

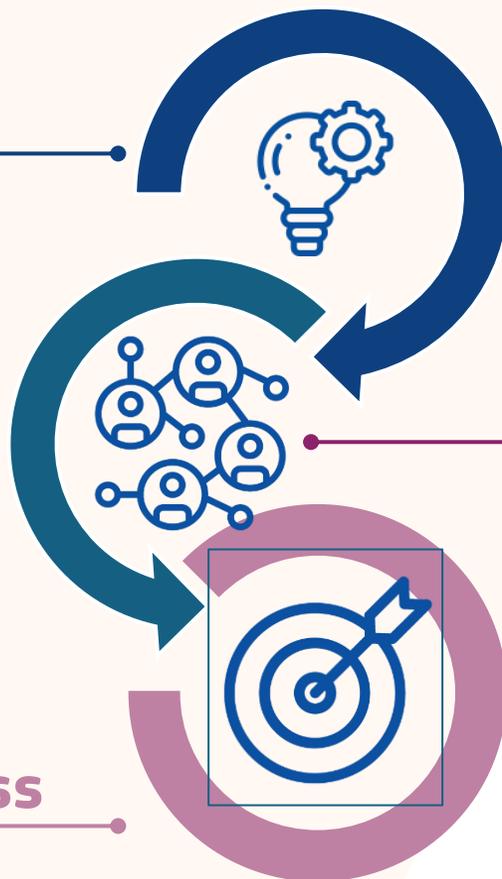


MSCA Staff Exchanges Call 2026

Nicoleta PETRE, Project Adviser
European Research Executive Agency

Overview

Policy background



Staff Exchanges

Application process





Policy background



Horizon Europe (€ 95.5 billion)



WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & enhancing the European R&I system

Info on HE: [Horizon Europe - European Commission](#)

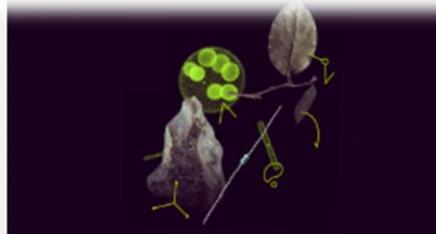
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



Doctoral Networks (DN)

Supporting programmes to train doctoral candidates in academic and non-academic organisations.

[Rules and requirements for the Doctoral Networks action](#)



Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Supporting career perspectives and excellence of postdoctoral researchers.

[Postdoctoral Fellowships and who can apply for them](#)



Staff Exchanges (SE)

Encouraging collaborations between organisations through staff exchanges.

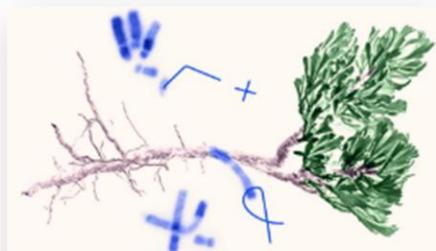
[How to apply for Staff Exchanges action](#)



COFUND

Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes.

[Full details of the COFUND action](#)



MSCA and Citizens

Bringing research and researchers closer to the public at large.

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Choose Europe for Science

Supporting attractive and sustainable research careers in Europe for top talent.

[Discover the details of the Choose Europe for Science action](#)



150,000 researchers &
23 Nobel Prize winners

Shaping research and innovation

Structuring impact in Europe and
beyond

MSCA Key Policies



Researchers' training, skills & career development (all career stages)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working & employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes



Strong collaboration with industry & SMEs





Staff Exchanges

Main features



What is Staff Exchanges?



Research & Innovation **mobility** action



It equips researchers and organisations **worldwide** with advanced skills and cutting knowledge



It fosters mobility of entities from both the **academic** and **private** sectors



Can be combined with other programmes (**synergy**)



The **budget** allocated in 2026 call is **97.92 M€**

Objectives



International,
inter-sectoral
and
interdisciplinary
mobility of R&I
staff
(secondments)



Knowledge
transfer
between
participating
organisations



Collaboration
between the
academic and
non-academic
sectors
(including
SMEs)

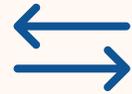


Cooperation
across the
globe



Added Value

Staff members



Transferable skills & competences



Employability & career prospects



Ideas converted into products, processes & services

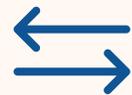


International exposure



Networking & communication

Organisations



Transfer of knowledge



Collaborative networks



R&I capacity

Key features of Staff Exchanges



BOTTOM UP
with different
scientific panels



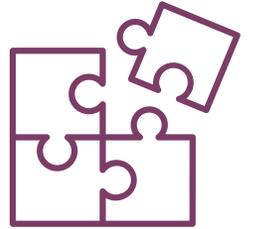
Unit cost 5170 €
2870 € - staff allowance
2300 € - organisation



SECONDMENTS
1-12 months/staff
Interdisciplinary
Intersectoral
International



DURATION
4 years
Max 360 person-
months per project



SYNERGY
EU grants
Not MSCA*

Budget 2026 call = 97.92 M€

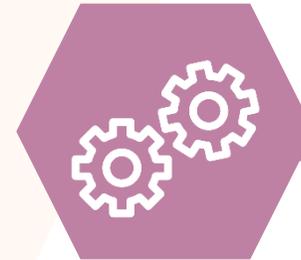
Who can participate in MSCA-SE projects?

Consortium of min. **3 legal entities** in **3 different countries**, 2 of which in a different EU Member State or HE Associated Country

Academic sector



Non-academic sector



NEW

The consortium must include participating organisations from both academic and non-academic sectors



Eligible Staff



Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

Seconded staff members



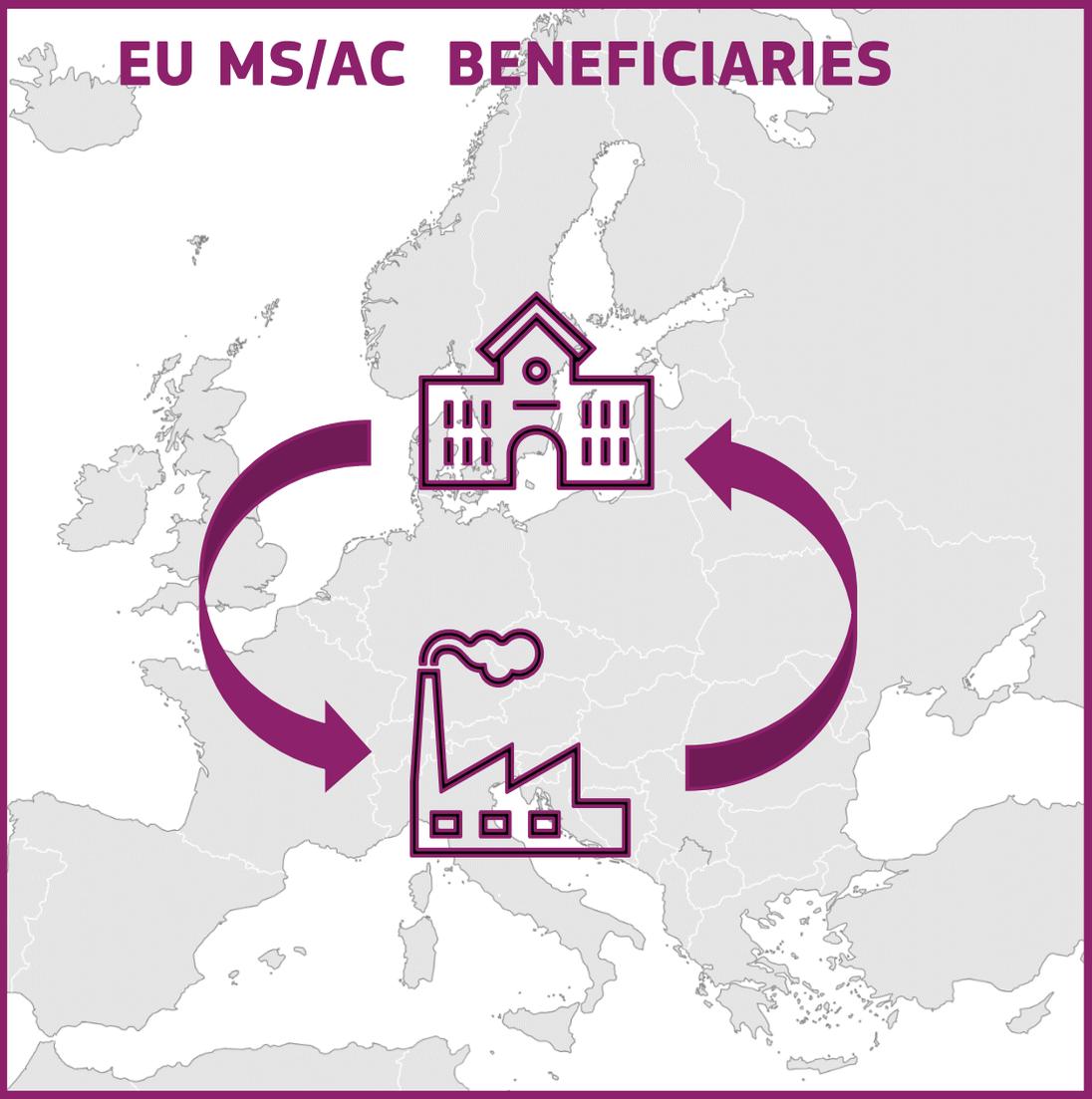
Researchers at any career stage (e.g. from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

Each staff member is seconded for a period of **1 to 12 months** (may be split into several stays)

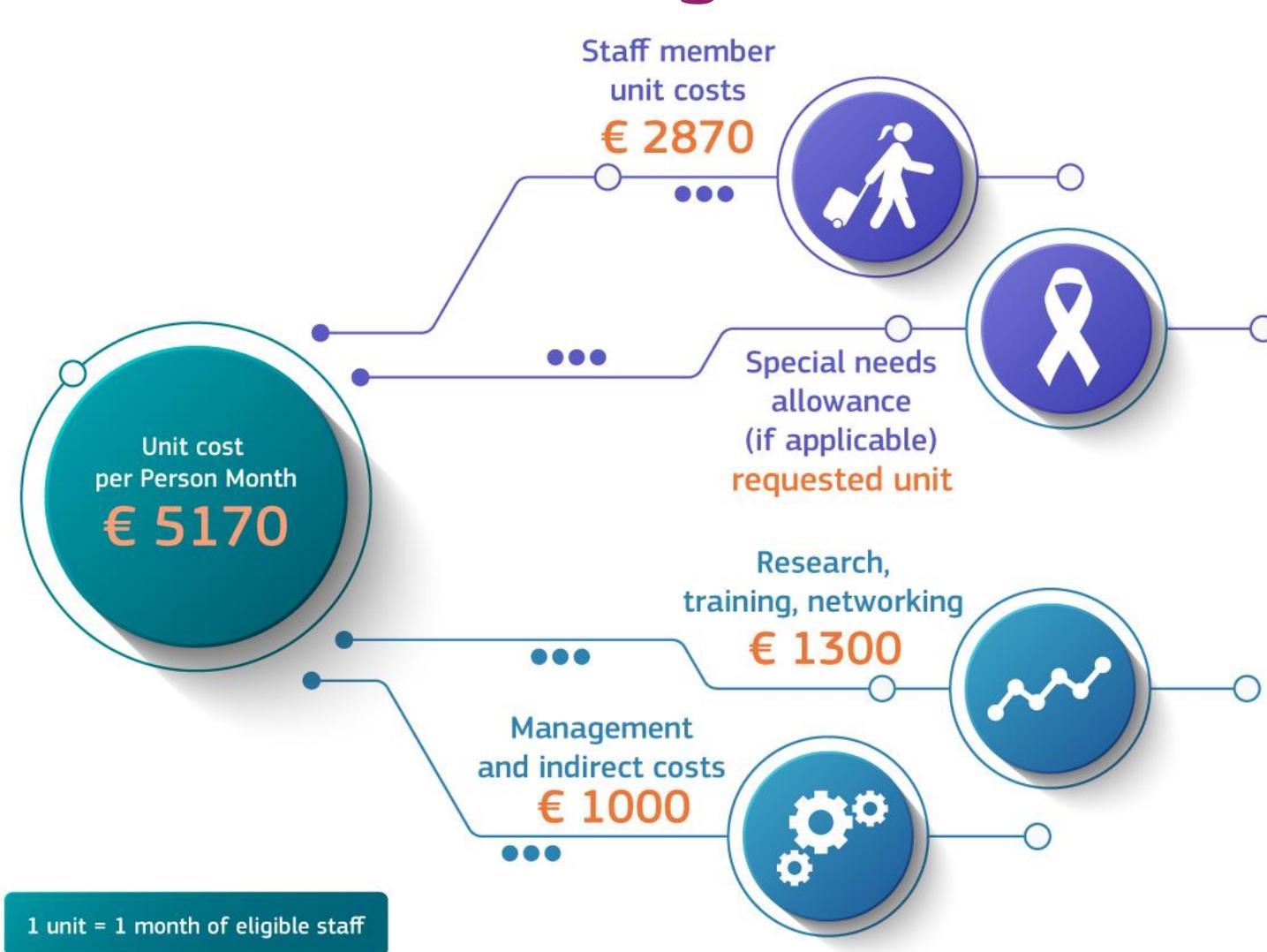
Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment

After the secondment, staff should **return to their sending institution**

Eligible secondments in Europe & AC



What does Staff Exchanges fund?



Budget of SE project based on the Nr of planned secondments

Unit cost

Total monthly cost breakdown (per person/month)

€ 2,870

Staff cost

Top-up for travel, accommodation, subsistence. Goes to researcher

€ 2,300

Institutional cost

Research/training + management/indirect.

Total € 5,170 per person/month

No country correction coefficient applies. Max. budget ~€ 1.86 M (360 PM)

Eligible SE research consortia (for min of 3 entities)

If all 3 entities are **European (MS/AC)**, one should be **from a different sector**



If all 3 entities from **same sector (e.g. academic)** one must be **located outside Europe**





Staff Exchanges

Proposal submission



Key Dates & Budget Call 2026



Call Opening 2026: **16 December 2025**



Call Closure: **16 April 2026**

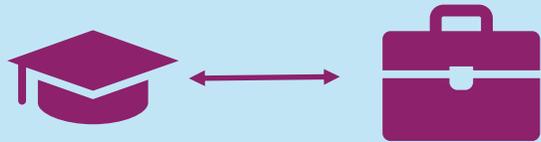


Call 2026 Budget: **97.92 M€**

Critical updates for the 2026 Call

NEW FOR 2026

Sector requirement



Consortia **MUST** now include entities from two different sectors. This is now a strict eligibility rule.

NEW FOR 2026

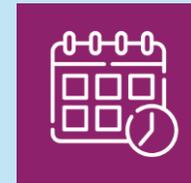
Interdisciplinary Quota Removed:



The "1/3" rule removed. Interdisciplinarity is now fully integrated into the project design and evaluation criteria.

NEW FOR 2026

Prior Employment Rule Removed:



The "1-month prior to secondment rule" is removed.

Key Changes



This year budget is
€ 97.92 M



Unit cost is
increased to
€ 5170



Staff allowance
increased to
€ 2870

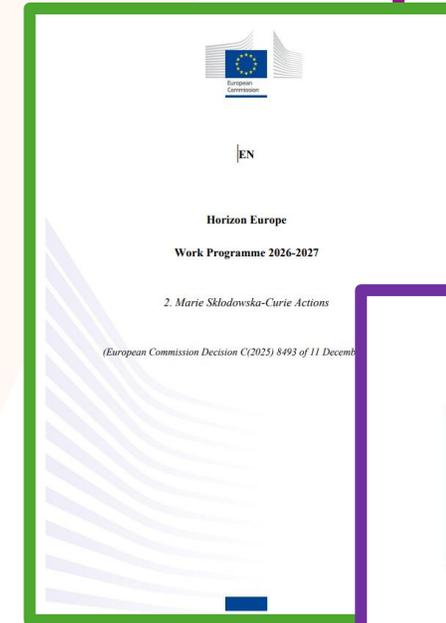
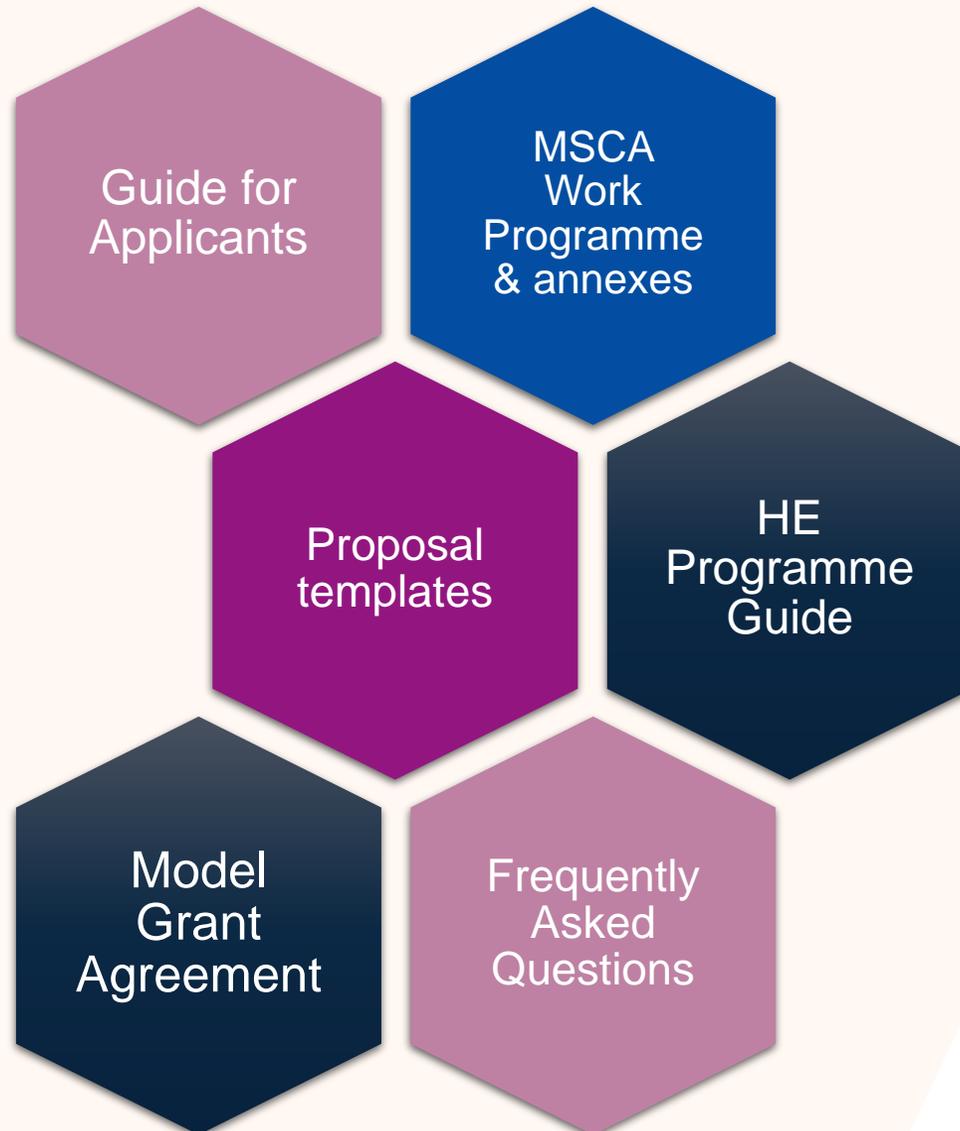


2 ≠ sectors



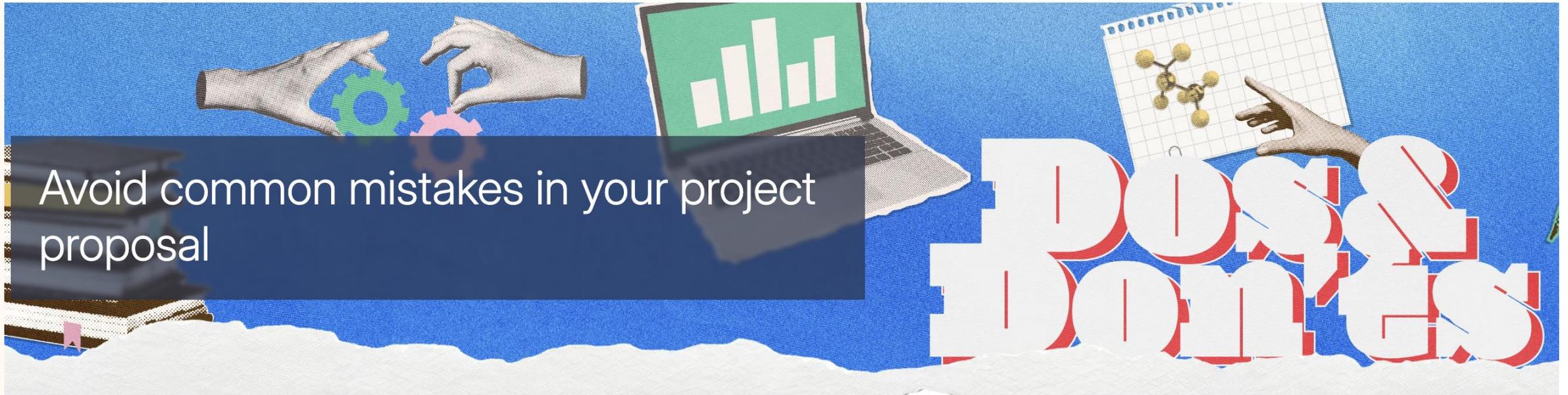
**No one month
employment rule**

Reference Documents



Dos and don'ts when applying for funding

https://rea.ec.europa.eu/dos-and-donts-when-applying-funding_en



Avoid common mistakes in your project proposal

Staff Exchanges 2026 – Funding & Tenders Portal



MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026

HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01-01

Topic Call for proposal

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Budget overview

General information

Programme

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026 (HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01)

Type of action

HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges

Type of MGA

HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Open For Submission

Deadline model

single-stage

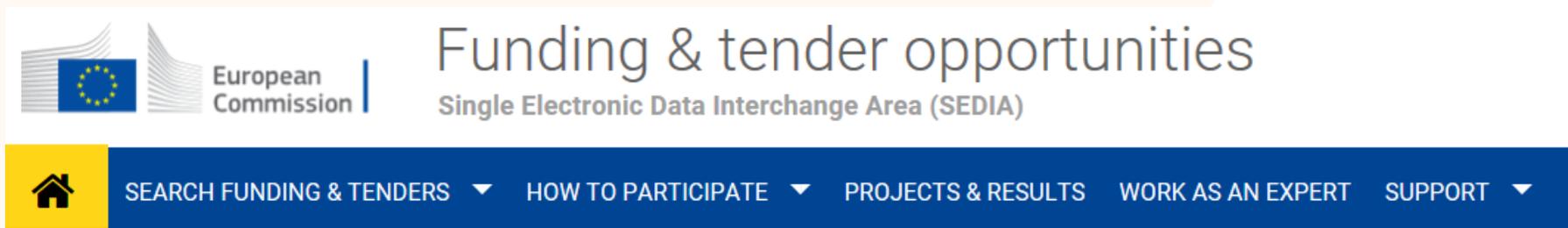
Opening date

16 December 2025

Deadline date

16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

How to start writing your proposal



Start submission

Need help?

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it 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.

Please select the type of your submission:

- HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges [HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE], HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Start submission



Progress bar: Login (checked), Topic selection (checked), Create proposal (active), Participants, Proposal forms, Submit

Create proposal

Deadline
05 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time
103 days left until closure

Call data
Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE-01
Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2024-SE-01-01
Type of action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE

Find your organisation
PIC Short name Search

Warning: Please submit your proposal at the latest **48 hours before the deadline** (to avoid system congestion or system incompatibility issues). Late proposals will not be accepted. Don't wait until the end because you are worried about confidentiality – we will not open the proposals before the deadline. **You can submit the proposal as many times as you wish up until the deadline.** Each new submitted version will replace the previous one.



Proposal documents - Coordinator takes the lead

Part A (structured data)

Application forms

Call:
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Topic:

Type of Action:
HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01
Proposal number:

Proposal acronym:
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-SE

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[How to fill in the forms](#)
The form must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the form are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

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Part B (1+2) (description of action)

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PART B1

"PROPOSAL ACRONYM"

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PART B2

"PROPOSAL ACRONYM"

Part A:

- Admin details
- Budget
- Ethics/ Security

Part B1:

- Excellence
- Impact
- Quality & Efficiency of the Implementation

How to find partners?



NETWORKING
EVENTS
(CONFERENCES,
WORKSHOPS,
ETC.)



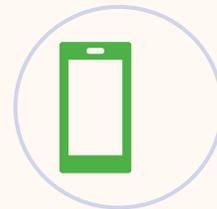
FORMER OR
CURRENT
COLLABORATIONS



JOINT
PROJECTS



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AND TENDER
OPPORTUNITI
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MATCHMAKING
PLATFORM



ENTERPRISE
EUROPE
NETWORK



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How to find partners F&T opportunities

The image shows a screenshot of the European Commission's EU Funding & Tenders Portal. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Funding', 'Procurement', 'Projects & results', 'News & events', and 'Work as an expert'. A dropdown menu under 'Funding' is open, with 'Partner search' highlighted by a red circle and a red arrow pointing to the search results page. The search results page shows '10000+ item(s) found' and a warning message: 'There are more than 10000 results, please refine your search criteria.' The search filters include 'Horizon Europe (HORIZON)', 'INAGROPEC SOCIEDAD LIMITADA' (Private for profit organisation, ZARAGOZA, Spain), and 'SYNYO GmbH' (Small or medium-size enterprise, WIEN, Austria). The bottom of the page features the European Commission logo and the text 'Discover the funding & tenders opportunities'.

Tips and tricks



Closely follow the call requirements



Highlight the EU dimension



Sustainability of collaboration



Follow available guidelines



Get a second opinion



Contact your National Contact Point

(NCP)

Research Enquiry Service

For questions about
research and Horizon Europe
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the [Research Enquiry Service \(europea.eu\)](https://europea.eu)



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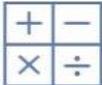
Proposal evaluation



HORIZON-MSCA-2026-SE-01 – Indicative timeline



Scientific panels

	Chemistry	CHE
	Economic Sciences	ECO
	Information Science and Engineering	ENG
	Environment and Geosciences	ENV
	Life Sciences	LIF
	Mathematics	MAT
	Physics	PHY
	Social Sciences and Humanities	SOC

Award Criteria



The threshold for all criteria will be 3

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's research/innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Developing new and lasting research collaborations , achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contributing to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global level	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan , assessment of risks , and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed approach to foster international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary collaborations	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives of staff members and contribution to their skills development	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives.	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
50%	30%	20%

Work as an expert



Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

English **EN**

Register Login

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS HOW TO PARTICIPATE PROJECTS & RESULTS **WORK AS AN EXPERT** SUPPORT

• Legal Entity and Bank Account validations tasks will experience issues in the Grant Management Services on Monday, 21.03.2022, between 20:00 and 21:30 CET.
• The Identity, Bank Account, Contracts & Payments functionalities in the Experts Area of the F&T Portal will be unavailable on Monday, 21.03.2022, between 20:00 and 21:30 CET.

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Work as an expert

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- **Evaluation** of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- **Monitoring** of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

In addition, experts provide opinion and advise on:

- **Preparation, implementation and evaluation of EU programmes and design of policies.**

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Registered experts can update the profile via the My Expert Area after [login](#).

News

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Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS) - Call for experts!

The Research Fund for Coal and Steel is looking for expert evaluators. A call for experts for RFCS has been published on the RFCS website. IMPORTANT: Interesse...

14 Oct, 2021

CINEA Innovation Fund – Call for experts

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) is looking for experienced technical and Life Cycle assessment (GHG) experts, as ...

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life is
to be feared;
it is only
to be
understood”*

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