%** Female **and 56.1%** Male

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Western Balkan's Participation in Horizon Europe

- Successful proposals: 48 out of 204 (23,5% success rate):

  - Doctoral Networks: 13 (incl. 4 Industrial Networks and 1 Joint doctorate)

  - Post-Doctoral Fellowships: 5 projects

  - Staff Exchanges: 23 projects

  - COFUND: 0 Project

  - MSCA & citizens: 7 projects

- 57,4% of the participating organisations are from the academic sector and 42,6% from the non-academic sector
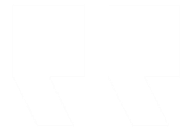
Recommendations/Opportunities

- Encourage Western Balkan organisations to ***participate more in postdoctoral fellowships (+ ERA fellowships) and COFUND actions***.

- ***Promote Western Balkan institutions as an attractive destination for foreign researchers*** (not only returning WB researchers)

- ***Support and empower the Western Balkan MSCA NCPs*** giving them the time, the means and the tools to perform their job efficiently.

- Take ***benefit from the strong partnerships*** developed under other EU programmes and cooperations with other EU networks

Call calendar 2025*

Year	Action	Opening	Deadline
2025	Postdoctoral Fellowships	9 April	10 September
	Doctoral Networks	28 May	25 November
	Staff Exchanges	27 March	8 October
	COFUND	23 January	24 June
	MSCA & citizens	17 June	22 October

* Call details indicative pending the adoption of the MSCA WP 2023-2025

Thank you!

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