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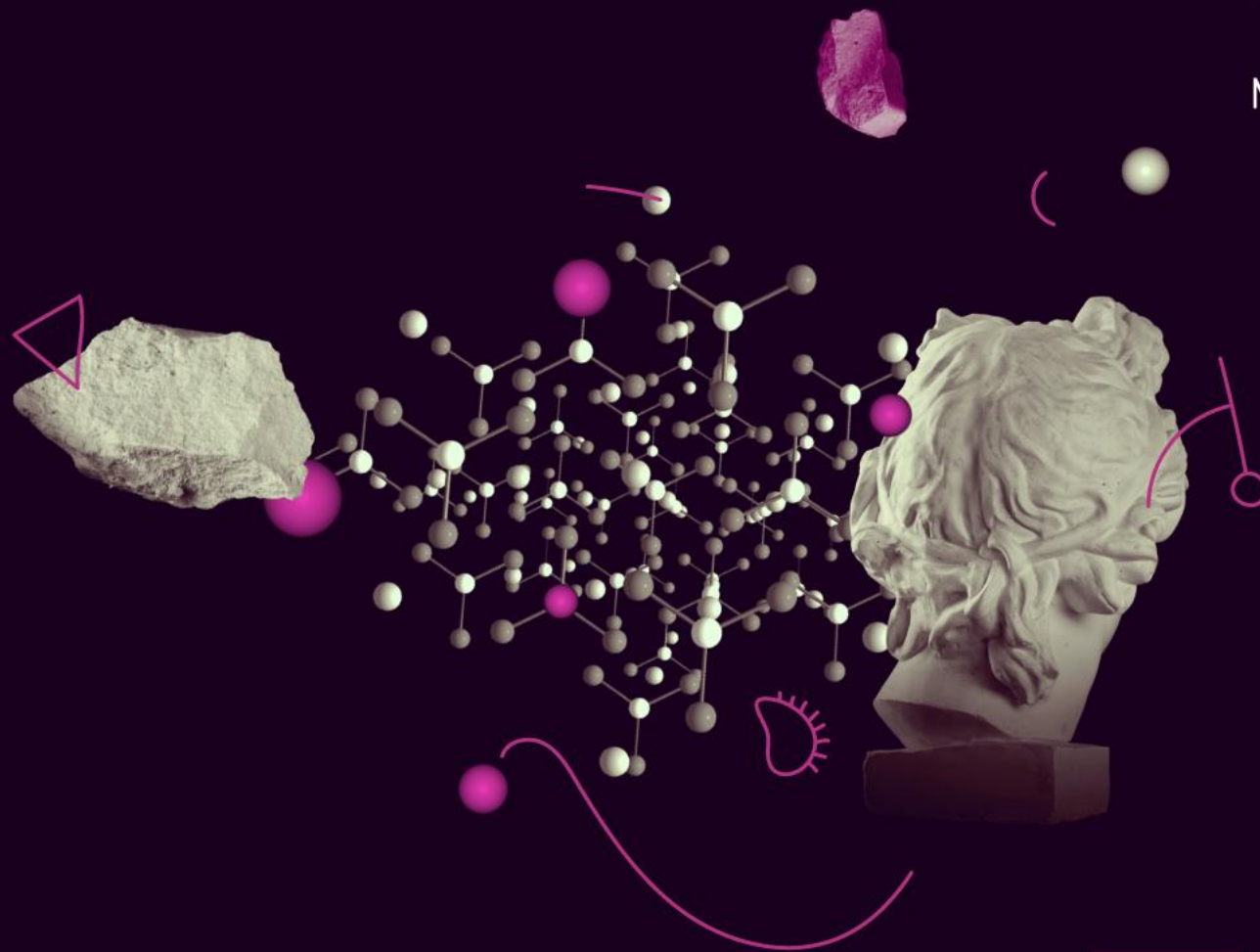
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Developing talents, advancing research



MSCA Staff Exchanges Call 2026

Thomas Vyzikas, Head of Sector
European Research Executive Agency



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Overview

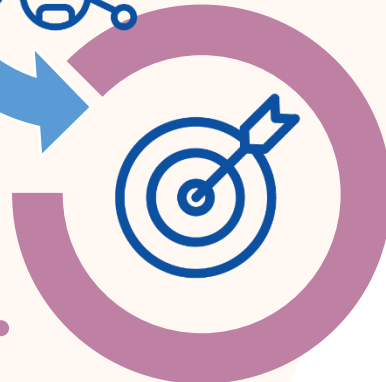


Policy background



Staff Exchanges

Application process





Policy background

MSCA under Horizon Europe



Pillar I EXCELLENT SCIENCE

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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



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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Doctoral
Networks

COFUND
Choose
EUROPE

Postdoctoral
Fellowships

**Staff
Exchanges**

MSCA and
Citizens

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





150,000 researchers &
23 Nobel Prize winners

Shaping research and innovation

Structuring impact in Europe and
beyond



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)



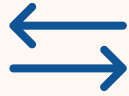
Cooperation
across the
globe



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Added Value

Staff members



Transferable
skills &
competences



Employability
& career
prospects



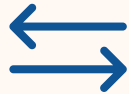
Ideas
converted
into products,
processes &
services



International
exposure



Networking &
communication



Transfer of
knowledge



Collaborative
networks



R&I capacity

Organisations

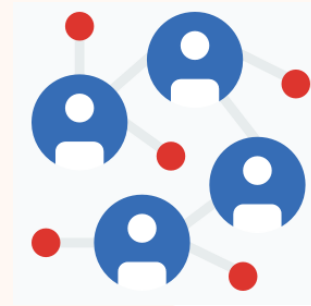
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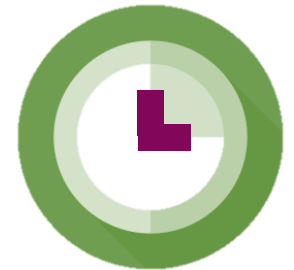
BOTTOM UP
with different
scientific panels



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



SECONDMENTS
1-12 months per staff
Interdisciplinary
Intersectoral
International



DURATION
4 years
Max 360 person-
months per project

Making a difference



WORLD-WIDE

The highest participation of non-EU countries in MSCA



BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Businesses receive an estimated 30% of the available funding



PATENTS

Significant share of all patents in MSCA actions



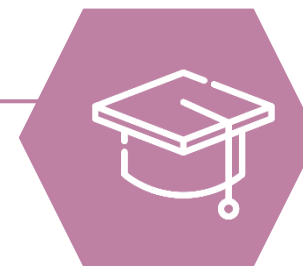
SUCCESS RATE

Between ~30% depending on the discipline and on the year

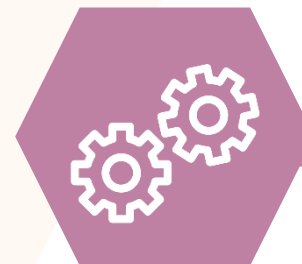
Who can participate in MSCA-SE projects?

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



Seconded staff members



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

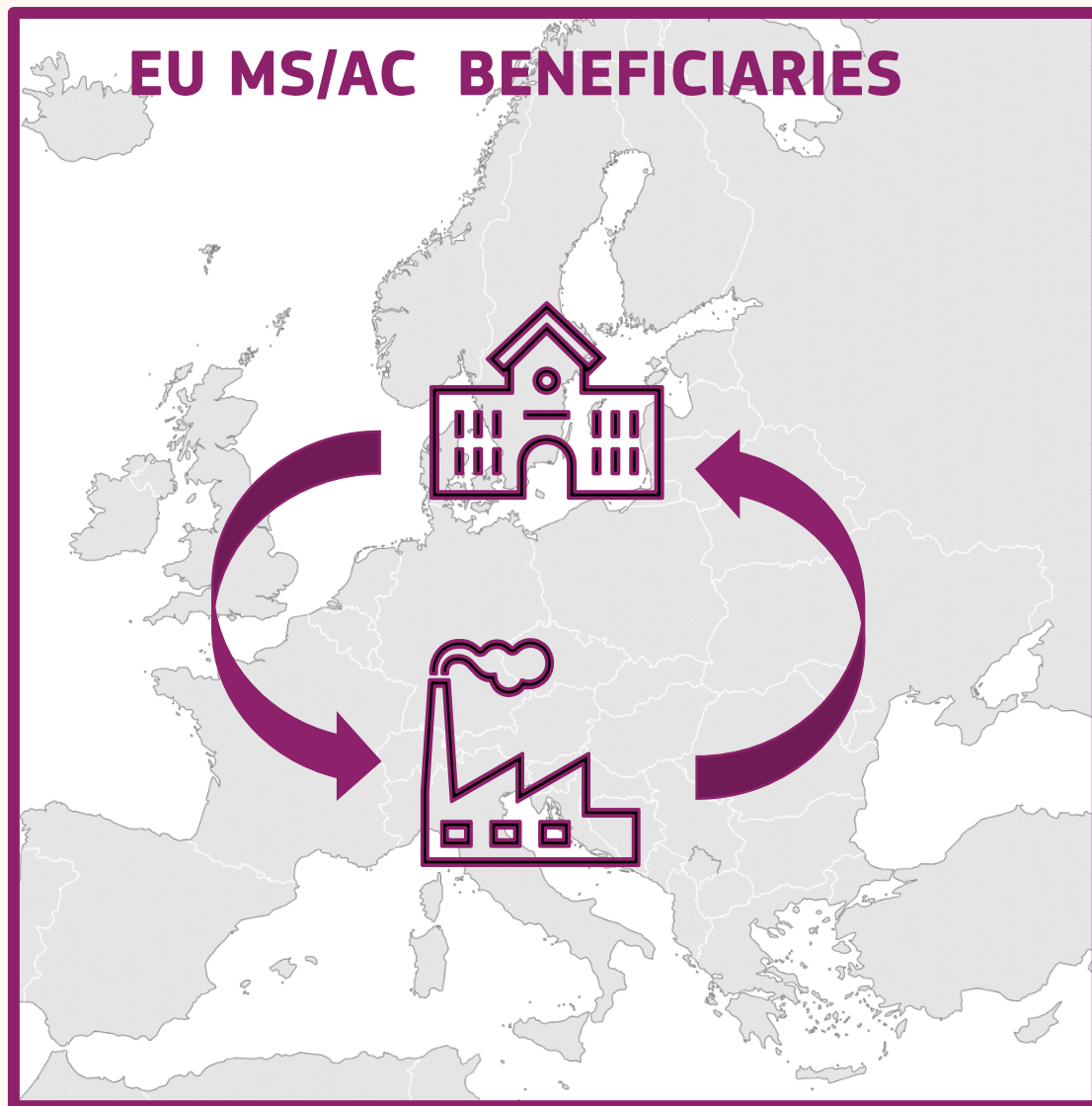
Researchers at any career stage (e.g. from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers)

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

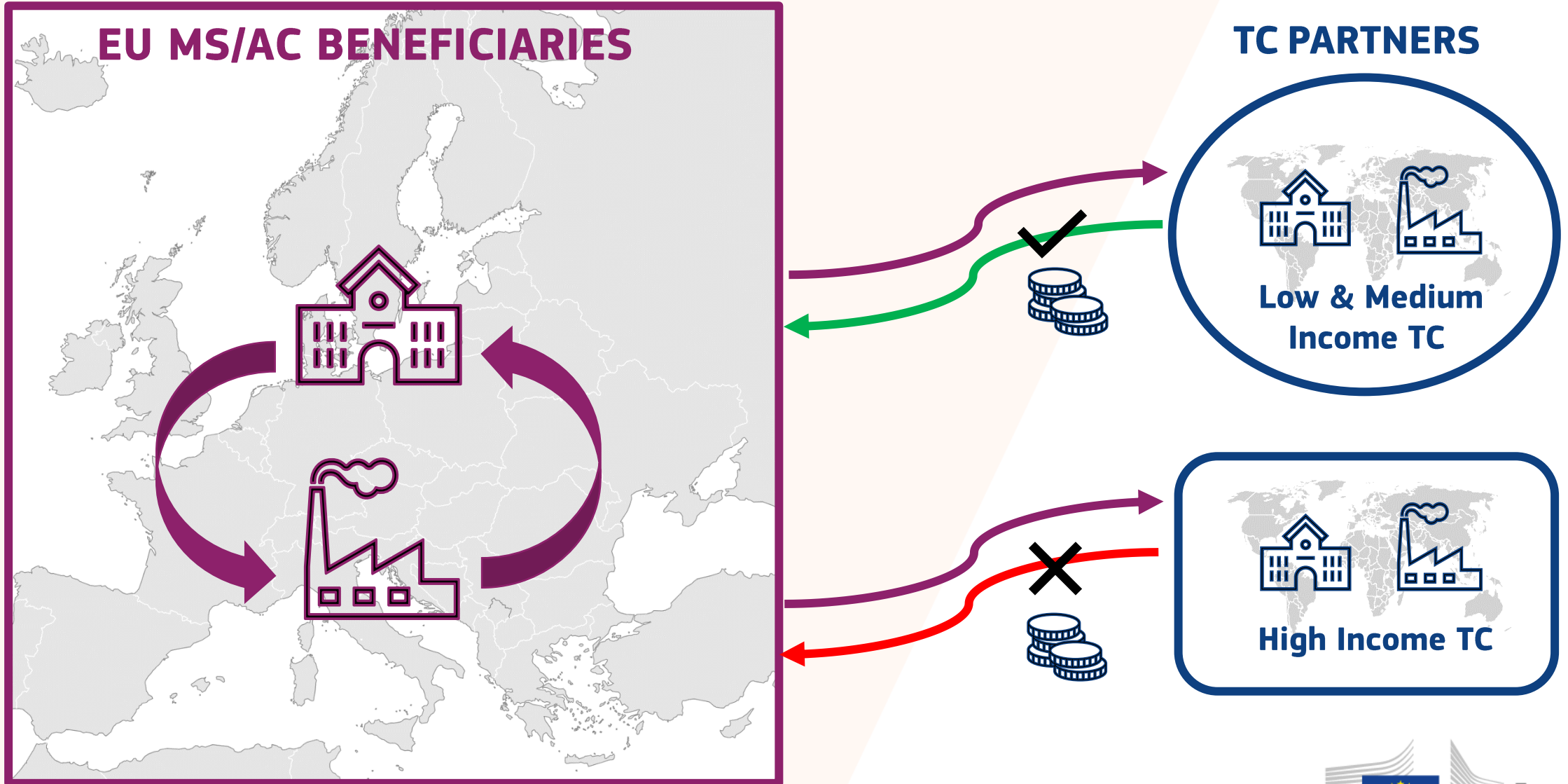


[Guidance/programme-guide_horizon_countries.pdf](#)



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Eligible international secondments



What does Staff Exchanges fund?



Budget of SE project based on the Nr of planned secondments



Staff Exchanges Proposal submission

Key Dates & Budget Call 2026



Call Opening 2026: **16 December 2025**

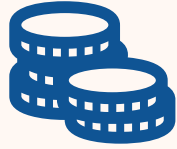


Call Closure: **16 April 2026**



Call 2026 Budget: **97.92 M€**

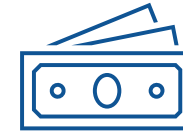
Key Changes



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



MSCA Work
Programme & annexes




Proposal templates



Frequently Asked
Questions

Staff Exchanges 2026 – Funding & Tenders Portal



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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]

Deadline model

single-stage


Opening date

16 December 2025

Deadline date

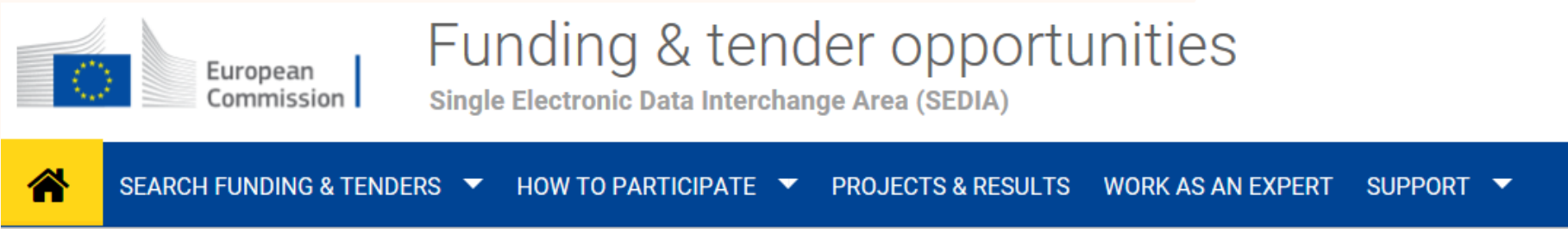
16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

Open For Submission



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How to start writing your proposal



Start submission

 Need help?

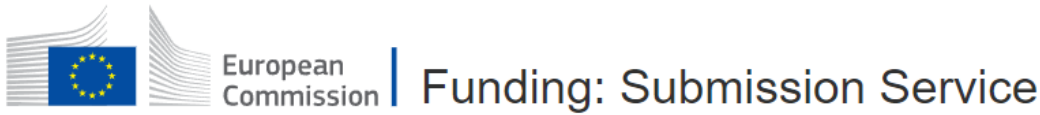
To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, 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



Login



Topic selection



Create proposal



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



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.

Find your organisation

PIC  *

Short name  *

Search



Award Criteria

NEW

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%

The threshold for all criteria will be 3

How to find partners?



NETWORKING
EVENTS
(CONFERENCES,
WORKSHOPS, ETC.)



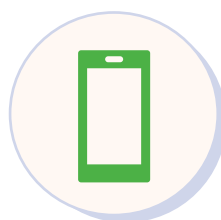
FORMER OR
CURRENT
COLLABORATIONS



JOINT
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PLATFORM



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EUROPE NETWORK



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How to find partners F&T opportunities

The image shows a screenshot of the EU Funding & Tenders Portal. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Funding, Procurement, Projects & results, News & events, and Work as an expert. A dropdown menu for 'Funding' is open, highlighting 'Partner search' with a red circle and an arrow pointing to the search results page. The search results page shows a search for 'Partner search' with 10000+ items found. A warning message states: 'There are more than 10000 results, please refine your search criteria.' The search filters include 'Match whole words only' (checked), 'Type' (set to 'Horizon Europe (HORIZON)'), 'Topic', 'Country', and 'All filters'. The search results list two organizations: 'INAGROPEC SOCIEDAD LIMITADA' (Private for profit organisation, ZARAGOZA, Spain) and 'SYNYO GmbH' (Small or medium-size enterprise, WIEN, Austria). Both organizations have an 'Organisation' button next to them.

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Partner search

Filters

10000+ item(s) found

Quick search

Select...

Match whole words only

Type

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Topic

Country

All filters

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Programme Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

INAGROPEC SOCIEDAD LIMITADA

Private for profit organisation

ZARAGOZA | Spain

Organisation

Projects: 0 | Partner search announcements: 14

SYNYO GmbH

Small or medium-size enterprise

WIEN | Austria

Organisation

Tips and tricks



Closely follow the call requirements



Highlight the EU dimension



Sustainability of collaboration



Follow available guidelines



Get a second opinion



**Contact your
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(NCP)**



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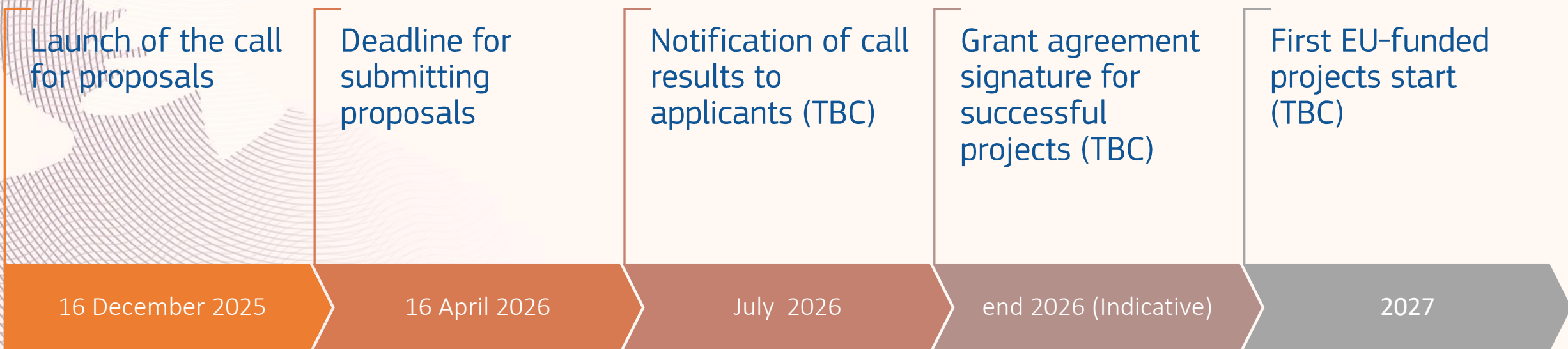
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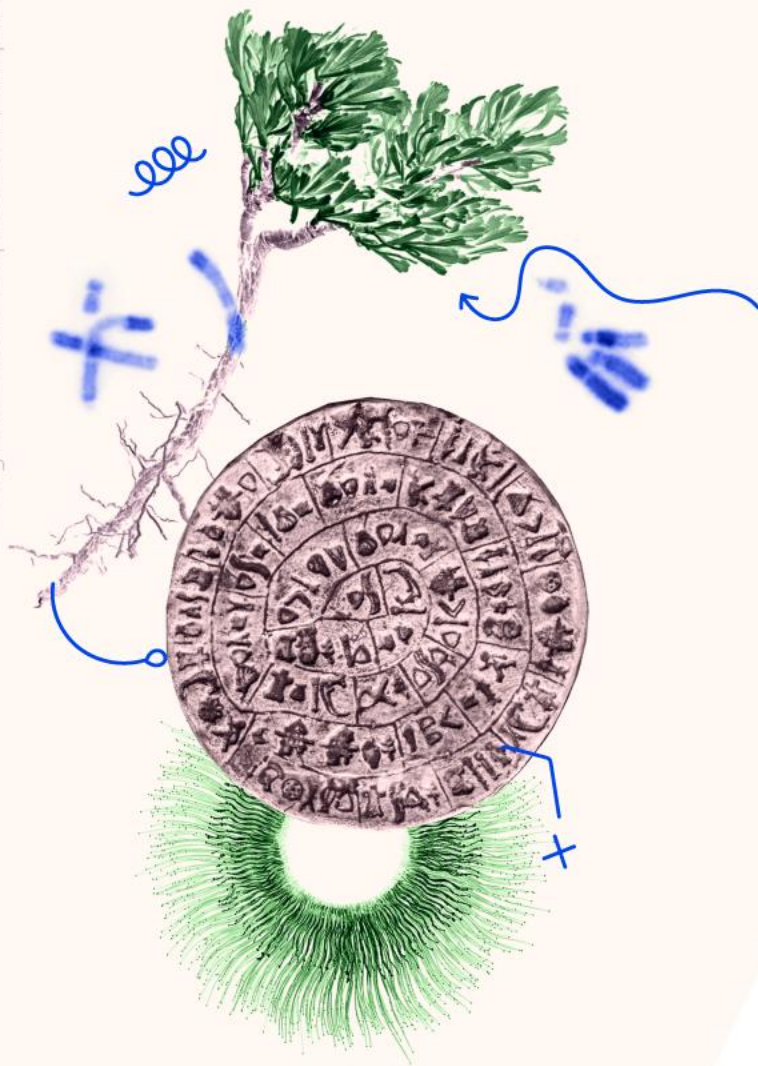
For questions about
research and Horizon Europe
please contact
the [Research Enquiry Service \(europea.eu\)](https://europea.eu)











Staff Exchanges Proposal evaluation

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



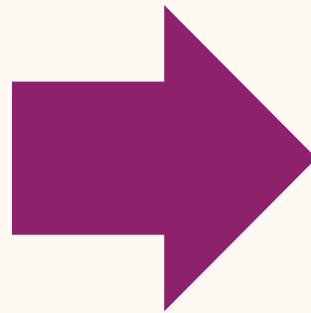


Scientific panels

	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

Evaluation phases

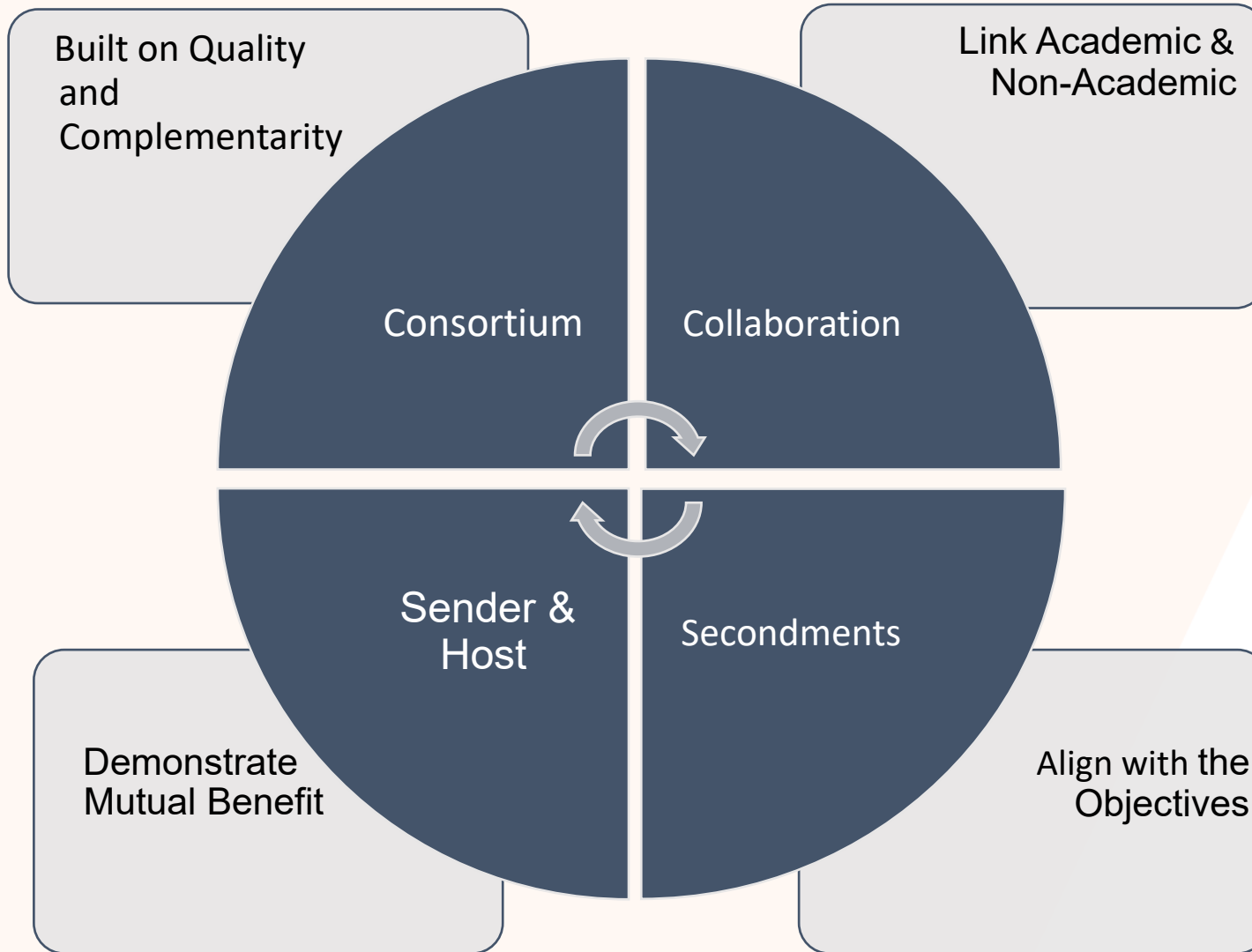
Individual Evaluation Phase



Consensus Meeting phase



Coherent and complete proposal




- Application form
- Evaluation form
- Guide for applicants
- FAQs
- HE programme guide
- Open Science
- Ethics
-

A good proposal


Think as an evaluator
Write for an evaluator

Work as an expert






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

English 

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 • 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.
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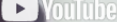
 Need help?

Work as an expert

The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases.



Being an expert for the European Commission...  
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In particular, experts assist in:

- **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.**

In order to select experts, the European Union Institutions publish regularly calls for expression of interest (see list below) detailing the selection criteria, the required expertise, the description of the tasks, their duration and the conditions of remuneration.

Interested? Please join the database of external experts!

Register as expert

As new expert, you will be first requested to create your EU login account and register your profile.

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

News

24 Feb, 2022

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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*“Nothing in
life is
to be feared;
it is only
to be
understood”*

Thank you!



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